'That Girl' ready for next challenge

That girl has done it again. Tiina Duncanson and the That Girl Racing team earned five top-three finishes in the World Cup of Grass Drag in Fenwick, Ont.

The Acton snowmobile racer was first in the 440 heavy modifieds for the second straight year, earned three seconds in the modified classes and a third in the 800cc Stock A class.

"We showed very well, especially on the stockers," Duncanson said.

Duncanson's husband Peter, who heads the pit crew that also includes Ed Long and Grant Smith, said, for an independent team, the third in the stockers carries more weight than any other victory.

"In stockers you're competing against factory engineers and factory money. They've got the backing of the manufacturers and they go out every day and test these things."

The next challenge on the horizon is Hay Days in Minnesota on the Sept. 10-12 weekend. It will be the team's first trip to the largest race in the United States, which carries a purse of \$100,000.

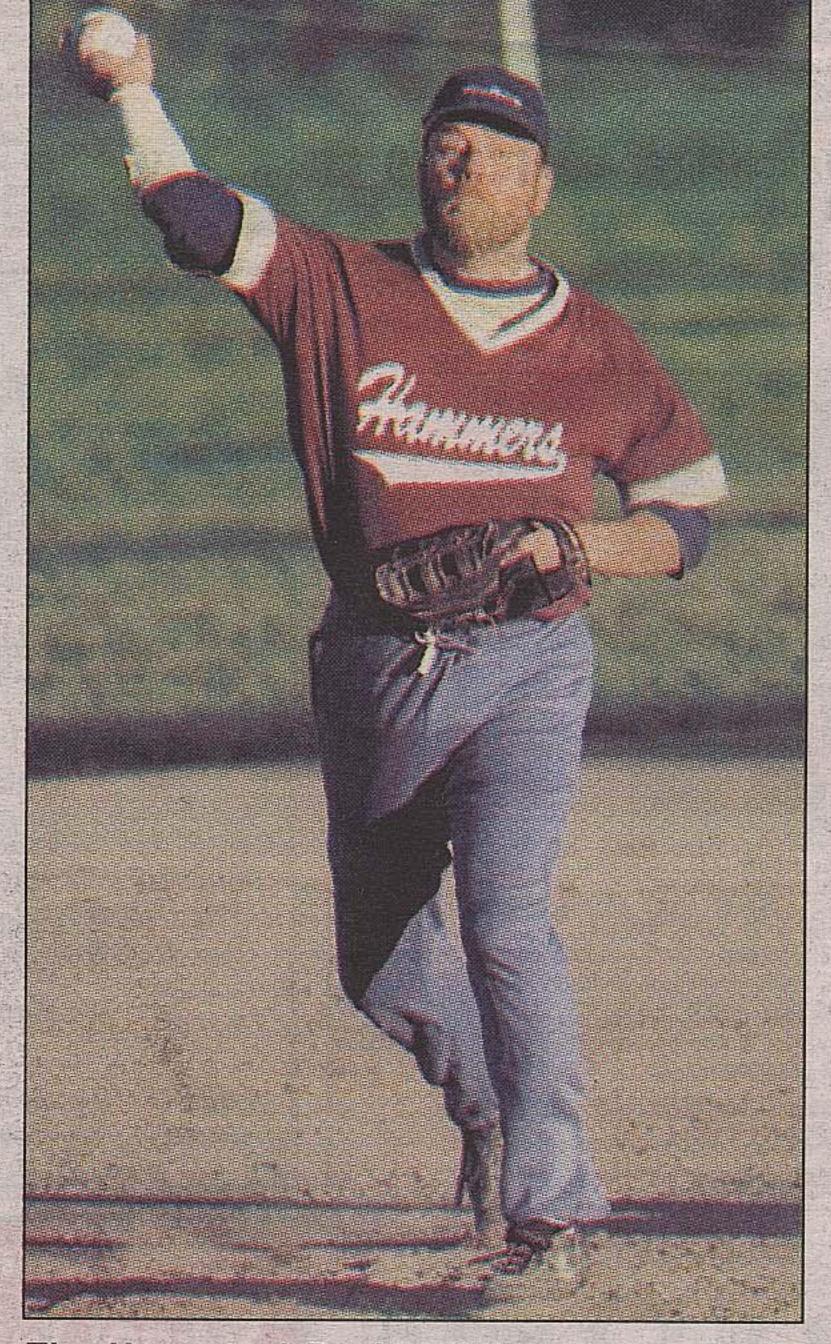
Tiina said the reason for going to the race is quite simple: "Because we're ready."

"Mechanically and in driving skill, we can really do something there," she said. "This isn't a race you go to unless you think you can win. We're going with that in mind."

Peter said the competition will be tough, with up to 80 sleds from across Canada and the U.S. in each class.

"To win there, mechanically or driving, you can't make any kind of error."

-By Herb Garbutt, staff writer



The Hammers' David Williams attempts to turn a double play at second base against Bracky's Tailgators in Monday's Georgetown Slo-Pitch League Over-35 Division game. After winning only once in the regular season, the Tailgators took the opening round playoff Photo by Herb Garbutt game 15-9.

In slo-pitch action

Bulldogs tough to beat

racky's Bulldogs capped an undefeated season by downing the Camden Carpet Dawgs 20-9. The Bulldogs were the Georgetown Slo-Pitch League's only undefeated team with a perfect 17-0 season to lead the Over-35 Division.

Three Bulldogs-Dave Morson, Kevin Gray and Mike Weber-shared the division home run title with Kinsmen's Todd Clarke. They each had 10.

The Terra Cotta Innfielders were the Bulldogs' closest rival. They wrapped up the season with a four-game winning streak to finish at 14-3.

Bryan Whitteker went 5-for-6 with two homers and drove in seven runs as the Kinsmen pounded the Hammers 28-3. The victory moved the Kinsmen into third at 12-5.

Rob Freestone scored three times and the Clippers rallied for three runs in their final at-bat to edge the SOBs 15-12. The win vaulted the Clippers from sixth to fourth with an 11-6 record. Camden Carpet was fifth at 10-6 while the SOBs dropped to sixth with an 10-7 mark.

Glen Sproule scored four runs to pace Touch of Grey's 23-7 victory over S&R Renovations. With the win Touch of Grey improved to 4-12 and finished seventh. Following them were the Hammers (3-14), S&R (2-15) and Bracky's Tailgators (1-16).

C Division

Nick Ramundo went 4-for-4 and scored three times as the Hollywood Hitmen extended their winning streak to six games with an 18-10 win over Industrial Rush. The Hollywood claimed first place with a 14-3 record. The Hitmen's Scott Wilson paced the circuit in homers with nine and tied the Zurich Zamboukas' Greg Klein for the division lead in runs with 37.

Zurich finished second in the division with an 11-6 record while the McGibbon Chicken Hawks were third with an 11-5 mark. Pro Shooters placed fourth at 9-8 while the Dusters were 8-6-2 to finish fifth.

Rounding out the division standings were Industrial Rush (7-9), Gee Tees (3-13-1) and E Street Boys (2-14-1).

Kit Rahim recently earned the designation of Master after 20 years of practice in the martial erts. Rahim said it has inspired him to pursue even higher goals. Photo by Herb Garbutt

Experience 'physically draining'

Rahim passes his Master's test

fter 20 years practising the martial arts, Kit Rahim has been rewarded with the designation of Master.

Rahim went to Calgary to do his testing with Master Everald Wright. The testing lasted eight and a half hours and involved reviewing and being tested on martial arts techniques and patterns. He said the experience was physically draining.

"Every move is intense and physical. It's challenging," Rahim said. "Perseverance and dedication are the only ways I see to succeed in the testing."

Rahim also credited his wife, Denise, for helping him reach his goal in martial arts. He said without her support he wouldn't have been able to dedicate the necessary time to training.

Despite the new title, Rahim says his teaching style will remain the same.

"In essence what I do and how I teach hasn't changed. If anything it has inspired me to pursue

even higher goals."

Rahim began instructing in 1987 and opened his own school, Halton Hills Tae Kwon Do, two years ago. With three children of his own, Nicole, Christopher and Trevor, he said he tries to teach his students the way he would teach his own kids. That means making sure they are involved at all times, keeping classes small to provide individual attention and making sure they are having fun while learning.

Rahim said what he enjoys about martial arts is how its principles— courtesy, respect, dedication and perseverance—translate to every day life.

"It's great to wrap a new belt around a student but it's even better when you see it's benefiting them not only here but somewhere else. To hear a parent say a student's grades have gone up, those are the best words you can hear."

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer



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