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Streit wins golf title

Whitchurch-Stouffville's Marlene Streit won the Ontario Senior ladies golf championship in Toronto last week.

She took the title in dramatic fashion last Wednesday at the Toronto Golf Club, where she managed a two-stroke victory over Jane Moffat.

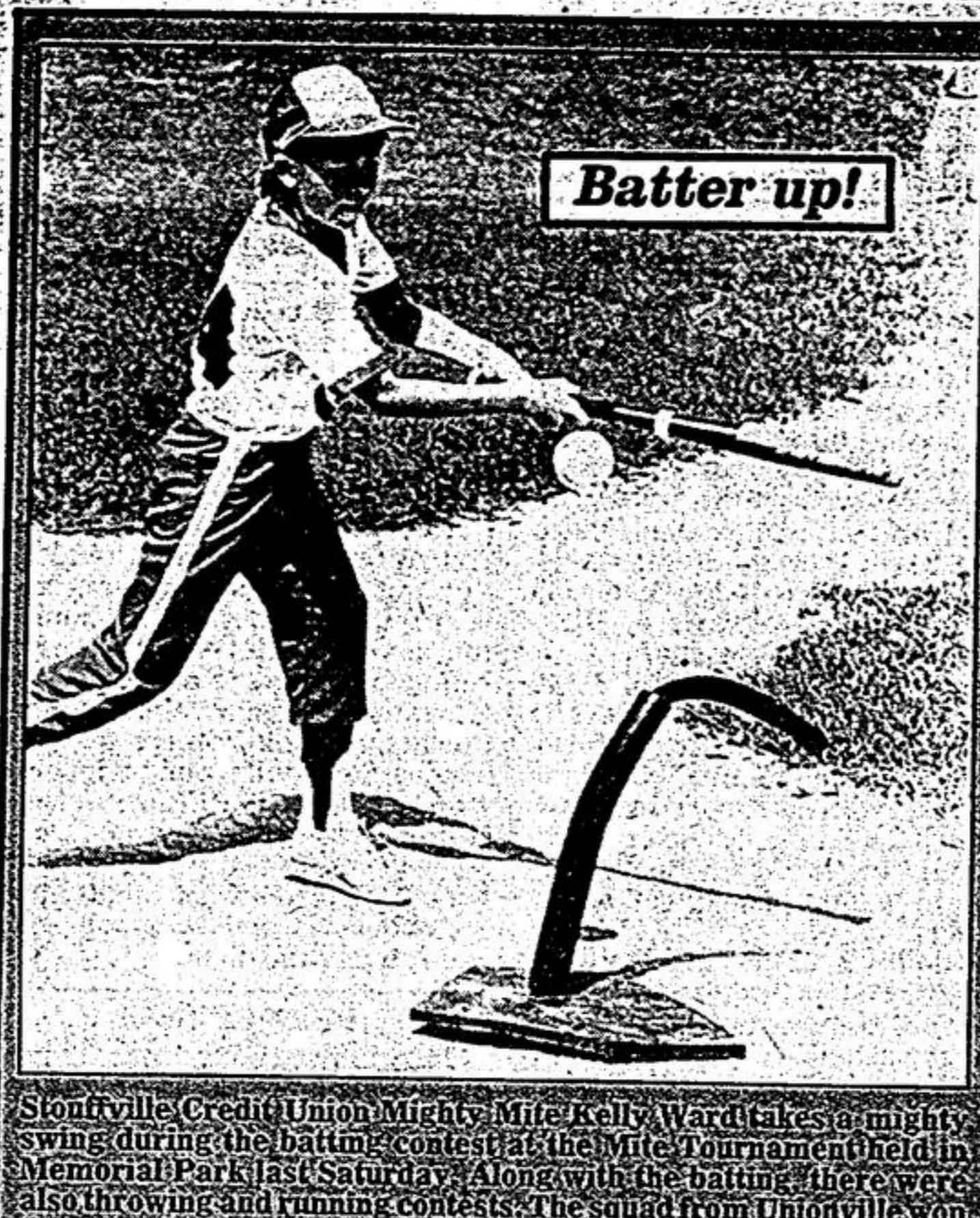
This was Streit's first appearance in the event. She is a member of the York Downs Golf Club.

Streit shot a 36-hole total of 155 during the three-day event.

However, she maintained she didn't win the title so much as Jane Moffat lost it.

Moffat double-boogeyed two of the par-three holes to lose the tournament.

Streit and Moffat were tied going into Wednesday's final round, before Moffat's collapse began.



Batter up!

Stouffville Credit Union Mighty Mite Kelly Ward takes a mighty swing during the batting contest at the Mite Tournament held at Memorial Park last Saturday. Along with the batting, there were also throwing and running contests. The squad from Unionville won the overall championship in the eight-team tourney. The Mighty Mites were runners up in the consolation final.

Alan Shackleton

Tourney tough on fastballers

Betz Pools Stouffville mens fastball team did everything but advance to the second round at the Richmond Hill Tournament last weekend.

They lost a game, won a game and tied a game, coming home

with \$75 and nice tans.

Playing three games in oven-like conditions Saturday, didn't make things easy for the team. The heat must have been especially tough on pitcher Jim Chilvers, who threw all three games.

Betz Pools Profile



BRYAN EMERY

Betz Pools Stouffville manager Bryan Emery is an all-round athlete with a wealth of experience in a wide variety of sports including fastball.

Until this season, the 48-year-old Stouffville resident played fastball in the Oshawa City and District League, and he still competes and coaches in trampoline with the Markham Gymnastics Club. He was second in this year's Provincial Trampoline Championships held in Ottawa.

His men's fastball career has spanned more than 20 years as he's played in Stouffville, Oshawa, Whitby and in the Toronto Beaches area.

Long-time residents may remember him as a player-coach with the Vachon-Betz Pools team of about 18 years ago. This season with Betz marks his return to the fastball coaching ranks.

"Marvin Betz approached me and told me he was bringing back men's fastball to town and would like to manage the team," Emery remembers. "I thought, 'I know Marvin and decided maybe it was time to put an end to the playing career,' and this was the perfect team to do it with."

Emery has a two-year plan for the Stouffville team that he hopes will soon make them a serious contender for the provincial championship.

"The ideal was to keep the team as local as possible, building it around a nucleus of talented Stouffville players," he said.

The squad has been rounded out with players who Emery, or assistant coach Wayne Allan, knew from their playing days.

"This is a building year for Betz. They are playing in a lot of tournaments, getting as much experience as they can, and next season they'll take a run at the provincials," Emery said.

Emery has not regretted his move to the coaching ranks, and said he is enjoying himself. "We have a really great bunch of guys on this team and they make it a lot fun."

He is also pleased by the tremendous support Stouffville fans have given the team. "The fans are what's made the whole thing work."

WAYNE ALLAN

Whitby resident Wayne Allan is Betz Pool's assistant coach, and he and Bryan Emery team up to make a formidable coaching staff.

Allan, 40, spent the last four seasons as a coach with Whitby. Before that he played fastball for 6 years in the town.

Growing up in Whitby, he mostly played hardball (baseball) as the town has a long tradition in the sport, before switching to fastball.

Allan and Emery both played fastball together on the Whitby Legionaires, that's how they got to know each other.

When Emery took the manager's position with Betz, Allan was the first man he wanted as his assistant coach.

Allan was happy to take the job, he said. "I've known Bryan for years, and this team sounded like a great opportunity," he said.

He was able to bring some of the better players he knew from Whitby and Oshawa with him to help solidify the Betz squad.

"I really enjoy coaching. It's a lot of fun," Allan said.

There's a lot of satisfaction in working with a team and seeing them come together.

Over the years he has been to Stouffville many times and liked the town, but his association with Betz Pools has given him great respect for the local ball fans.

"They're just great. They're A1 people," he said. "The fans who come out to the park are just terrific. It gives us a real lift to see them out there in the stands."

The excellent team spirit and camaraderie among the Betz players has also been a big part of the team's success so far this season, he said.

He is also pleased by the tremendous support Stouffville fans have given the team. "The fans are what's made the whole thing work."

Allan is Chief Custodian with the Durham Board of Education and lives in Whitby with his wife Gayle.

Betz lost a heart breaker in their first game of the tourney Saturday morning to an all-star team of players from Peterborough, Oshawa and the York Merchants 2-1.

In their second match, Betz took on the Richmond Hill Merchants and thumped them 6-0.

The Stouffville boys had to win game three against Save-On of Richmond Hill to advance to the next round. However, the best they could do was 1-1 tie.

Overall, manager Bryan Emery was not disappointed, though he would have liked to have gone further, with the team's play.

"We had some bad luck in the first game, and that put us in the hole," he said. "You don't always get the breaks."

Tournaments though still rank high on the team's list of priorities.

"Tournament play is the best way to expose them to pressure situations. The better we can handle that, the better team we will become," Emery explained.

Betz's next home game will be tonight at the main diamond against the Claremont-Markham Juniors. Start time is 8:30 p.m.

For the first time this season the Stouffville Panthers' Bantam boys soccer team failed to reach the finals in a tournament.

Last weekend, the boys travelled to Ottawa for the Gloucester International Tournament. They were full of optimism and expecting to make at least the semi-finals.

However, due to a number of factors, including the hot weather and injuries, the Panthers failed to advance out of the first round.

In the four other tournaments they've been in this season they reached the finals, winning two of them.

They got the Gloucester off to a bad start Saturday morning and never really recovered from their first game 2-1 loss to South Ottawa.

Though the game began at 8 a.m. the conditions were extremely hot and humid, and this took a toll on the Panthers who started sluggishly.

Stouffville quickly fell behind by two goals in the first half. Panther coach Alfons Rubbens called both of the Ottawa scores "defensive giveaways."

Captain Charlie Melko scored a beautiful goal to bring the Panthers close in the second half, but despite intense pressure they couldn't get the equalizer.

"We had a lot of opportunities in the second half to tie it, but we just couldn't get the ball in the net," Rubbens explained.

With their backs against the wall, and playing in the sweltering noon day heat, the Panthers came up with a gutsy performance to knock off Montreal's Jean-Tallon 2-0.

Travis White scored both Stouffville goals, and according to Rubbens they were both classics good enough to be framed.

On the first goal, White took the ball through the entire Montreal

Stouffville girls make Ontario field hockey team

By ALAN SHACKLETON
Sports Editor

Two Stouffville District Secondary School (SDSS) students have won positions on Ontario girls field hockey teams.

Brenda Hachey, 16, and Lisa Zeck, 18, will play on the 16-and-under and 18-and-under Ontario girls teams respectively this summer.

Both girls began their field hockey careers at SDSS, and it was the support of coach Cathy Croucher that encouraged them to try out for the provincial squads.

Try outs for the Ontario teams began in January at York University, and it took a lot of hard work and dedication for the Stouffville girls to earn spots representing their province.

"Mrs. Croucher was the one who told us about the try outs, and she thought we had a good chance of making it," Hachey remembered.

For the 16-and-under team, some 60 girls from across the province tried out for positions, she added. There was even more competition, something like 100 girls, battling for spots on the 18-and-under squad.

Practices were grueling four-hour affairs which put a heavy emphasis on physical fitness.

In this respect, it was to Hachey's and Zeck's advantage that they were both top athletes in a number of sports at SDSS.

Zeck was named co-winner of the school's Female Athlete of the Year for 1987, and Hachey qualified for the provincial finals in distance running this year.

"The four hour practices were tough," Hachey said. "We did a lot of fitness drills and running because you have to be in shape to play at that level."

At first, practices were held once a month, but lately they've been held every Saturday in preparation for tournaments and the upcoming Canadian Championships.

Hachey's team will travel to Vancouver on Friday for this weekend's 16-and-under Canadian Championships.

Hachey, who plays the right half position on the team, is really looking forward to the trip, but she said it was hard to make a prediction on how the team would fare as they don't know a lot about their opponents.

Once there they'll battle six other provincial squads for the national title.

Last weekend, Zeck's team travelled to a tournament in Montreal.

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tion in field hockey is growing, and our national ladies team is one of the better ones in the world.

The sport is also becoming more popular at the high school level, and Hachey and Zeck are hoping it can become a sport of the future for SDSS.

Good coaching at the high school and provincial team level is what eventually leads to strong national teams, which can compete for international honors at events including the Olympics.

Field hockey teams have 11 players a side, like soccer, but the positions they take on the field are different. There is a lot of running involved and only three substitutions are allowed.

Hachey said there were some pretty big differences between the sport at the high school level and the provincial team.

"It's a completely different approach between the two," she explained. "On a high school team it's important to have fun, and there are varying degrees of skill, but with the provincial team they take things a lot more seriously."

She pointed out that with the better players a lot of time was spent on strategy and set plays, whereas in high school the basics of the game are stressed.

A & S Raiders win Solina Tournament

Stouffville's A & S Raiders won the Solina Slo-pitch Tournament, and a first prize of \$500, last weekend over a tough field of 16 teams.

The Raiders, sponsored by A & S Construction, took on host Solina in the championship game, and it was an exciting affair in which the Raiders triumphed 10-7.

The road to the finals was a little rocky though as the Raiders had to battle not only their opponents but Saturday's heat, and they dropped their first game 11-6 to Hampton Restaurant.

However, the Raiders quickly bounced back to beat the Scarborough Flyers 6-4. Then the next morning they destroyed Safe-way Renovations of Oshawa 16-0 to advance out of their division and into the winners round.

In the semi-final they faced the Tyrone Tankers and beat them 7-2 to earn a berth in the final.

The Raiders Pete St. Clair was a stand out over the weekend and he was named the Tournament's Most Valuable Player.

A Raider spokesman said it was a complete team effort victory and every player is to be congratulated.

The Raiders were the only Stouffville area team competing in the tournament.

Next weekend, the Raiders take part in a tournament in Agincourt, Scarborough. This tourney is OV Slo-pitch sanctioned and counts as a provincial qualifier.

ment was over for them.

Considering the intense heat, the surprisingly stiff competition, and the fact that the Panthers were missing five starters due to injury, Rubbens was proud of their play.

"We only had one substitute for three games in that heat," he said. "You just can't win in that situation. It was a good tournament though; well-run and a lot of fun."



Slidin' home safely

An unidentified Stouffville Credit Union Mighty Mite slides across home plate with a run in tournament action at Memorial Park Saturday morning. Stouffville took a tough Sarnia all-star team in this contest

and were beaten 21-6. The Mighty Mites number 17, Kathy Tait, watches the action from the on-deck circle.

Alan Shackleton