

# Dustin Roskam swings mean bat for HAC

The Halton Athletic Club (HAC), held the Gates-America Freight Wood Bat Classic Tournament this past weekend in Milton. Acton athlete Dustin Roskam is a Right Fielder for HAC.

HAC hosted this tournament which draws teams from Canada and the U.S. with players who play ball at the elite level. These athletes aspire to play ball at the highest level and further their education through scholarship opportunities.

This is Dustin's first year with the organization and he is the youngest member on the 16 and under team. He first started playing ball for local league Acton Minor Ball in 1994, then since 2000 played for the Georgetown Eagles.

The Wood Bat Classic Tournament was open to Teams 19 and under. HAC finished with one win and three losses but played exceptionally well. HAC members range in age from 14-16 years of age and the teams they competed against were considerably older, stronger and more experienced giving them a slight edge.

The HAC team is gaining strength. They recently returned from Wheeling, West Virginia and are heading down this week for the Sandlot World Series to be held in Marietta, Georgia. Upon their return they will be hosting another tournament, The Mizuno Cup, to be held August 6-8. This will also be a 19 and under tournament

with at least five American teams attending.

Dustin has been consistent with his at bats and on base percentages. Throughout the Fall/Winter/Spring, he participated in a rigorous training schedule along with his teammates to get them ready for the upcoming season. This included weekly strength training with "Sport Specific Training", hitting workouts with "The Swing Doctor" and weekly practices at the Oakville Sports Centre.

Dustin's plans are to continue learning and "sharing a Passion for the Game". For more information about the team/schedules, or to inquire about sponsorship opportunities please check the website [www.hacbaseball.com](http://www.hacbaseball.com)

# Squirts take Hillsburgh and Grand Valley

By Vicki Anderson

Acton Squirt Girls played against Hillsburgh on July 8 and although they came away with the win, it wasn't very pretty.

Carli Vickery pitched outstanding ball. She got 17 strikeouts in 7 innings. Erika Kosmack once again was strong on second and got a grounder and made the throw to first base for the out. Katelynn Robinson also played super, catching for Carli. Katelynn threw a girl out trying to steal third. Danielle Spear made the catch from Katelynn and tagged the runner. Courtney Brown also got a grounder on short stop, but the throw to first was not in time.

Part of the game wasn't pretty as Acton scored five runs in the third, unfortunately on eight walks, with the exception of Amber Sherwood's hitting and scoring Alicia Lee from third. I guess a win is a win.

## EDGE GRAND VALLEY

On July 19 the Squirt girls played Grand Valley for a double point game. It was a very close game, but they did it. They won 10 - 9. Whew!

Desiray Ebbinge had a good night; she pitched three innings getting five strikeouts. Desiray then passed the pitching duties over to Carli Vickery, who in turn did a great job.

# Game rained out

By Vicki Anderson

Acton Squirt Girls played first place Rockwood on July 22 in a game which was called in the fourth inning because of rain. After the first inning it was 1-1. They scored one in the second. Then Ashley Stokman hit a triple followed up with a lot of walks letting our girls score five runs total, making the score 6-2 for Acton after two innings.

In the third Rockwood came back with four runs and then the skies opened up and it just poured ruining the diamond and ending the game. The defensive part of the game was the highlight for Acton. The girls were absolutely amazing, starting the game with a strikeout and then a walk. The third batter hit the ball to Katrina Harding

on second who charged and threw to Amber Sherwood on first base, who then threw to Desiray Ebbinge on third getting the runner out trying to steal third, making a double play.

In the top of the third Sherwood scooped the first hit and touched first for the out. The second batter hit a double, then stole third, but when she attempted to lead off third, Katelynn Robinson drilled the ball to Ebbinge on third. The girl ran for home. Ebbinge threw back to Robinson who tagged the girl out. It was a coach's dream to see these plays become reality especially against the first place team.

Coach Mel and the writer were the proudest two coaches around that night. Although the game might not count, it sure counted to us.

# Varanelli's Angels off to good start against Milton

Daniel Varanelli's Angels got off to a great start with a 9-4 win against Milton. Starters Matthew Norton and Nick Molinaro got themselves on base so that Jake Arseneault and Scott McLean could bring them around and gain an RBI each. Some great catches by Christian Norton on first base stopped Milton short.

## GAME 2

In the Angels first face off against their schoolmates there were tons of hits and non-stop running throughout all five innings. The Angels lost by a score of 13-11 but both teams enjoyed themselves. Constant base hitters Scott Clark and Kyle Sheppard made their presence known, while Noah MacDonald and Braden Johnston made great plays in the field.

## GAME 4

Varanelli's Angels met their match against Milton 3 in an even 7-7 tie. Milton started getting three runs in the first inning. The Angels stopped them in the second

and got back three runs from Noah MacDonald, Scott Clark and Scott McLean. Milton brought in four more runs in the third but our boys matched the runs with Clark and McLean each touching the plate again as well as Nick Molinaro and Matthew Norton.

## GAME 5

The Angels played hard against Carlisle 2 but came up short in a 14-7 loss. Awesome base plays were made by Ryan Downey and Braden Johnston, while catcher Kevin Linnard was ready for every play at the plate.

Scott Clark hit great doubles which earned him RBIs for bringing Kyle Sheppard around the bases. Lots of great hits by the boys but base runners were left stranded.

## GAME 6

The Angels showed the spectators just what great ball players they are with a 9-5 win over Carlisle I. Pitcher Ryan Downey made great plays from the short

hits with first baseman Christian Norton, while Nick Molinaro grabbed the longer hits to make the outs at second base. Of course, the sluggers drilled the ball all over the diamond bringing each other around the bases, Kevin Linnard, Christian Norton and Nick Molinaro each coming home twice.

## GAME 7

Daniel Varanelli's Angels played their best so far with a shut out win of 17-0 against Milton. With a broken pitching machine the coaches threw in their best pitches, a home run by Ryan Downey and a triple by Kevin Linnard as well as doubles by Nick Molinaro and Christian Norton. Great hits and lots of running the bases there were RBIs to everyone.

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# Squirts over Elora...

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Labelio, who has been playing fantastic this year, hit two doubles. Celeste Slater, after getting hit in the head her first at bat, got a single later. Only player did not get a hit.

Vickery caught a fly on first. Labelio made a catch and a throw to first for the out. Stokman almost caught a fly ball in centre field. Slater stopped a liner from getting out to the field and held the runner with a

single. Let's keep it going!

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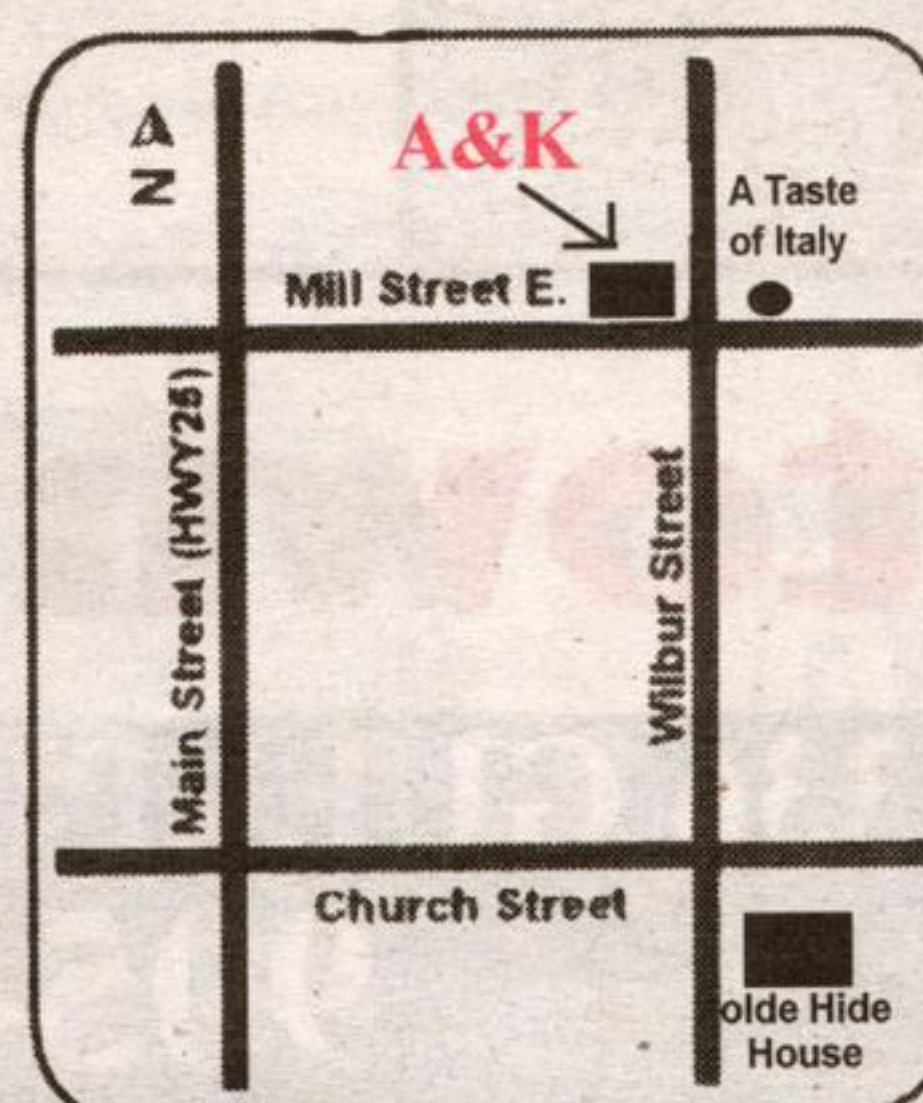
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