

Thornhill Softball '74

700 Fired Up Space Age Boys And Girls



The 700 boys and girls playing this year in the Thornhill Softball League see lots of action like this play between Dale's Discount Pharmacy and Thornhill Paint Supply. Umpire Paul Bourie calls it as the Dales Catcher Ian James searches for a ball that got away after Thornhill Paints' Batter Warren Marshall "kept his cool".



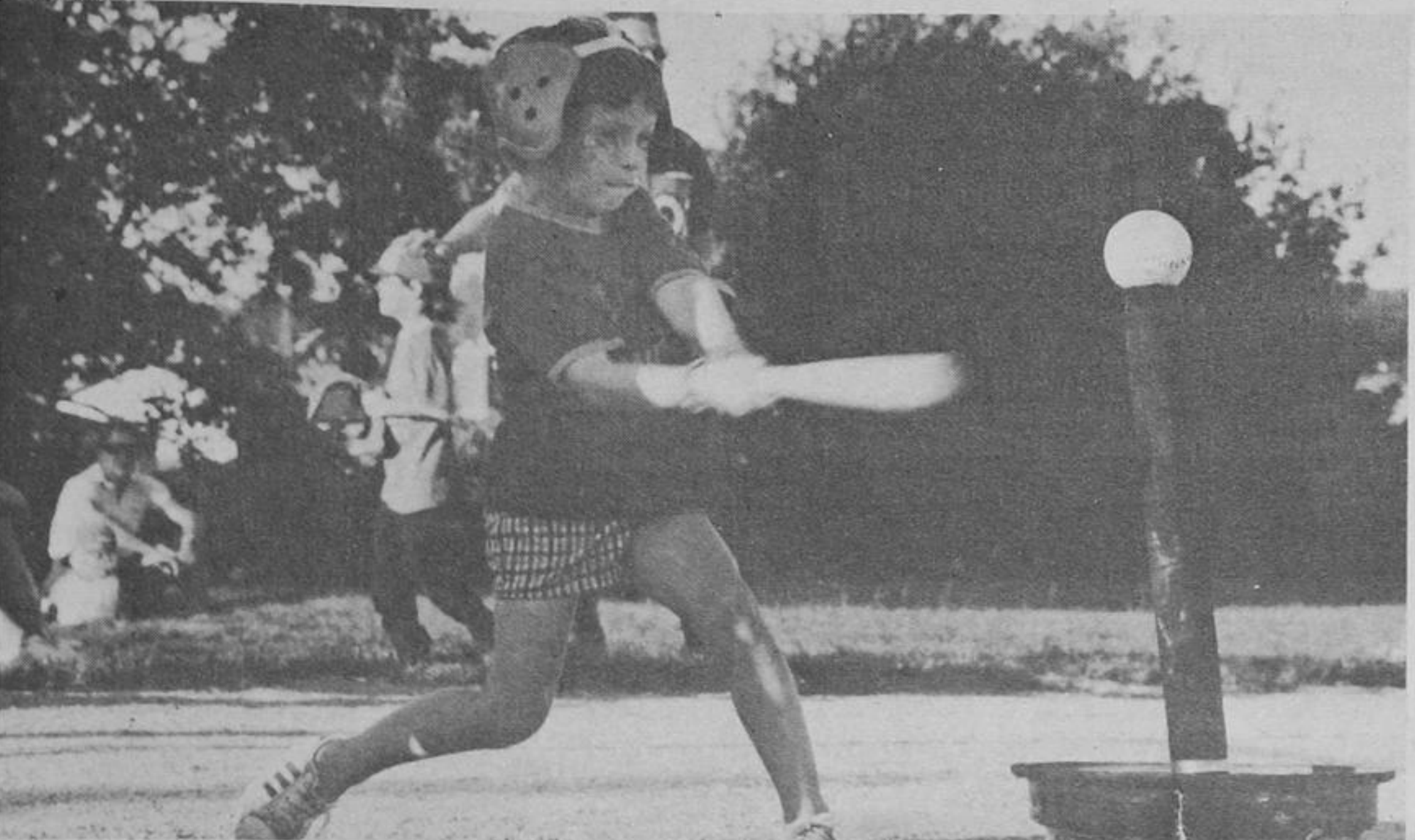
In minor squirt Thornhill House League play Warren Marshall of Thornhill Paints, now on first base, prepares to run as the Dale's Discount first baseman Harold Chopping keeps his eye on the pitcher.



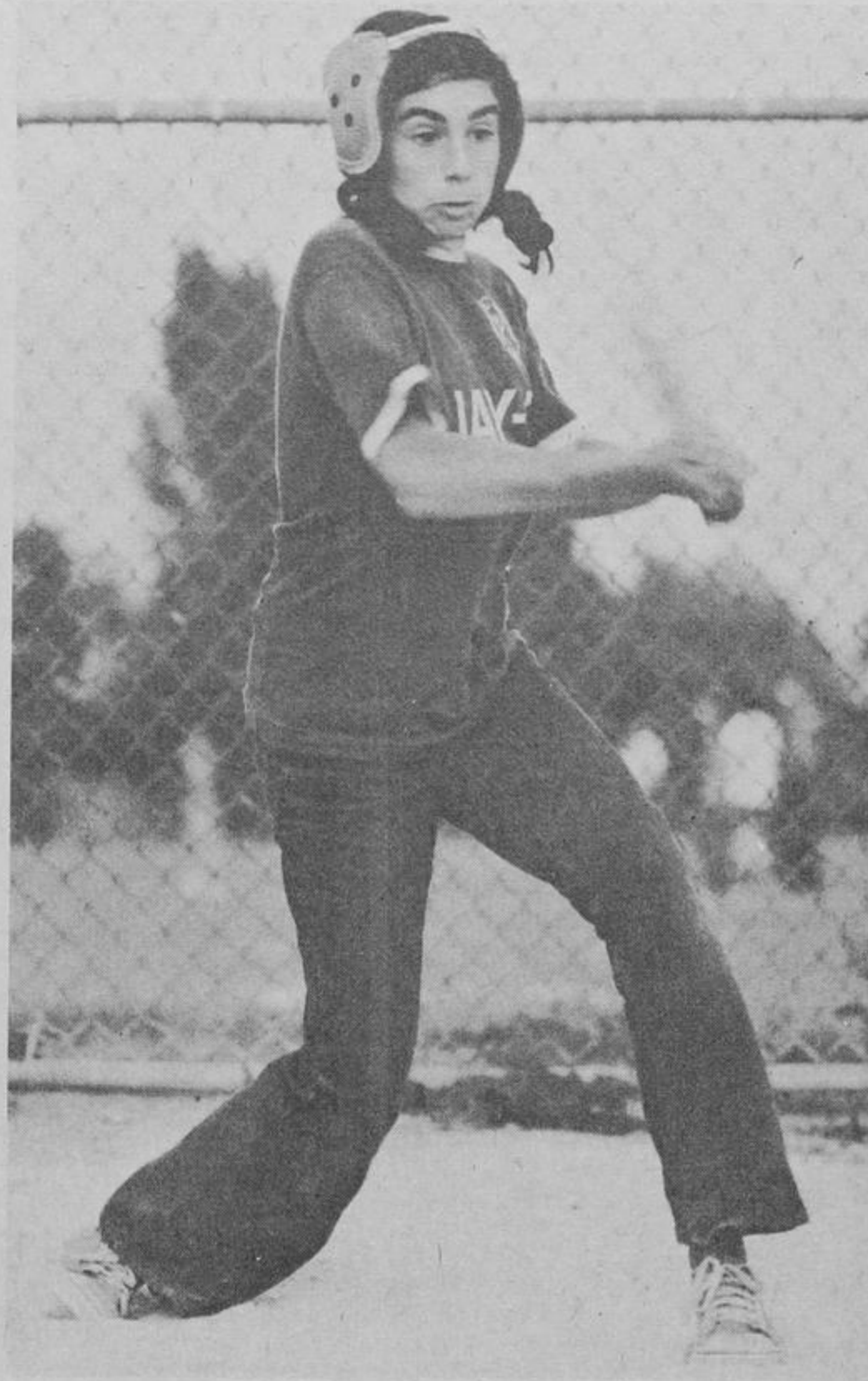
Here's a close play at first base in mini-mite T-ball as runner Jim Dobson of Saunders Publishing tries to beat out the ball being caught by Jonathan Davies of Evertune.



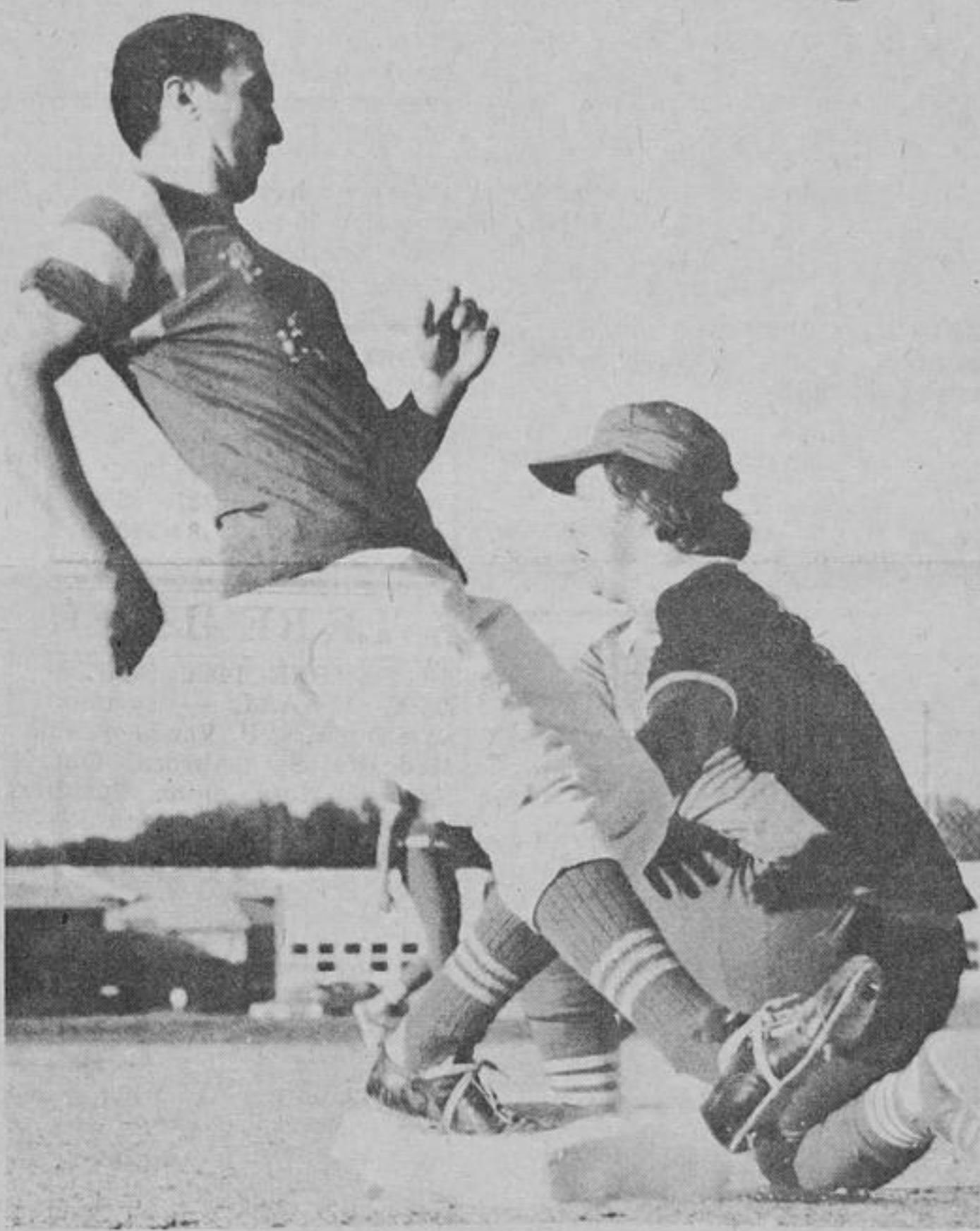
In girls' Thornhill House League play it looks a little glum on the intermediate Japan Car Sales bench as things go badly for (left to right) Pam Home, Kathy Booker and Kathy Home.



Instead of a pitcher the mini-mites whack the ball off the "T" as Al Wright's Sports team member Gareth Langdon shows as he smashes away here.



Jennifer Angel of the Thornhill House League Jay-C Broadloom intermediate girls softball team gets really serious about it all when she swings that piece of tree.

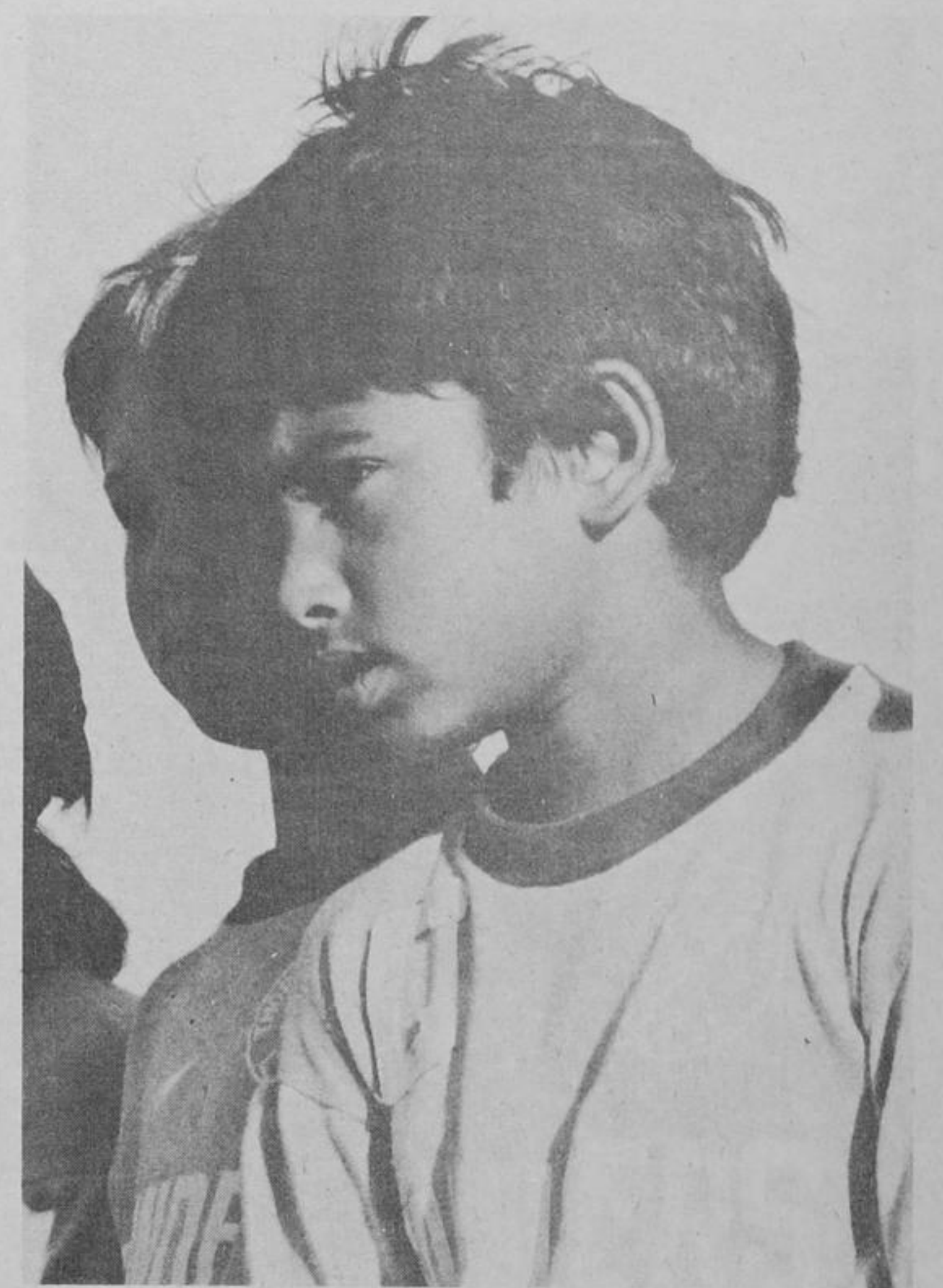


Here Constable Dino Tsinonis of the York Regional Police team smokes into third base in a game against the Thornhill OASA Redmen juveniles as Rodger Macklin guards the bag.

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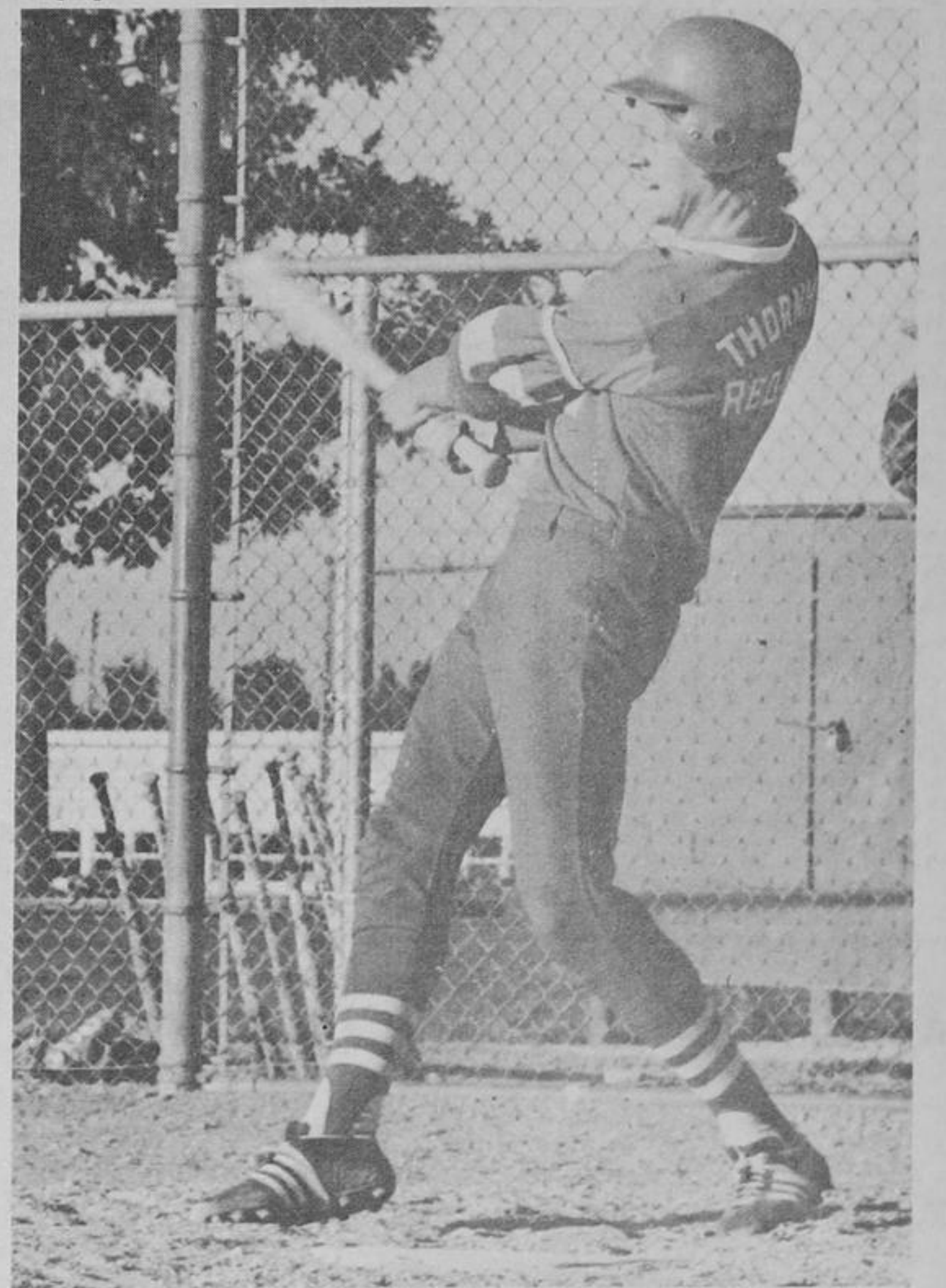
Registration for Thornhill softball has leveled off in the past couple of years with the opening of the Thornlea indoor swimming pool. But the 150 coaches, managers and umpires still have plenty to do under the leadership of League President Bob Adams, 192 Baythorn Drive. The league started in 1968 with six teams. Now there are 42 teams in the House League besides the nine OASA and PWSU teams operating. This year the really good coaching that has developed is showing up as representative and All-Star teams in 1974 had a lot of successes in tourneys, putting Thornhill softball on the map all over the province. Here Michael Cohen shows the determination of the youngest players starting out as he bashes the T-ball in mini-mite play.



Homerun king of the House League mini-mites is Captain Taufik Ali Valiante of Saunders Publishing. He's already burning up in his first year. Behind him is team mate Jeffrey Cohen. Every year the league holds a big parade during the celebrations on Presentation Day.



Although the big Thornhill softball expansion this year has been the very successful heavy emphasis on developing provincial competition and All-Star teams, the play in House League continues hot and heavy. Francise Antoniou works hard at her pitching job with the Baythorn Power Equipment intermediate girls team.



Batter John Greenfield on the Thornhill Redmen, the OASA juvenile team, swings the timber with a very serious intent. The Thornhill Softball League serves Markham and Vaughan Town residents and depends on these two municipalities for playing space. The 14 available Thornhill diamonds are used to capacity from mid-May to September from Monday to Thursday by House League play, with really no more room for more players. Weekends the diamonds are used for All-Star, tournament and representative team play.