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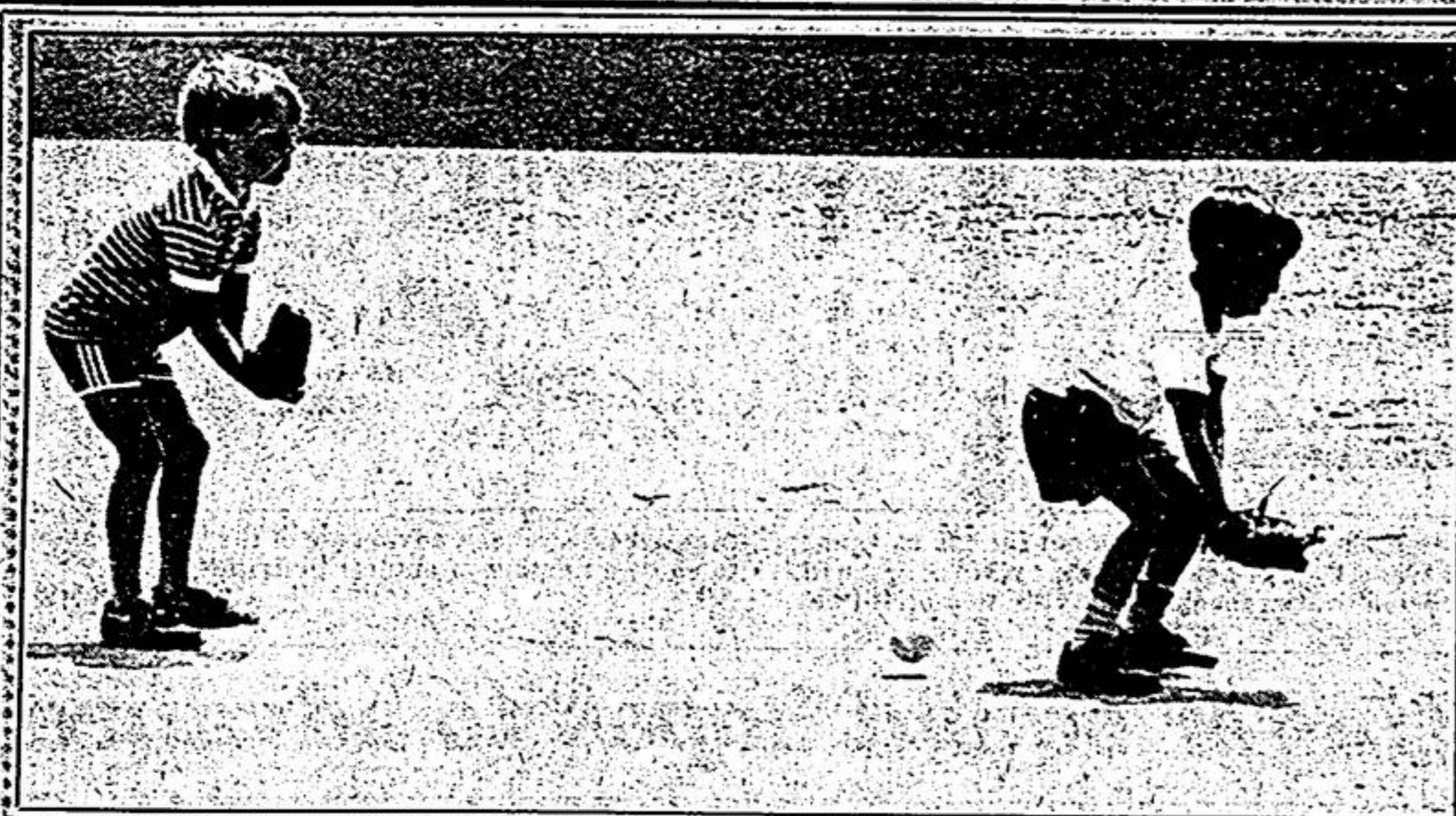
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Teamwork

Stouffville's Peter Ward, 6, (top photo) seems more than a little surprised that he missed this ground ball. Not to worry though as Chris Heide- ma, 7, is backing up the play perfectly. That's what you call teamwork. The boys were playing a little bit of pick-up ball Sunday afternoon in

Stouffville Memorial Park. (Bottom photo) Greg Drummond, 8, seems to have found a new method for hitting home runs during the game. And all these years they've been doing it the wrong way. Does George Bell know about this? — Alan Shackleton



Keith Acton golf tourney attracts hockey stars and other celebrities

The first annual Williamson Motors/Keith Acton Golf Tournament goes this Friday at Firefighters Mill. Run course in Siloam with an all-star cast of golfers ready to hit the links.

The tournament is a fundraiser for the Pickering based Children's Wish Foundation of Canada. This worthy organization helps grant dying children final wishes, such as trips to Disneyland or meetings with favorite athletes.

Among the celebrities slated to invade the Uxbridge area course on July 24 is Stouffville's hero Tom Rivers. The big man from radio station CFTR will be there with a large number of NHL stars and personalities.

Along with Stouffville's own NHL'er Keith Acton,

newest town resident Bill Root of the Toronto Maple Leafs will also play.

Root brings along Leaf teammates Dan Daoust, Chris Kotsopoulos, Todd Gill and Markham's Steve Thomas.

Super agent Alan Eagleson and hockey broadcaster Brian McFarlane will also be present.

Other celebrities include Acton cohorts from the Minnesota North Stars Dirk Graham and Willi Plett, and from the St. Louis Blues puck-stoppers Rick Walmsley and Greg Millen.

The Firefighters Mill Run course is located on Durham Road 8, just north-east of the town of Stouffville, in Siloam. Spectators are more than welcome at the tournament.

Zillman, Brettell make best times at Games for Physically Disabled

Two area athletes did extremely well at last week's Ontario Games for the Physically Disabled in North York.

Mark Zillman, 19, of Uxbridge and Ballantrae's Keith Brettell both had a brush with royalty and set some record times in their events at the Games.

Zillman, who is blind, won three gold medals in track running races.

He took first place and ran a personal best time of four minutes 50 seconds (4:50) in the 1,500-metres for senior men, aged 13-30 years old.

Zillman also won the 800-m in a time of 2:26, and the 3,000-m in a time of 10:48.

His outstanding performances qualify him to compete in the upcoming Canadian Games for the Physically Disabled to be held the week of Aug. 23-30 in Bradford, Ontario.

Brettell, 16, competed in five

events, three track and two swimming, and excelled in four of them.

In the pool, he swam a provincial record time of 1:10.88 in the 50-metre butterfly. He completed the 100-m freestyle in a very respectable 2:24.

Brettell also clocked personal bests in the three wheelchair track events with times of 44.40 seconds in the 200-m; 1:22.90 in the 400-m and 2:58.70 in the 800-m.

His times in the track events, and the butterfly, also qualified him for the Canadian Games.

ROYAL LOOK

Brettell was thrilled with his performance at the Ontario Games, and his close up look at royalty.

The Duke and Duchess of York visited the Games last Friday afternoon at the North York Civic Stadium.

Brettell was in a line of athletes the Duke and Duchess walked past.

"I didn't really get a chance to speak to them, though they did stop and talk to a few people," he remembered. "I had a good look at them though. I liked what Prince Andrew was wearing. He had on a silver tie, gray suit and pink shirt."

TORCH BEARER

Another upcoming honor for Brettell will be on December 22 when he carries the torch for the Winter Olympics through the Pickering area.

It will be Day 36 of the torch relay as it makes its way across Canada for the 1988 Calgary Winter Olympics. Brettell applied for a shot at carrying the torch months ago, and was lucky enough to be chosen.

Stouffville Stingers play host to provincial fastball qualifier

By ALAN SHACKLETON
 Sports Editor

The Stouffville Stingers ladies fastball team hope home field advantage pays off for them this weekend as they host the Intermediate Open Regional A qualifier for the provincial championships.

Eleven teams will invade town Friday night to start the double knockout tourney in which four squads will advance to the provincial championships two weeks from now in London.

Stinger manager Ted Lowery would be thrilled if his team could repeat the success of the past two seasons when they won a gold and a bronze in the provincials, but

he's not making any predictions for this year.

"This is our first season in the

Intermediate Open division and I'm not as familiar with the teams

(See STINGER, B-2)

Ball teams sought

The York County Junior Farmers Association is hosting a Three-pitch softball tournament on the weekend of August 5th in Ballantrae, and there are still spots available in the event for interested teams.

Entering teams should be mixed squads, with at least three females playing, and participants must be at least 16 years old.

The fun goes all day Saturday, Aug. 8 at the Ballantrae Community Centre, and there will be a dance after the ball tournament.

A \$10 entry fee per team also includes admission to the dance. For persons wishing to attend only the dance, tickets are \$7.

For more information on this event, please call Kim Little at 294-1611 after 6 p.m.

Hachey helps Ontario field hockey team to national finals

Stouffville's Brenda Hachey was a member of the Ontario 16-and-under girls field hockey team that made it to the finals of the Canadian Championships last weekend in Vancouver.

Hachey, 16, plays right half on the Ontario squad which lost the championship to a very tough British Columbia team 3-0 in the final Sunday afternoon.

The two-day tourney pitted the provincial field hockey teams of Ontario, B.C., Manitoba and Alberta against each other in competition at the University of British Columbia (UBC) campus.

It was no sight-seeing trip for members of the Ontario team as they left for Vancouver Friday, had a weekend full of field hockey, and then returned home midnight Sunday. They arrived back in Toronto at 7 a.m. Monday.

"We sure weren't there for

long," a tired Hachey said in an interview from her home Monday afternoon. "We played at UBC, and we stayed at UBC. We didn't see much of the town."

The Ontario team got the championships of to a bad start early Saturday morning when they lost 7-0 to B.C.

"It was really sad," Hachey said of the game. "They were a strong team and we just couldn't get anything going."

However, they rebounded Saturday afternoon and knocked off Manitoba 4-0.

On Sunday morning they took on Alberta in what was the most entertaining match of the weekend. The game went back and forth before Ontario scored in the last 10 minutes to win 1-0.

"That was a good game, really emotional and exciting," Hachey said.

The win also put Ontario into the finals where they had another crack at B.C. and a chance to avenge the loss the day before.

"We were really up for B.C. in the finals. We wanted to show them that we weren't as bad a team as we looked on Saturday," Hachey said.

The B.C. squad managed only one goal in the first half, in what was a close contest.

Despite the whirlwind nature of it all, Hachey enjoyed the trip and said she had a lot of fun. Members of the team had been working for months towards the Canadian Championships, and now there isn't much left for them to do this season.

"A lot of the players on the team will be too old for under-16 next year, so that was the last time a lot of them will play together," Hachey explained.

Sports breeds social misfits?

Sidelines

By ALAN SHACKLETON

Sports Editor



Well, that might just change. As Don Adams would say, check this out.

SOCIAL MISFITS

"Just as high school basketball teaches you how to be a poor loser, the manly attitude towards sports seems to be little more than a recipe for creating bad marriages, social misfits, moral degenerates, sadists, latent rapists and just plain louts. I regard high school sports as a drug far worse than marijuana, and it is the reason that the average tennis champion, say, is a pathetic oaf."

— Paul Theroux

Holy jumpin' Wilbur, them's fightin' words. Paul Theroux is a fairly well known and respected writer, with many books and essays to his credit including *The Mosquito Coast*. The above quote came from an essay called *Being A Man* which he wrote in 1983.

Obviously, sports weren't high on his list of fun things to do. However, I think his criticisms are excessive.

The benefits of playing sports, especially team sports, in terms of health, socialization and enjoyment far outweigh any disadvantages.

Theroux is an American and he must have gone to one tough high school.

Sports teach people about working together for a common goal, co-operation and the fact that sometimes no matter how hard you try you don't always win. That's what growing up is all about.

I think the problem comes when people start putting sports ahead of everything else in their lives.

Unfortunately, that does sometimes happen and the results are indeed pathetic. One often hears of the husband who can't get away from his family fast enough to spend his time on the golf course, or watching football. Sad as it is, that's the individual's problem, not sports in general.

If this guy wasn't out golfing, he'd spend the time away from his family in a bar, with other women or someplace else.

To simply blame sports is far too easy. Just because a tavern is built in a town, it doesn't mean the population will turn into alcoholics. (Try explaining that one to a few folks in this burg though, and you'll get an argument.)

APOLOGIES

To end this little session of rant and rave, I'd like to apologize for what appeared on page B-10 of last week's Tribune. I have no idea of how or why it got there.

It was an insult to intelligent life forms, and had no place in this newspaper.

I'm sure it must have really steamed those of you living in new subdivisions who are still waiting for your sod, and numerous repairs that have to be made to your brand new house because of sloppy building.

I'd like to add that when I look upon "a piece of land full of rocks and boulders and trees and scrub (sic)" I like it, and I wish it would bloody well stay that way.

"So Al, what's on your tiny troubled mind this week?" you ask. Well, maybe you don't ask but I'm going to tell you anyway. There's a bunch of stuff on my mind.

For instance, the Iran-Contra hearings are stressing me out something fierce, as is the building industry, the baseball All-star Game, and the perception among some that sports is not the most important aspect of life in the latter half of the Twentieth Century. I have to live with these things folks, and it's not always easy.

GOLLY OLLIE

Oliver North has been making lots of buddies among average Americans for his "good work" funding the Contras in Nicaragua. Don't they care about their laws and The Constitution? Do two wrongs really make a right? Is this why it took the U.S. 12 years to get out of Viet Nam?

Speaking of 12 years, is the All-star game over yet? Wake me up when something happens.

That game had to be one of the most painful pieces of television I've ever watched. Vin Scully and Joe Garagiola going on and on about the ball not being as "lively" because it had the signature of baseball commissioner Peter Ueberroth on it; once was amusing guys, twice was too much, and three times called for the death penalty.

A punishment I'd like to inflict on the CTV clowns who brutalized the coverage. They kept coming back from commercials too late, and missing pitches or even outs. They showed 11 million promos for *Night Heat* and the *CTV National News*, and *If I Had a Rocket Launcher*...

Do I seem to be in a bad mood this week? Must be because I'm not controversial enough for Stouffville.