

Goodwood ball teams have their day

Minor ball players in Goodwood, having been excluded from the Stouffville minor softball annual tournament two weeks ago, made up for their disappointment by having a tourney of their own on Saturday.

Thanks to the efforts of coaches, parents, and a great deal of hard work by Convenor Gunter Lauterbach, an 11 team tourney

was put together by the Goodwood Minor Softball Association for squads from Victoria Square, Vandorf and Ballantrae.

Some difficulty was experienced in getting the teams together again as some had disbanded at the end of league play. However, persistence, along with a great deal of enthusiasm, ensured that the 'forgotten'

teams had their day. Winners of the boys' squirt division were the Ballantrae Lions: Jason Schellenberg, Robbie Degeer, Shawn Delorme, Janine Bell, Jason Assink, Robb Graham, Jarrid Davy, Robbie McClure, Danny Wilson and coach Bob Graham. The Lions edged Goodwood (1) in a close 16-14 finish, defeated Goodwood (2) 11-8, but not before dropping a 20-

15 opener against their hosts. With the pitching arm of Mary-Lynn (The Goose) Thomas, the Ballantrae Wise Furnace mites could do no wrong. They won two very close games against Goodwood teams, 19-17 and 12-11, to win their division. Team members are: Andy Carpenter, Shane Stapley, Greg Spitz, Jamie Bingham, Shaun Erikson, Jason

Erikson, Laurence Bingham, Jeff Tabar and coaches Ed Spitz and Bill Goodyear. Second baseman Adam Crowder handled five tough plays without errors for McLean's Carpet Centre 'T' ball squad. McLean big hitters were Lucas Anderson, Evan Boyd, Michael Boyd, Steve Wilcox and Graham Crowder. All hit home runs in defeating Ballantrae

Country Stop 31-28 in the opener. Ballantrae homers came from the bat of Jason McClure. McLean's clinched the tourney title with a 28-24 win over hosting Goodwood. Home runs were from: Evan Boyd, Michael Boyd (2), Steve Wilcox (3) and Graham Crowder. In the 'T' Ball advanced

division, a combined Vandorf-Ballantrae team squeezed past Stouffville 32-31 and tied Goodwood 28-28 to win the pennant. Winning players are: Joe Amos, Lynette Myers, Jeff Funnell, Tommy Randell, Sean Nesbitt, Lonny Assinck, Brad Crozier, Lory Foner, Adam England, Ted Taber, Paul Donner and coaches Mary Myers and Larry Crozier.

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Dance

Stouffville's Clipper Oldtimers will present a 50's Rock-n-Roll revival Saturday Sept. 8 at the Arena.

Doors open from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. with music by 'Nelson'. All your favourite songs of the 50's and 60's.

Tickets are \$5 and are available at the arena on the night or contact Joe Infurnari 640-4575

Champs

It comes as no surprise to hear that the Panthers, Stouffville's Gold-Winning soccer team, have again won their league championship; this time in the 'A' division. They improved on their previous league record by winning all 13 of their league games, with 77 goals for and only 9 against.

The team has lost only one league game in three years.

Along with the Castle Royals, they are presently in Banff to take part in the Calgary International Soccer Tournament on Sept. 1-3, where they expect to meet tough competition from some of the best teams in Western Canada and the U.S.A.

Rated one of the top 10 major mosquito teams in Ontario, Coach Alfons Rubbens is delighted with his team's performance this season. "We have become the team to beat as far as other coaches are concerned," he said. He has high hopes of doing well at the Calgary tourney.

Soccer

Final standings in the York Region Soccer 'A' and 'B' leagues are as follows:

'A' DIVISION
Stouffville Panthers 22 pts.

Richmond Hill 20 pts.

Thornhill 14 pts.

Woodbridge 14 pts.

Newmarket 14 pts.

'B' DIVISION

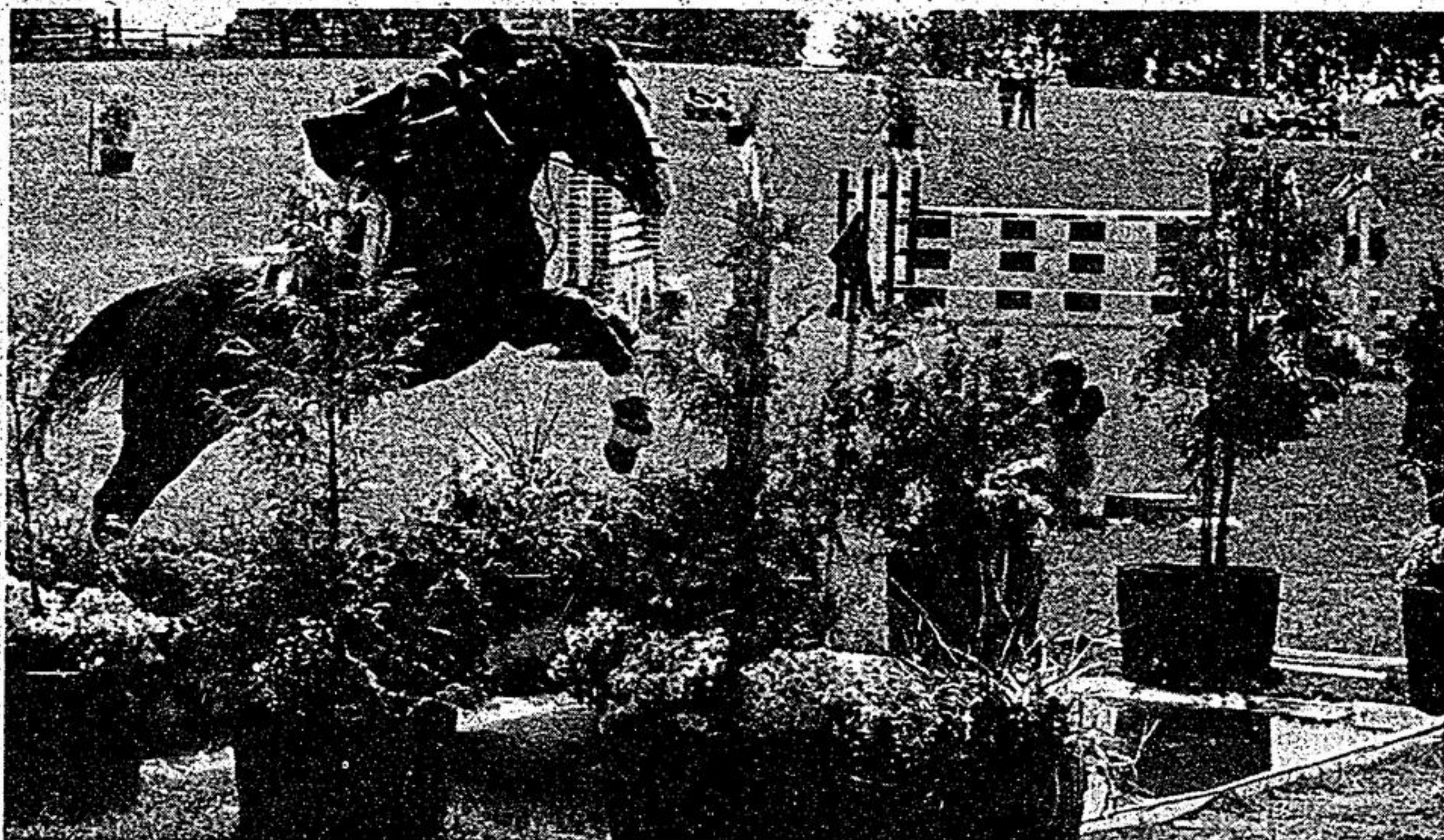
Markham

Bradford

Aurora

Stouffville Steelers

Concord Jets



Lisa Carlsen of Thornhill on her way to a clear round in the American Continental Young Riders Championship, held at the International Equestrian Sports Centre at Cedar Valley last week. In the jumping event, Lisa came first in a field of 44 of North America's top junior riders.

Local riders first at international show

There were few surprises at the American Continental Young Riders Championships, held at the International Equestrian Sports Centre, Cedar Valley, last week.

The jumping course, designed by Olympic team manager Tom Gayford of Gayland Farms, was demanding on both horses and competitors. Only one rider out of 44 entries managed to complete three clean rounds in the individual championship final.

Winner of the event was

Lisa Carlsen of Thornhill, Carlsen, who went through the first and second rounds without a fault, fought off a strong challenge from the American contingent with a superb, fault-free jump-off round; leaving the visitors to place 2nd, 3rd and 4th. It was a great performance by the young rider who, last year, suffered a setback when she took a bad tumble at the World Cup qualifying competition in Quebec.

The fact that Carlsen was without her regular horse, Kahlua, made it even

tougher on the young rider. However, the switch to Tango, a 9 year-old thoroughbred gelding, didn't affect her confidence. "Tango had been jumping well all week so I knew we could do well, although he's a pretty tough horse to ride," she said.

In the Individual Dressage Championship, Martina Pracht of Cedar Valley, riding Ural, was a clear winner. Finishing 56 points ahead of second place Shelton Gafford of the U.S.A., the Canadian Junior Dressage Champion received top

marks from four of the five judges in the final round.

Quebec placed first overall in the team jumping event, followed by Ontario, U.S.A. (Zone 2 and 3), U.S.A. (Zone 5), Alberta, and U.S.A. (Zone 7).

Ontario placed 1st in Team Dressage, with Saskatchewan 2nd and the U.S.A. 3rd.

In the Three-Day Endurance championships, the Trans-Canada team placed 1st, with Ontario 2nd and Quebec 3rd.

Midget Blues capture third successive title

The Claremont Legion Blues midget fastball team have collected their third OASA championship title.

The same team that won the

pee-wee and bantam championships in previous years, swept the board with an unbeaten record in four games at Stittsville over the weekend.

Pitcher Bob Ryan fired 29 strike outs and gave up only seven runs in the closely contested series. His efforts earned him the tournament's MVP award.

The Blues disposed of Kirktown 6-2 in their opener but were hard pressed to edge Cardiff 4-3 after eight innings; the winning run coming on Ryan's homer.

Chesley suffered their first loss of the tournament in their semi-final battle against the Blues, going down 2-1 before returning by the back door for a

second crack at the title. The Blues, however, don't give anyone a second chance. They romped to an easy 5-1 win for their third title in eight years.

Members of the winning team are: Bob Ryan, Frank Soule, Mark Hendy, Steve Hall, Ron Rowe, Scott Harper, Randy Lyon, Paul McEwan, Gerry McMillan, Shaun Malcolm, Mark Murphy, Steve May, Greg Goldberg, Shane Redshaw, Earl Rowe (coach), Stan Rowe (ass. coach) and Frank Hendy (manager).

Squirts into OASA finals

It's been a tough route to the OASA finals for the Claremont squirts. Chief hurler, Mike Feasby, broke his non-pitching arm just prior to the playdowns against Fenelon Falls a month back, which kept him out of the first two games.

Despite the setback to their OASA championship hopes, the team snatched a first game victory over Fenelon, squeezing by with an 18-14 win. However, with the absence of Feasby, the squirts dropped their second of their three-game series 9-7.

Last week Feasby was declared fit and was back on the mound for the decisive third game. The talented hurler proved that you can't keep a good man down. He pitched 15 strikeouts to give his team a well-earned 9-4 win and a berth in the Ontario provincial championships, at Shabot Lake next weekend.

Coach John Vanderligt has no idea what teams he will be playing, but now that his squad is at full strength he is confident that they will give a good account of themselves.

IN MY OPINION

BY JIM HOLT



Time will tell

Having reached beyond 40 I sometimes ruminate, rather like a cow chewing the cud, over the problems of growing old. When I was young, ah! was it so long ago? I suffered from the delusion that I was immortal - don't all young men. One minute you are 18 and the world is your oyster, the next thing you know you are celebrating your 25 wedding anniversary, the kids are adults and you my friend are very old. Yes, it's a thought isn't it. You who were so ageless, immortal and unbreakable. At last Father Time is catching up with you. You don't even have to go to a party to feel like the morning after. Your children begin to look middle-aged and you begin to outlive enthusiasm.

It's a sad thing this growing old. Friends disappear over night - at my age I'm lucky if they last through dinner, and you get your exercise acting as pallbearer for friends who exercised not wisely but too well.

When the kids are in their teens you try to keep up with them and, if you are like me, end up in hospital. After all one mustn't lose face. Your friends, aghast at the onslaught and ravages of time, fight valiantly against middle-age spread and creaking joints; their knees buckle, but, unfortunately, their belts won't. It's all that natural sag.

They end up working themselves into a lather by playing innumerable bouts of tennis and jogging themselves into cardiac arrest. I watch them speed past my house every morning; shoulders drooping, faces etched with fatigue, arms and legs pumping in synchronized agony. Can they really go to the office and carry out a full day's work in that condition? Imagine, all for the sake of being told "My word you do look well."

Not for me this erratic mayhem of keeping fit. I drink more than is good for me, smoke to excess, flirt with every pretty girl I can lay my eyes on and to hell with the consequences.

Over 40 is knowing all the answers when nobody asks you questions; knowing that you are no longer competitive, especially when it comes to sports, and realising that the best part of the day is over when the alarm goes off.

It is a sad but inevitable fact that we have to grow old. The options are simple, you can fight it, or, like me, accept it and grow old gracefully.

Looking around I am undoubtedly in the minority - when am I not? There seems to be no sense in wearing out what you have in the hope of elusive longevity. Mind you, one cannot help but give grudging admiration to those who fight tooth and nail to offset the ageing process. But will they last any longer than I? I doubt it. Wishful thinking.

The ramifications of Eldred's possible departure are becoming plainer as election time draws near. Tony Romans' bid for a seat in the federal parliament could mean that our mayor might suddenly end up in the regional chair.

Verbal jostling and nudging is already apparent. Nearly all members of council fancy themselves as Eldred's successor. Wilf Morley and Jim Sanders consider themselves as legitimate contenders. Morley by virtue of the fact that he has played well the part of heir apparent to Eldred's feildom; I don't think he has opposed Eldred in a vote since the last election, and Sanders (heaven forbid) by his seniority.

Tom (go with the flow) Wood is incensed by The Sun's recent article that Morley and Sanders are logical replacements. His comments to me at the recent sod-turning ceremony leave no doubt in my mind that he would like to sit in the hot seat. However, I think not. Tom changes his mind. Prior to the last but one election (when he stood against Becky Wedley) he swore that if elected he would give up all other political affiliations to do a good job for the Town. Six months later he accepted the vice-chairmanship of the local Conservative party. Same applies to the arena complex. Having vowed to vote against it because the cost was too high, he flip-flopped, leaving Margot Marshall with egg on her face.

I don't think Margot will forget that one in a hurry. Fran Sainsbury has aspirations to being the first mayor of Stouffville. If only dreams were reality. Fran's tunnel vision over the dump may have won her a seat against a perfectly sound and reliable incumbent, Bill Kamps, but she has proved herself less than adequate as a councillor, in my book anyway. I don't know of one single motion she has tabled since her election.

Jim Rae is without aspirations in this direction. Always pleasant and civil, he seldom rocks the boat and is not really interested as far as I can see. He just wants to stay where he is.

This leaves the diminutive Brunhilde from Cedar Valley, Margot Marshall. Her experience is limited but she doesn't lack enthusiasm. Her ongoing feud with Eldred - they fight like cat and dog - must stand her in good stead. Perhaps she's learning the hard way. She seems competent and bounding with enthusiasm. We could do a lot worse.

Personally I don't think Eldred is going anywhere. So everyone might just as well sit back and relax. Mind you, I suspect the way he's going he could last another 50 years. (Oh God).



Macleans' Carpet Centre softball squad not only look good, they play a great game of ball, too. The 'T' ball novice squad won their division championship pennant at the Goodwood ball tourney on Saturday. Back row: Cynthia McCaul, Graham Crowder, Michael Boyd, Adam Slack, Cheryl Jackson. Front (l to r) Adam Crowder, Evan Boyd, Lucas Anderson, Stephen Wilcox and Tammy Willis. Happy looking coach is Bill Anderson.