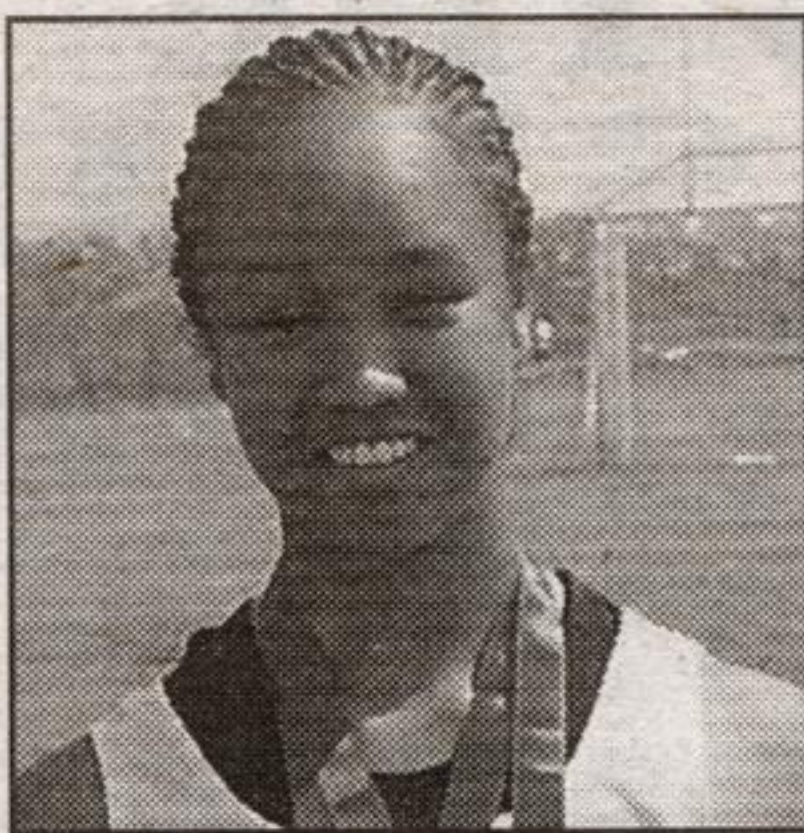


Kaitlyn achieves personal best at Junior PanAm Games

One of the youngest competitors – turning 17 two days before the Junior PanAm Games started in Windsor on the weekend – Acton's Kaitlyn Andrews heaved a personal best in the shot put (13.94m.) and placed sixth overall. The games are for athletes 17 to 19 years of age.



Kaitlyn Andrews

36.90 metres to finish 14th overall in the competition which was conducted in hot, humid weather which sapped the competitive edge.

The young AHS student now goes to the Commonwealth Games in Edmonton, Alberta, where athletes hope the weather is more conducive to athletic prowess.

SPORTS

DEADLINE IS MONDAY AT 12 NOON

Squirt Girls bats silent but fielding is amazing

By Vicki Anderson

Oh, My Goodness! If the Shopper's Drugmart Squirt Girls' bats were working as well as their fielding, they would be unstoppable. On July 27 the girls travelled to Grand Valley and lost 9-0 in five innings. That might sound terrible but a normal game is a mercy of 5 runs per inning and that happens a lot, but not last night. We only allowed 9 in 5 innings, which is remarkable.

Katrina Harding who has only pitched a few innings up till now, stepped up on the mound for the full five innings and did a great job, too. We started the first inning with a strikeout, then a pop up to Ashley Stokman on third and then for the third out it started with a hard hit to center field.

Amanda Battams chased it down and threw it to Katie Patchett at shortstop and she threw it home to Courtney Brown, and Courtney put the tag on for the out. Awesome! We only allowed one run.

In the second inning again Katrina started with a strikeout. After just missing the first time, this time Katie Patchett drilled it to first to Karla McDougall for the out. The third out was a steaming bouncer at Jasmine Jones at second base; she grabbed it and threw to Karla for the out. Wow! We allowed 2 runs making it 3-0.

In the third inning a hit went to Kristine Ferris in left field, she got it threw it to second, but overthrew Jasmine, but Amanda Battams was covering and caught it and made a perfect throw to Ashley Stokman on third, who put the tag on getting the runner out. Double Wow! For the second out Katrina got another strikeout. Then once again the hit

was to Katie Patchett and she scooped it up threw it to Karla for the out, again.

Just a reminder neither of these girls have ever played ball before.

Grand Valley got three runs totalling 6, which was okay because that didn't stop our girls. In the fourth inning Katrina started with a strikeout, then a long fly ball was headed out to Kristine Ferris in left field, who also is a first time player, and bang right in her glove. The girls and their fans were ecstatic, as were the coaches. Then the runner who had made it to third decided to tease Courtney behind the plate by taking a large leadoff. That didn't scare Courtney; she threw to Ashley and the girl took off for home where Ashley threw it back to Courtney and, shazam she was out. Grand Valley did manage to score one more making it 7-0. Just when you think it can't get any better. Bang,

Ponsonby wins again

Shopper's Drugmart Squirts played a great game against Ponsonby on July 25 but lost 14-10. They were winning until the last inning and had 2 out but just couldn't get the final out, although it wasn't for lack of trying I tell you.

"Maybe we actually were trying too hard, and then started to panic," says Vicki Anderson. Katrina Harding and Desiray Ebbinge once again were amazing on the mound. They shared duties with 2 innings each. Courtney Brown charged out from behind the plate and caught a pop up. Katie Patchett scooped a grounder at shortstop and made an even better throw to first, which Karla McDougall just missed.

Ashley Stokman caught a fly at third. Desiray caught a pop up on the mound. Laura Labelio got a grounder and tossed it to Karla on first for the out twice in a row, Courtney Brown chased down a pass ball and threw to Desiray Ebbinge, who ran in to cover home. They got the runner out both times.

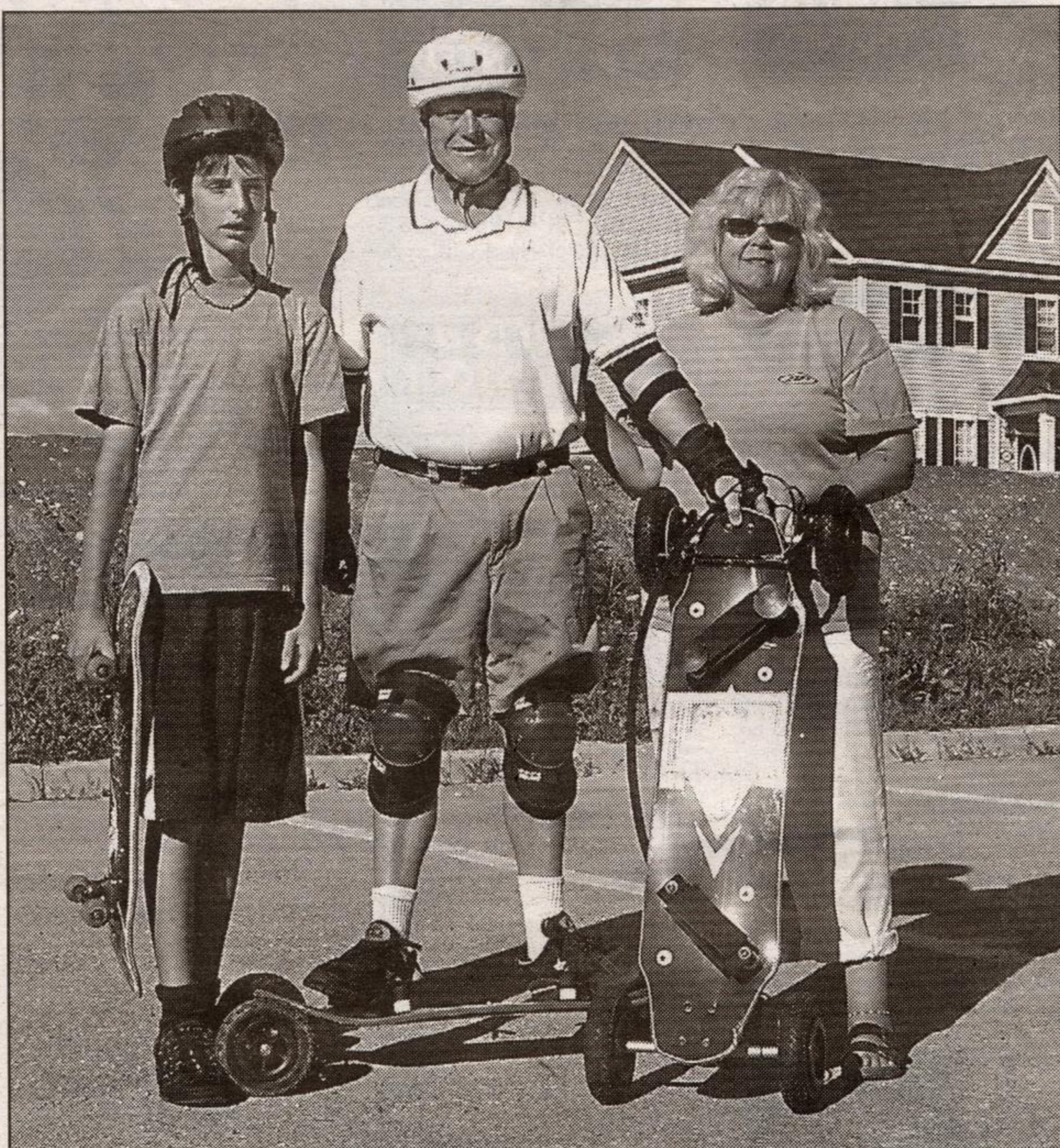
Miranda Rodda chased a good hit down and got it in quickly. "We are making the right plays, we are just missing the outs," says Anderson. The bats were pretty lively with Ashley Stokman hitting two singles. Desiray Ebbinge got a single and a great hit to right centre for a triple. Katrina Harding, Laura Labelio, Celeste Slater, Jasmine Jones and Kristine Ferris all hit the ball.

Amanda Vickery stood her ground in the batter's box. Amanda Battams got two walks with a good eye!

the fifth inning begins with a hit back at Katrina who snags it and throws to Karla for the out. Then the next girl hits one smokin' to third where Miranda Rodda puts her glove down and low and behold it's in it. It was too late with the throw to first, but it was okay.

With two on base the next batter hits to Katie and once again she drilled it to the outstretched Karla, who made the catch. And then Katrina finished the game the same way she started, with a strikeout. Katrina was great; she averaged a strikeout every inning. They did score 2 more, making it 9-0.

The only thing a little disappointing was our bats. Ashley Stokman got a single and a pop-up. Courtney Brown got on with a single and that was about it, other than a few fouls. But even the coaches from the other team commented on some of the plays the girls made.



NICE RIDES: Balancing between avid skateboarder Eric Niblock (left) and Acton Sports Action Park (ASAP) committee chair Deb Fendley (right) committee member Clark Somerville tries out one of two Jeep off-road skateboards, donated by Chrysler Jeep owner Paul Auty, that will be raffled to help raise money for Acton's skatepark. The tickets go on sale this weekend at the Leathertown Festival and the draw will be held in September. – Frances Niblock photo

Acton Golf Centre starts, ends season with win

Acton Golf Centre won five games, tied two and lost one in Rookie ball over the season. The team started their win string with an 18-4 victory over Georgetown (6) on June 29 and ended the season with a 25-4 mastery of Georgetown (4) on July 27.

Following is a capsule of each game:

By Marcia Molinaro

Acton Golf Centre 18 / Georgetown (6) 4 June 29

Acton Golf Centre came out hitting scoring their maximum 5 runs per inning in 3 out of 4 innings. Graham Collins hit 3 singles and 1 double to bring in 3 RBI's. Matthew Diamante hit 3 singles. Reid Stitt with 1 single and 1 RBI. Reilly Constable with 1 double and 2 singles with 4 RBI's. Sydney Kereliuk with 3 singles and 3 RBI's. Kyle Crossman with 3 singles and 3 RBI's. Blake Goldring with 1 double for 1 RBI. Nick Molinaro with 2 singles and 1 double. Logan Stamp with 2 singles and 2 RBIs and Mitch Lauzon with 1 double, 1 single and 1 RBI.

Acton Golf Centre 20 / Daniel Varanelli 7 June 30

Acton Golf Centre batting on fire as Golf Centre wins 2 in a row with a great team effort started off by Kyle

Crossman, with 2 singles, 2 doubles and 1 RBI. Blake Goldring – 2 singles, 1 double, 2 RBIs. Nick Molinaro – 3 singles, 3 RBIs. Logan Stamp – 4 singles, 2 RBIs. Mitch Lauzon – 3 singles, 1 RBI. Graham Collins – 3 singles, 4 RBIs. Matthew Diamante – 2 singles, 1 double, 3 RBIs. Reid Stitt – 2 singles, 1 RBI. Reilly Constable – 1 double, 1 single, 2 RBIs and Sydney Kereliuk 1 single, 1 RBI.

Acton Golf Centre 14 / Georgetown (3) 6 July 5

Acton Golf Centre on a roll with 3 straight wins. Avery Chenier with 1 single and 1 double, 1 RBI. Matthew Diamante – 2 singles, 1 double, 2 RBIs. Evan Chenier – 3 singles. Reilly Constable 2 singles, 1 RBI. Sydney Kereliuk – 3 singles. Kyle Crossman – 2 singles, 1 RBI. Blake Goldring – 2 singles, 1 RBI. Nick Molinaro – 2 singles, 1 RBI. Logan Stamp – 3 singles, 2 RBIs. Mitchell Lauzon – 3 singles, 1 RBI and Reid Stitt – 3 singles and 2 RBIs.

Acton Golf Centre 12 over Georgetown (2) 1 July 11

Going 4 for 4 Acton Golf Centre dominates in Georgetown with hitting started off by Kyle Crossman with 2 singles, 1 RBI. Blake Goldring with 3 singles. Nick Molinaro with 1 homerun, 1 triple and 5 RBIs. Logan

Stamp with 3 singles, 1 RBI. Mitchell Lauzon with 2 singles, 1 RBI. Avery Chenier with 1 double, 1 single, 1 RBI. Evan Chenier with a single. Reilly Constable with 2 singles and 2 RBIs and Sydney Kereliuk also with a single.

Acton Golf Centre 18 / Nellis Construction 19 July 18

The winning streak comes to an end with a tough game against Nellis Construction but the batting still continues with Matthew Diamante hitting 2 singles and 2 doubles for 2 RBIs. Evan Chenier – 4 singles, 1 double, 1 RBI. Reilly Constable – 2 doubles, 3 singles, 5 RBIs. Sydney Kereliuk – 2 singles. Kyle Crossman – 2 singles 1 triple, 2 RBIs. Nick Molinaro – 1 single, 1 double, 1 triple, 1 RBI. Logan Stamp – 4 singles, 1 RBI. Mitchell Lauzon – 2 singles, 1 double, 1 RBI. Avery Chenier – 2 singles, 1 double, 4 RBIs and Graham Collins – 2 singles and 1 RBI.

Acton Golf Centre 22 / Nellis Construction 22 July 25

A rematch proved that these two teams came out to play. Heavy hitting and strong defence on both parts made this a real nail bitter down to the very end. Nick Molinaro started off the bat-

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