

# SPORTS

DEADLINE IS MONDAY AT 12 NOON

## Drayton edges Acton Squirts in tense 9-inning struggle

Shoppers Drugmart Squirts were on the second diamond at Prospect Park playing against Drayton/Moorefield on Monday, July 18. The girls played well but lost 13-12. Excitement had fans standing on both sides of the diamond for the final at bat for Acton with the score 13-12 for Drayton, two out, bases loaded.

Desiray Ebbinge comes up to bat, after hitting a homer at her last time at the plate. She swung and hit the ball down to first base. The first baseman picks the ball up and runs at Desiray. Desiray runs for the base. All the other runners are on the go.

All you hear is the umpire yell, YOU'RE OUT!! So close, but they just fell short.

During the game Katrina Harding started once again on the mound and Desiray took over in the second inning. Both pitched outstanding ball. Katie Patchett also grabbed a grounder at shortstop and made the throw to Karla McDougall on first for the out. This is from two girls who never played ball before.

Ashley Stokman made a couple of scoops on third just missing the outs on first. Jasmine Jones grabbed one in right field, she

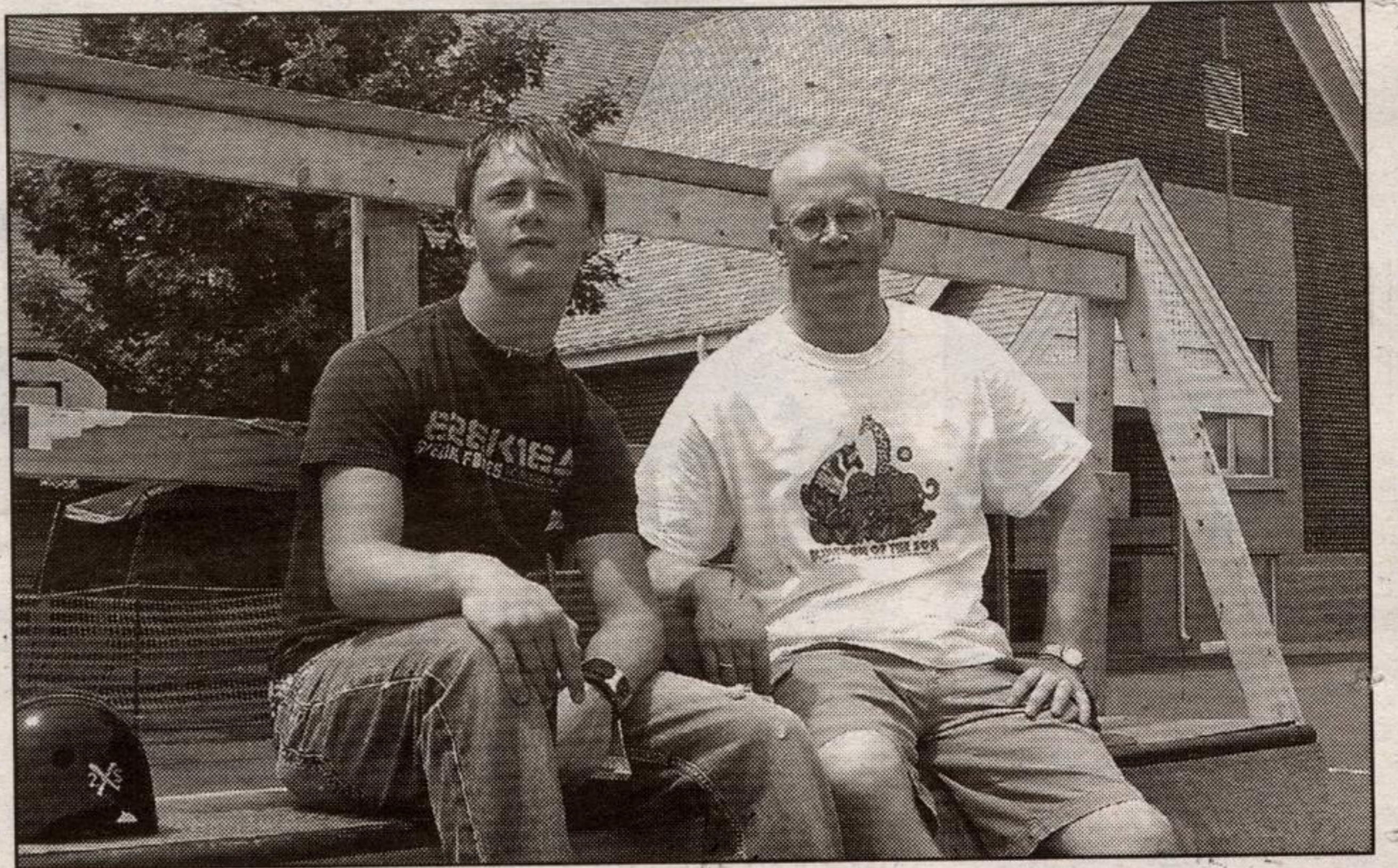
drilled it to first to Courtney Brown for the out. Desiray snagged a few herself and threw it home trying to get the lead runner. A really good throw from centre fielder Jasmine Jones to Katie Patchett to Katrina Harding at home was close but just missed. Some teams depend all on their pitchers to get strikeouts, but the Squirts like it when the other teams hit so the girls learn what to do with the ball.

That night they were on fire hitting. Hit of the night was Desiray's homerun. Katrina Harding had a super hit, but the centre fielder made a great catch too. Kristine Ferris put her fears aside and got a hit. Laura Labelio, Jasmine Jones, Katie Patchett all got singles, too. Celeste Slater got three walks. Ashley Stokman had two singles.

Coaches Mel, Bill and I love to see the faces on the girls when they get that first hit or make that great out. It's so rewarding. The girls even had the fans on their feet tonight, and that's what it's all about.

Remember girls, Coach Bill is new, so be patient.

-Vicki Anderson



SUMMER FUN: Andrew Nunn (left) is having a good time running a skateboard ministry with the help of Pastor Ray Vender Kooij in the parking lot of the Christian Reformed Church. - Frances Niblock photo

## ACTON MINOR SOCCER

**UNDER-10**  
**Tuitman's Garden - 5**  
**Blue Springs Flowers - 0**  
 Tuitman's goals: Brodie MacFarlane, Michael Evans, Hayley McIntosh, Avery George, Kody Roesner.

**Dollar Stretcher - 2**  
**Music Hall - 2**  
 Dollar goals: Sam McCarthy, Daniel Davison. Music goals: Cody McLeod, Colin McDonald.

**Randall's Truck - 5**  
**Sunny Motors - 1**  
 Randall's goals: Thomas Butler (2), Kevin Giordano, Taylor Wint, Hayden Weston. Sunny goal: No name submitted.

**Clarica - 8**  
**Aquality Irrigation - 5**  
 Clarica: No names submitted. Aquality goals: Andrew Lafrance (3), Luke Van Fraasen, Shannon Taylor.

**Andy's Restaurant - 2**  
**Macromedia - 1**  
 Andy's goals: Spencer King, Andrew Ruggle. Assist: Patrick Scoria. Macromedia goal: No name submitted.

**UNDER-14**  
**Brakel & Associates - 6**  
**BNR Towing - 4**  
 Brakel goals: Luke Van Dinther (3), Kieran Taylor, Mark Wells, Jordan Montgomery. BNR goals: David Tysoe (3), Joseph Cortese.

## Home retrofit grants now extended to rental properties

The federal government's home energy-efficiency retrofit grant has been extended to rental properties, and new incentives have been introduced for assisted housing.

Previously, only owner-occupied and unsubsidized residences could be rewarded for improving their efficiency through EnerGuide for Houses (EGH). This ignored a large amount of housing stock where energy demand and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions could be reduced.

"Property owners, as well as private homeowners, will now be able to get more for their renovation dollar," Minister for Natural Resources Canada John Efford announced June 23.

"Providing incentives for the improvement of rental properties encourages urban renewal, keeping neighbourhoods vibrant. Plus, reducing the dollars leaving our region to pay for energy means more money is available to

fuel local economies," says Don Eaton, executive director of the Elora Centre for Environmental Excellence - originator of the REEP program.

Landlords can now use the services of the Halton Residential Energy Efficiency Project (REEP) to get a baseline EGH rating, perform upgrades, get the follow-up rating and apply for a grant. The grant amount is based upon the degree of improvement in efficiency as demonstrated by the pre- and post-retrofit ratings.

"This will aid in the effort to increase the efficiency of Canada's housing stock and reduce associated greenhouse gas emissions. Rising energy costs, deteriorating air quality and climate change cannot be ignored any longer," asserts Robin Cooper, Halton REEP Manager.

While not eligible for the retrofit grant, assisted

housing operators can be reimbursed for part of the cost of getting EGH evaluations performed, at \$100 per dwelling up to \$50,000 in total.

If the upgrades undertaken by rental property owners include installing ENERGY STAR®-qualified high-efficiency furnaces, they will get a direct incentive back of up to \$100 per unit. (The start date for the furnace incentive soon to be confirmed.) The combined total of the furnace incentives, plus the grant, cannot exceed \$100,000.

These incentives are in addition to savings on monthly energy bills, enjoyed by either the property owners or their tenants. These incentives are designed to protect our environment and economy by taking action on climate change.

Property owners wishing to access these incentives can call (866) 501-1112.

## Christine Craig selected for Team Ontario staff

Christine Craig, a guidance counsellor at Mayfield Secondary School in Peel, has been selected to be a member of Team Ontario's Mission staff for the 2005 Canada Games being held in Regina, Saskatchewan during August.

This is the third set of Games for Christine, having already attended games in London, Ontario (2001) and Bathurst, New Brunswick (2003). Christine was also coach of the Ontario women's volleyball team at the 1993 Canada games in Kamloops, British Columbia. Christine's responsibilities this year include the sports of rowing and women's basketball as well as working on the communications team.

She has been actively involved in the development of a number of newsletters, doing media training and helping develop the website. She is also one of the team's harassment officers and will deal with any incidents should they arise during the Games.

"Christine is, and has been, a valuable member of Team Ontario" noted Assistant Chef-de-Mission Doug Reid.

"She brings a wide range of skills to the team and I know that we can count on her in any circumstance."

## Grasshoppers Herbal Magic loses, wins in week's ball

This past week Herbal Magic played two Grasshopper ball games, losing the first 10-8 against a strong McDonald's team. The game was filled with great hits and excellent fielding by both squads.

RBI's for McDonald's came from Emily Evans, Ty Martin (3), Melissa Evans (2), Kailey Bourne, Jacob Dolimont, Zachary Bourne, and Brittany Benson.

RBI's for Herbal Magic came from Lauren Matsuo, Aron Mersereau (3), Devon D'Orazio, Michael Chang, and Josh Whey (2).

In the second game of the week, Herbal Magic knocked off the powerful and league leading Chudleigh's team 5-4. The game saw it's share of highlights, including a couple of nice defense stops by newcomer Joey Reid of Herbal Magic, and some very impressive power hitting by Rebecca Sparrow of Chudleigh's.

RBI's for Chudleigh's came from Rebecca Sparrow, Calvin Sparrow, Logan Heusler (2).

RBI's for Herbal Magic came from Jessica Pond, Josh Whey, Brianna McBurney, Devon D'Orazio, and Raychel Thornhill.

## Acton BIA Presents "Let's Go Blue Jays" Contest

Lucky Winners this week :

THEMLA MOYSE - entered at Scotia Bank

SHELAGH BAILEY - entered at Profile Hair Salon

Enter to win:

✓ 2 tickets to Blue Jays vs. New York Yankees.

game time 4:05p.m. at the Toronto Sky Dome Saturday, August 6th

✓ Pre-game tailgate party

✓ Transportation to and from the game via deluxe motor coach

✓ \$20 worth of BIA Bucks to be spent in downtown Acton

### "LET'S GO BLUE JAYS" 2005 SPONSORS:

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