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Novice Rams end season on high

The Acton Lions Club Novice Lacrosse Rams sure know a thing or two about peaking at the right time. With a trio of wins against league opposition and a second-place finish at the Mississauga Novice II Lacrosse Tournament, the Rams are stampeding into the playoffs.

In league play, the Rams took out Arthur by a 5-2 count, edged Milton 7-6 and rolled over Elora 9-5 recently to finish with an impressive 9-3 record, good for third-place in the final league standings.

However, what might be more impressive is the club's recent showing at the prestigious Mississauga tourney. Against some of the provinces best lacrosse squads, the Rams came within a goal of winning the gold.

With only eight runners, the Novice Rams lost 7-6 to a strong Akewasane squad in the Championship Final.

The Rams opened the tourney strongly with a pair of shutout wins, 10-0 over Mississauga II and 7-0 over Mimico II, before drawing with Spartan 2-2.

Congratulations go out to the members of the Acton Lions Club Novice Rams Brady Masters, Anthony Price, Daine Kuiken-Rogers, Steve Terry, Brett Manes, Matt Lyons, Andrew Friolet, Kyle McDonald, Chad Artem, Scott Williams, Nick Newby, Head Coach Steve Turkosz, and Assistant Coaches Bob Turkosz and Gary Lyons.

Tyke Rams are hot

After opening the season with a rather unassuming 3-3-1 record, the Acton Knights of Columbus Tyke Lacrosse Rams have closed out the regular season in spectacular fashion with three wins and a tie over their last five games.

Add to that an impressive second-place showing at the Mississauga Tyke II Tournament and the Rams appear to be running cylinders as the playoffs are set to begin.

In league play, the Rams ran over Elora 15-0, Kitchener 11-2 and Milton 9-3, tied Arthur 9-9 and lost a close game to Guelph 8-6 to close out their 1996 campaign with a solid 6-4-2 record.

At the Mississauga tourney, the Rams continued to

play great lacrosse in the opening round defeating Burlington II 9-1, Hamilton II 9-3 and Whitby III 8-1 to earn a trip to the final.

In the final, the Rams put up a good fight before succumbing to a tough St. Catherines squad 6-3.

Congratulations go out to the Tyke Rams: Wade Kuiken-Rogers, Brett Maltby, Braden Artem, Justin Gibson, Garrett Williams, Todd Ferriera, Cameron Noble, Ryan O'Connell, Kevin Deforest, Greg Henry, Tory Dodge, Matt Lyons, Nathan Brown, Michael Krashay, Christopher Richards, coaches George Artem and Kevin Krashay, and trainers Vince Rogers and Edgar Williams.

IGA squad edges Ponsonby 20-19

MINOR SOFTBALL

ATOM GIRLS

In a thrilling and hard fought game Acton I.G.A. edged Ponsonby 20-19, July 24 in Ponsonby.

Kylie Kruk and Sarah Berry led the charge for Acton. Kruk slammed a grand slam while Berry counted a pair of tatters and four rbi's for the winners. Ashley

Burnett also chipped in a key hit to start a rally.

Amanda Anderson was outstanding in the field making a couple of nice snags at first base. Holly Wiscombe behind the plate and Samatha Mills in the field had fine defensive games.

PEEWEE GIRLS

After coming back to defeat Glen Williams 13-12, July

16 at Prospect Park, and dropping a 16-7 in Puslinch on July 18, the Acton Curwood Packaging Tri-County Pee wee Girls squad took on undefeated Rockwood in a home and home series last week.

On July 23 at Prospect Park, Acton gave the visitors a run for their money, but eventually came out on the shortend-of-the-stick by an 11-4 score.

The news got worse a night later, July 24 in Rockwood, where the homeside slammed Acton 26-9.

Melissa Creasy, Sara Wood and Paige Killick had clutch hits for Acton while Creasy, Attie Jones and Charla Banks stood out defensively.

GRASSHOPPER

In a game of evenly matched teams, Galvcast Manufacturing Inc. met Acton Community Support Group July 24 at Donald Mann.

Andrew Garrett smacked a pair of home runs for Acton while Laura Dawkins in the field and Brittany McPhee at the plate had solid games.

For Galvcast, Garrett Jones, Jennie Wickett and Alex Hunak had exceptional games with both the leather and the stick.

A week earlier, July 17, Acton Community Support Group and MacKenzie & Chapman battled it out at Donald Mann.

For Acton, Curtis Rolfe slammed two homers while Kaitlin Carr and Stephen Bennett excelled at the plate and in the field respectively.

Darren Pezzack and David Garvie each hit two-run hom-

ers while Billy Van Dam made a great catch in the field for MacKenzie & Chapman.

Last Thursday night at Donald Mann, MacKenzie & Chapman and Rene's Flowers renewed their rivalry.

Garvie and Mitchell Peragrine led a hard charging MacKenzie & Chapman attack with a pair of homers each, while Stephanmie Wedlake dazzled spectators with her golden glove work.

For Rene's, Eric Schlieper had three rbi's while Brittany Winters had a pair. Megan Fox played a strong game despite being under the weather.

T-BALL

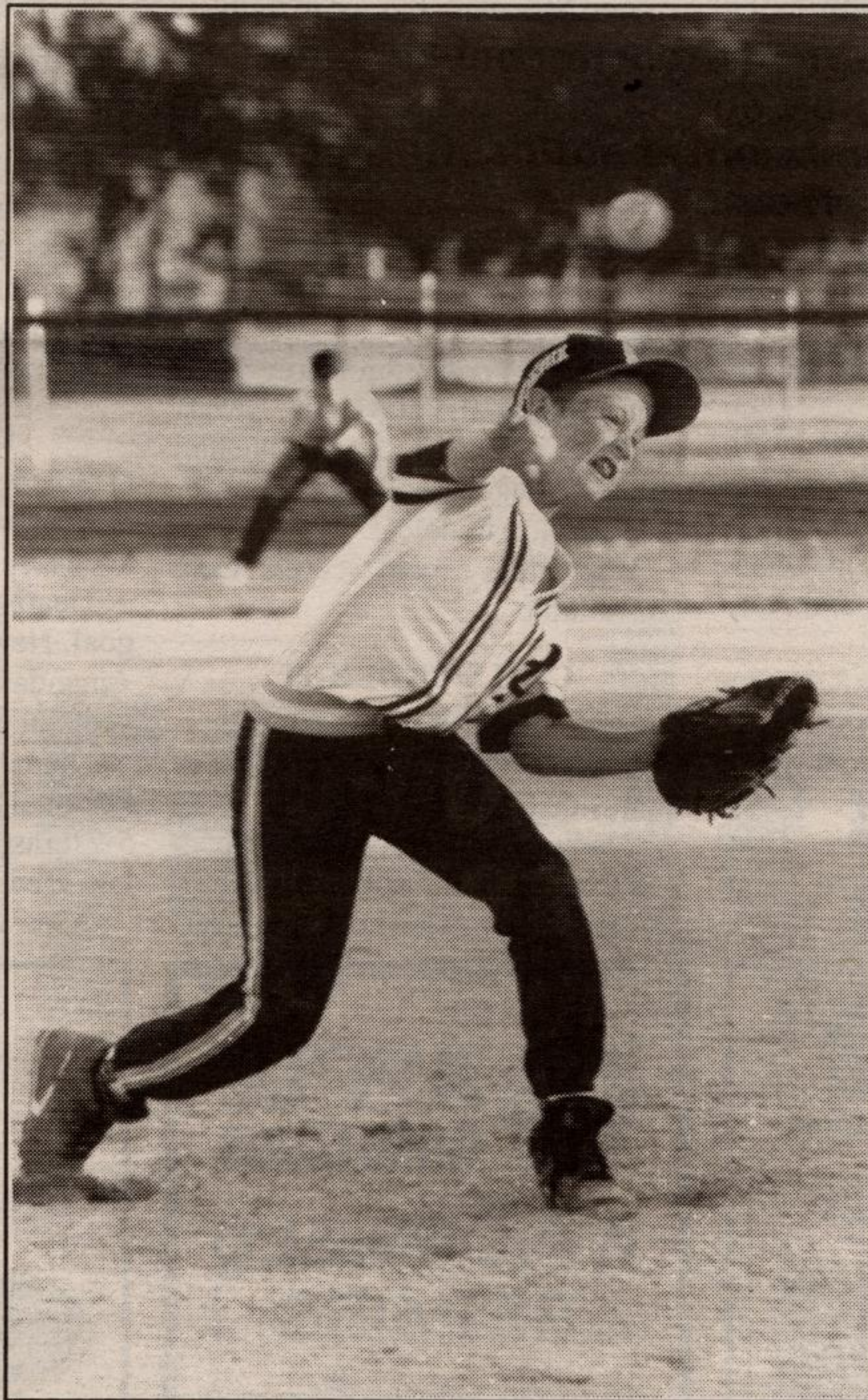
In T-Ball action, Daniel Varanelli battled A&S Engraving to a 24-24 tie on July 16 at Donald Mann.

Leading the way for Daniel Varanelli was Bradley Kri and Lauren Vermeulen with three hits apiece. Meanwhile, in the field rover Candace Vliestra, pitcher position Jessica Vliestra and second baseman Matt Mills had excellent games.

Six days later the Daniel Varanelli crew met up with the Kentucky Fried Chicken Mighty Chickens at Donald Mann.

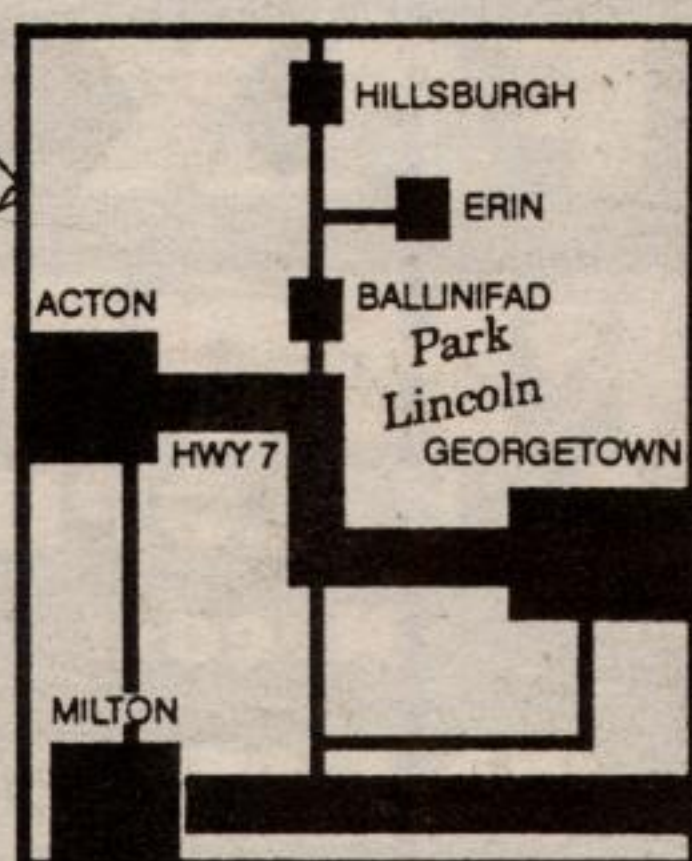
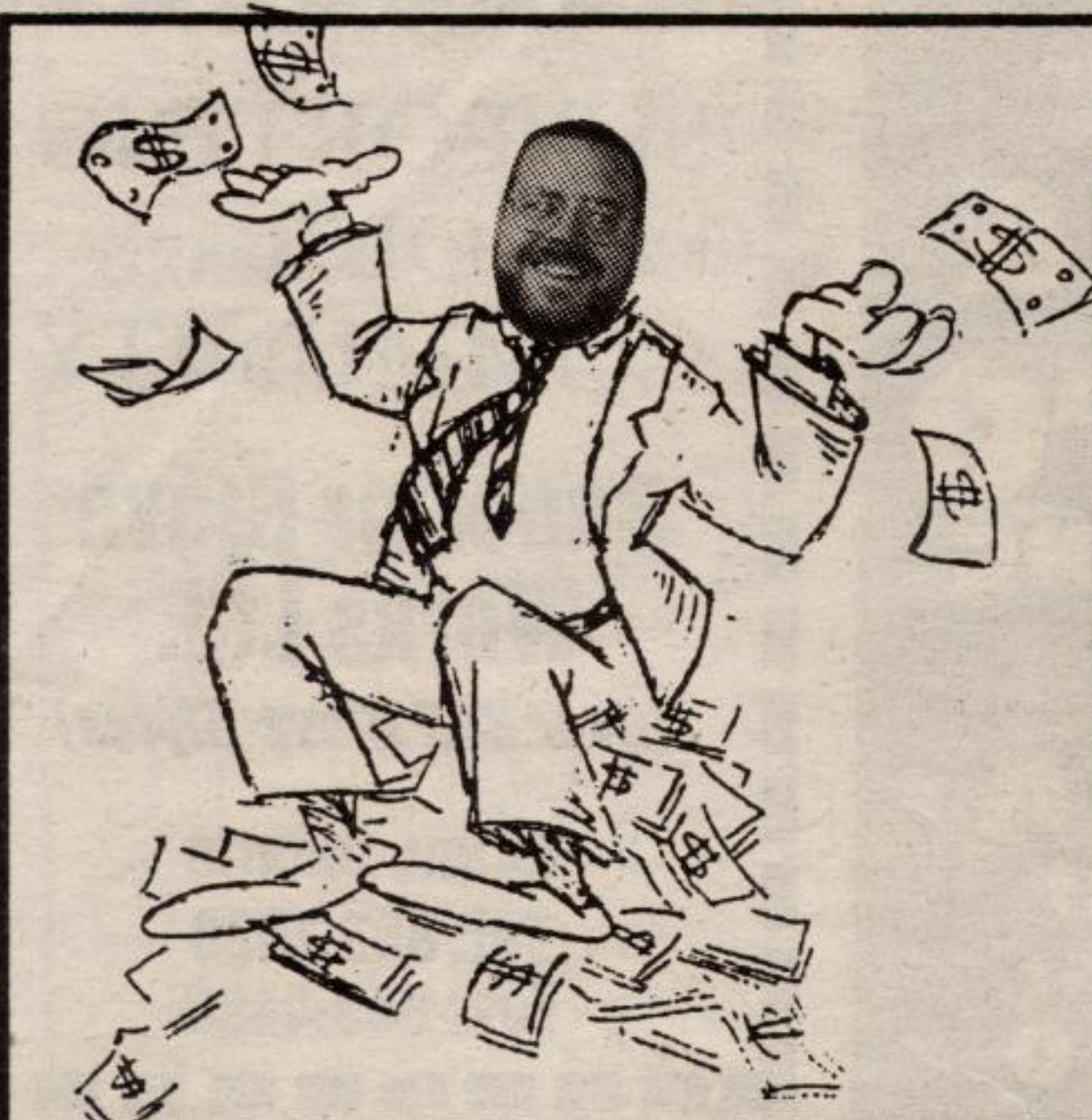
For Daniel Varanelli, John Jeffrey ended the game with a grand slam while Devon Kauffeldt had a solid game catching and Vermeulen showed some great speed on the base paths and in the field.

KFC Mighty Chickens were led by the creative back catching of Lindsay Lobello, the swift running of Katie Heelis, and the solid glove work of Dylan Creasy.



FIREBALLER!

Mosquito Select hurler Brock Spear smokes one over the plate in action against the Carlisle Pee wee squad in hardball action at Prospect Park last Tuesday. (Eve Martin photo)



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