

Panthers win gold

The Panthers have done it again. For the third year in succession the major mosquito squad has won the Sudbury soccer tournament.

The gold-winning team downed Sudbury 3-0 in the final under conditions that could only be described as monsoon-like. In fact, the weather was so bad the tournament was almost cancelled just before Monday's final.

According to coach Alfons Rubbens, the team played oblivious of the weather. "They didn't let it affect their play in any way. I'm very proud of them, especially when you consider the terrible conditions under which they won."

Oshawa was obliterated 5-0 in the semi final, an outstanding performance coming from forward Drae Glover.

Goal scorers in the final were Giles Francis (2) and Jamie Grist.

Oak Ridges prove too tough

It was a David vs Goliath story, Thursday, when Stouffville's Canadian Tire Peewees hosted Oak Ridges in the town park. Unfortunately, in this instance, Goliath defeated David as the home club bowed to their older and stronger rivals 6-2.

Stouffville had two excellent chances to put additional runs on the board but they left the bases loaded in the fifth and again in the sixth. Scott Evans worked four innings on the Stouffville mound. Peter Byer took over in the fifth. Evans was clipped for six hits and Byer for three. Jeff Griffith went the distance for Oak Ridges. Danny Larmer was the

only Stouffville batter to double up in the hitting department. The Stouffville first-sacker slammed two singles and scored one of his team's two runs. Other safeties came from the bats of Derek Hamilton, Jason Stover, Blair Steel and Scott Evans. Jason Jacobson belted a home run for Oak Ridges with one mate aboard.

Stouffville completed two excellent defensive plays, one in the third when Chris Burkholder blocked a screeching infield drive and held the batter to a single, and in the fifth when Rich Burkholder completed a one-handed 'grandstand' catch.

Parents angered by exclusion decision

Local teams only to play in annual ball tourney

Considerable upheaval has been caused by the exclusion of Goodwood teams from the minor ball association's house league tournament August 10 and 11.

The exclusion also includes teams from Victoria Square, making a total of 13 teams, which means that one third of the association's roster will not take part.

According to association president Marg Cosgrove, there isn't sufficient playing time available to schedule the tourney with a complete roster of teams, so a decision to confine the event to 'resident teams only' was made by the executive.

Cosgrove also states that a number of coaches re-

fused to play on Sunday, thereby forcing the executive to shorten the tourney by one day. She also insists that the association is not setting a precedent. The 'resident teams only' ruling is for this year only. She is also emphatic that Goodwood were 'virtually told of the decision back in March,' when Goodwood convenor Gunter Lauterbach and two other members of the Goodwood ball association were present at an executive meeting in Stouffville.

"Not so," says Lauterbach. "We have never been

officially informed that we would not be allowed to take part in the tournament, although it was casually mentioned at the beginning of the year that the tournament might be cut back. We first heard of the decision on August 1."

Lauterbach is incensed by the decision. "My phone has been ringing off the hook with calls from irate parents and coaches. The Stouffville executive doesn't realize that parents plan their holidays around this tournament, and for the 100 kids who take part it is

the highlight of the season.' Both sides agree that there was no malice in the decision to make the cuts. Lauterbach feels that the executive were looking for an easy way out, whereas Cosgrove insists that they simply couldn't handle a tournament that size.

At the time of going to press the executive had not rescinded their decision. They have, however, agreed to assist Goodwood in organizing a 24 team tournament on home ground the following weekend.



HEADING FOR A WIN. Maureen Kelly of Markham heads for a clean round in the Baby Green Jumper class at Shadow Creek Stables. Her mount, Tweedle Dee, was the smallest horse in the class, proving that big is not always best in jumping events. He brought his rider home to a first class ribbon.

Big turnout for Shadow Creek show

Neither heat (searing), flies (bothersome) or dust could keep away enthusiastic young riders from Shadow Creek Stables' monthly schooling show on Sunday.

The popular event attracted over 50 riders from Metro Toronto and surrounding area and large classes were the order of the day.

With fierce competition in all classes, local riders failed to pick up any championship trophies. However, a few did manage to place in the ribbons.

Christine Rossini of Stouffville took first in Beginner-Walk Trot and third in Junior Pony Pleasure Hack on her mount, Shilo. Alexis Moxley (King Canute) placed third in Open Working Hunter, and Heidi Wilson (Fury) collected a third-place ribbon in the Beginner Walk-trot.

Full results are as follows:
 Showmanship on Line
 1. Beth Aping. 2. Debbie Heather. 3. Gillian Luk.

Beginner Walk-Trot (Under 14 yrs)
 1. Christine Rossini.
 2. Deborah Edwards.
 3. Heidi Wilson.

Beginner Walk-Trot (Over 14 yrs)
 1. Werner Aping. 2. Gillian Luk. 3. Sarah Chakeres (Markham).

Junior Pony Pleasure Hack
 1. Lisa Kostandoff.
 2. Annette Christiansen.
 3. Christine Rossini.

Junior Equitation
 1. Lisa Kostandoff. 2. Gemini Howe. 3. Annette Christiansen.

Junior Working Hunter
 1. Tina Degenaar. 2. Vicki Jeffery (Unionville).
 3. Gemini Howe.

Open Equitation
 1. Debbie Heather. 2. Nancy Ryan. 3. Lisa Kostandoff.
 Open Pleasure Hack
 1. Michael Brunton. 2. Lisa Kostandoff. 3. Nancy Ryan.

Open Working Hunter
 1. Michael Brunton. 2. Debbie Heather. 3. Jenny Ashwell.

Open Working Hunter
 1. Michael Brunton. 2. Kim Femie. 3. Alexis Moxley.

Beginner Jumper
 1. Nancy Ryan. 2. Patti Mara (Markham). 3. Terri Ramsay.

Baby Green Jumper
 1. Maureen Kelly (Markham). 2. Linda Probyn. 2. Sabine Kackerbeck.
 Handy Green Jumper
 1. Terri Ramsay. 2. Linda Probyn. 3. Patti Mara.

Open division championship: Debbie Heather. Reserve: Lisa Kostandoff.

Hunter division championship: Debbie Heather. Reserve: Michael Brunton. Jumper division champion: Linda Probyn. Reserve: (Tie) Terri Ramsay and Patti Mara.

Spademan squad on spree

Debbie Surman was the pride and joy of her coach, Wednesday; especially so, since the coach is her mother.

The Peeewe third-sacker belted a home run and two singles in Stouffville's 15-6 romp over Unionville.

The team is sponsored by Spademan Disposal.

Batting sixth in the order, Debbie slammed a round-tripper in the first, then added two singles in the third as Stouffville paraded twelve players to the plate and collected seven runs. Her second single came with two mates aboard.

Lynda Belisle displayed top form on the Stouffville mound through five innings. She tired in the sixth and Surman took over. The two hurlers limited Unionville to three hits. Allison Hermack went the distance on the hill for Unionville. She was clipped for 14 safeties.

In addition to Surman, other extra-base blows came from the bats of Shawn Morrison (home run) and Stacey Evans (triple).

Catherine Dunkeld turned in a brilliant performance at short-stop and at the plate. She completed two excellent infield put-outs and slammed three singles.

Other hits were produced by Leanna Boyd, (single); Lynda Belisle, (two singles); Kelly Watling, (single) and Sarah Cowan, (single).

Unionville's hits were divided among Tara Gordon, Janice Whalen and Adrienne Kelly, all singles. In addition to Cathy Dunkeld, other outstanding Stouffville defensive plays were completed by Kelly Watling when she grabbed a line drive at first in the second inning, and Amanda Devlin, a sensational one-handed catch at left field in the third.

Happy hoofers

The Happy Hoofers of the Unionville Pony Club and the Valhalla Riding Club present their fifth monthly Rain-or-Shine horse show on Sunday, August 12 at the Valhalla Riding School, Kennedy Road.

Equitation classes start at 9 a.m., with Hunter-

Jumper events scheduled for 1 p.m., followed by stadium jumping later in the afternoon.

The show is open to riders and horses from other stables and, as usual, there is no charge for spectators.

For further information please call 887-5072.

IN MY OPINION

BY JIM HOLT



Bad call by ball executive

Volunteers are thin on the ground these days, and it's beginning to show. The current fracas over the exclusion of Goodwood ball teams from the end-of-year minor house league tournament has certainly ruffled a few feathers out Goodwood way.

It all comes down to the fact that the minor ball organization doesn't have enough experienced people to go round. I attended their annual general meeting earlier in the year and they certainly had difficulty in raising volunteers to sit on the executive, the proceedings were more in keeping with an 18th century naval pressgang than a call for volunteers. So it is not surprising that the logistics of handling a tournament of this size is beyond them.

Hopefully, last night's meeting of the executive reversed their decision to exclude Goodwood, but I doubt it. They seem pretty adamant.

Having heard both sides of the story, there has obviously been a breakdown in communication and nobody seems quite sure whether the decision was made last March or last week. Unfortunately, the losers are 100 or so kids who have been looking forward to the tournament all year. It's tragic that such a situation was ever allowed to arise. It should never have gone this far.

Some parents vow their kids will go to Uxbridge for their ball and hockey in future. As one irate mother put it "To hell with Stouffville, who needs them."

Make no mistake, residents of Goodwood are extremely upset over what they consider an arbitrary decision. They are resentful and angry, and rightly so. Some have adopted the attitude of 'Us vs Them' and swear that from here on in they will have nothing to do with Stouffville, which is carrying things a little far I think. But you can't blame them. They have been part of our sporting fabric for decades and this will be the first time in 13 years that they will not have taken part in the tourney.

Back when we had a knowledgeable recreation committee there were few problems that couldn't be handled. The committee had a handle on the sporting pulse of the community and everyone, well nearly everyone, knew what was going on. Problems of this kind never arose. Today nothing could be further from the truth. The present committee is made up of council members who simply don't have the knowledge or time to get involved in minor day-to-day details.

The split in the ball organization could have long-reaching effects. If, as threatened, parents take their kids elsewhere to play, we could find ourselves losing a lot of out-of-town talent in hockey, ball, soccer and one or two other sports.

It seems a strange coincidence that since the dissolution of the old recreation committee, we have hit more snags and had more upsets that I have known in the previous five years. Also, it would seem that people are becoming more and more reluctant to take charge of minor sports.

Is it a sign of the times? I sincerely hope not.

Editor's Mail Tradition has been broken

(The following copy of a letter to the Stouffville Minor Softball Association has been received by The Tribune for publication.)

To members of the Executive, We have just received confirmation that a long-standing tradition has been broken by excluding Goodwood's minor league ball team's from this year's annual tournament on August 11.

For the past 13 years or so Goodwood teams have been an integral part of the Stouffville house league. And the annual tournament has been the highlight of the season, to which four players have looked forward to with great anticipation. Indeed, it has become the practice in Goodwood for parents to schedule vacations in a way that ensures their children's anticipation. Your decision has greatly upset the parents, sponsors and coaches and has disappointed about 100 children now left out of the tournament.

We are well aware of the fact that Goodwood is not located within the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville. We are however, Stouffville people because of our close proximity. We shop, work and socialize in Stouffville.

It seems to a our teams are good enough to round out the league's regular schedule, to make it more competitive, but are not good enough for the tournament. We are absolutely shocked that our players, having participated for the whole season, are not even to receive the

pin or crest all the other players from Stouffville, Vandorf, and Ballantrae will receive. Frankly, we are wondering why we had to pay \$20 in league dues for each of our eight teams, since it is now clear that not one cent will be spent on Goodwood.

We respectfully request that this money be refunded.

We understand the teams from Goodwood and Victoria Square have been excluded in order to cut down the size of the tournament. We can recall prior years with just as many teams in the league as this year. However, previous executives solved their problems by scheduling games in the evenings prior to the tournament, rather than taking the easy way out by excluding two communities.

Your decision has really alienated the Goodwood community and created a lot of bad feelings. Had we known of your intentions at the start of the season, we would not have participated in your (our) league, and most certainly won't next year unless we are assured of a place in the annual tournament.

It has always been our prime objective to enrol our children in team sport, to teach them the qualities of good sportsmanship and the desire to excel, also friendship and camaraderie. By example, you have failed this objective miserably.

Signed, G.F. Lauterbach, Goodwood Minor Softball Association.