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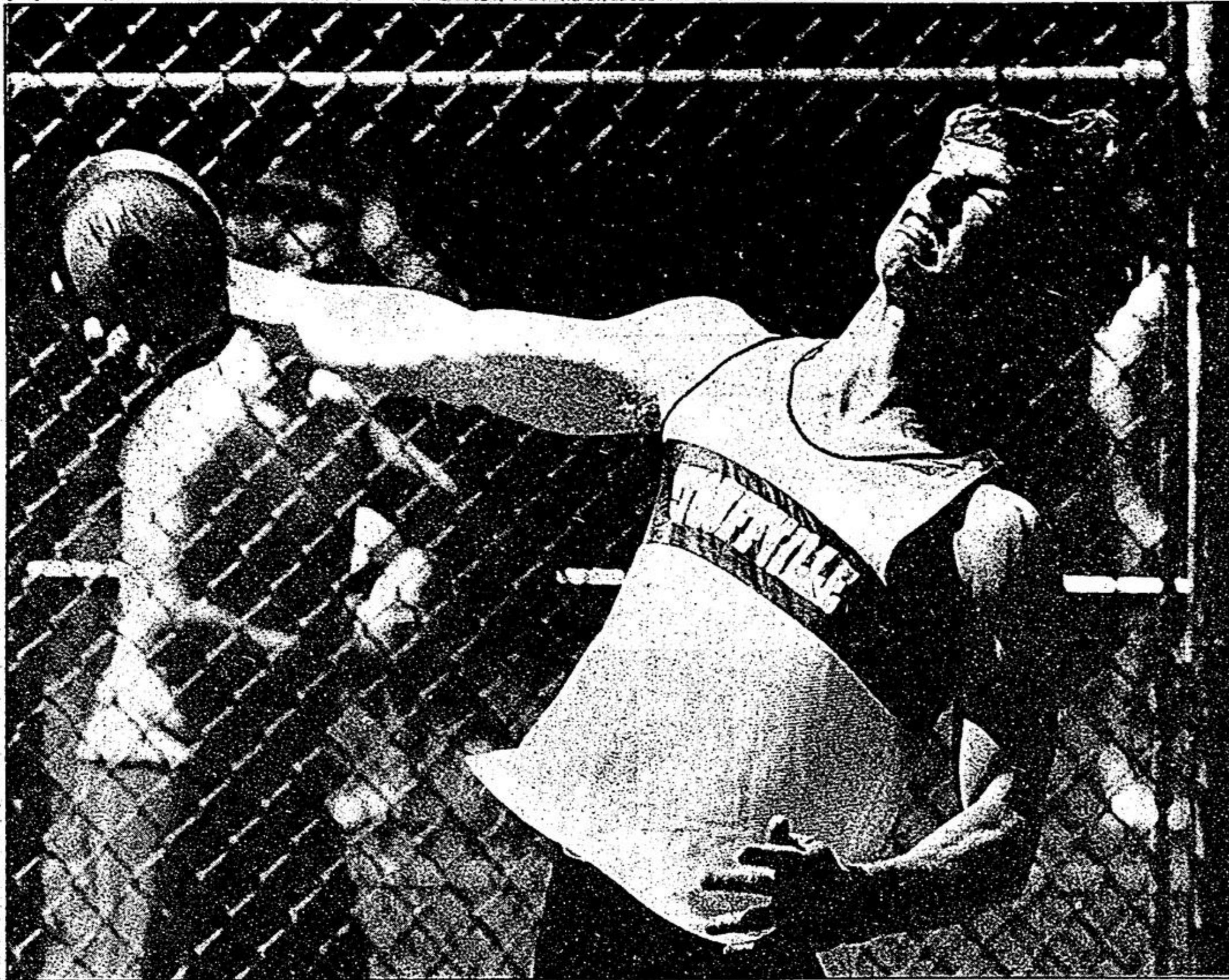
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Heave Ho!

Stouffville District High School athletes gathered at York University to take on the best in the York Region last Wednesday. Attempting to earn a berth at the Durham/York track finals later this month was

Chris Topping, who put all the effort he had into this discus throw at the meet.

—SJOERD WITTEVEEN



METROPOLITAN TORONTO TRACK AND FIELD CENTRE

It doesn't look as though Michelle Hall is jumping for joy. She was battling the gruelling 80 metre hurdles with fierce determination during the York region track finals, held at York University last

week. Stouffville Dist. High School students did well at the meet, but Unionville High swept many of the top awards for the second year in a row.

—SJOERD WITTEVEEN

Betz Pools aim to repeat last year's fastball heroics

By BRUCE STAPLEY

The question that now faces Betz Pools is how can you follow up last year?

In only their first year together as a team, the Betz Pools Stouffville Fastball team won the Ontario Amateur Softball Association Intermediate Open, and the Oshawa City and District Fastball League championship.

So Brian Emery, manager-coach of the club, has set his sights even higher.

The 50-year-old ex-college track star claims that with innovative coaching methods and all-out performances from his players, his team can do even better this season.

"We started slow last year," Emery recalls. "But ended up having unbelievable success. It was a fairy-tale type of season."

Emery, who will step down as a part-time player on the team this year, feels there are still plenty of challenges to be met.

"If you don't re-evaluate your goals and step them up, you become very passive."

All but one of last year's players will be in the lineup for the Betz boys as they take to the diamond for their home opener next Wednesday.

Average age of the squad members is 26 or 27, according to Emery. One player, Jamie Showers, alternates between his own midget team and the Betz outfit.

"He wants to give it a shot," Emery says. "He has the power ability, and we'll use him at first base and designated hitter occasionally."

Jimmy Chilvers, who ranked

among the top ten pitchers in Ontario last year, will anchor a pitching staff that will also include veteran Johnny Annis.

"Jimmy is a hard thrower, with an excellent curve," Emery says enthusiastically. "He has the ability to blow it by anybody. He's working on a changeup, and if he masters that, he'll be in the top five pitchers in Ontario."

But Emery also has high praise for Annis.

"I've played with Johnny for over 20 years," he claims. "He's become a smart pitcher. He has a great rise ball and a changeup, and he knows how to pick out a batter's weakness."

Oshawa's Doug MacMillan will do most of the catching, Emery says.

"He has a great arm, and he's like a quarterback out there. Without Dougie, it doesn't work as good."

Emery feels his infield is solid with Steve Schell at shortstop, Mark Fockler at second base, Terry Bowles guarding the bag at third, and first base being looked after by slugger Gary Vaughan and newcomer Terry Rose, who has played for the Newfoundland provincial team.

Emery feels his team's versatility is vital in their bid to repeat as champions this season. He points to John Tait as a prime example.

"Last year, he played every position except pitcher. He's a necessity on this team. He's there when you need him."

Gary and Randy Grant are capable of playing infield and outfield. "Randy has a good arm, and Gary has good speed," Emery claims.

George Burkholder will patrol centre field, and Bruce Beare, who was batting MVP in the Ontario Championships last year will play right field.

Emery will be assisted by Wayne Allan, a man whose abilities Emery respects to the utmost.

"I used to play ball for Wayne in Oshawa-Whitby. He's an excellent coach—a co-operative sort of guy."

The hitting would appear to be given on the Betz team, with five players capable of hitting the long ball.

"Last year, we hit three home runs back to back in the championships. I'd never seen that done before," Emery says.

He claims Chilvers, Vaughan, Schell, Beare and Rose can all hit for power, and that even though the team didn't hit for average last season, "the players had a knack for getting the big hit at the right time."

Scott Evans makes his mark in softball

Forty-three strikeouts in 16 innings.

Scott Evans has made his mark on the Stouffville District High School boys softball team. He's pitched in three games this year, and has had only two runs scored against him.

The Spartans have won all of their games so far due to spectacular pitching from Evans and steady defence and batting from the rest of the team.

"We're getting all-round efforts from everyone," coach Ron Leonard said. "We don't have many power hitters, but they're good singles and doubles kids."

Stouffville won its first match against Unionville 10-2. Evans struck out 16 batters in the six-inning game. Darren McCool led

the offence with three hits and three runs batted in.

Evans pitched a no-hitter as the Spartans crushed Bayview 7-0. He had 17 out of a possible 18 strikeouts.

In a close game Thursday with Father Bressani School, Chris Burkholder started the game, because Evans was at a track meet.

Burkholder pitched two and two thirds shutout innings, then Evans arrived to relieve him.

Not only did Evans strike out the side for the remainder of the game, he also scored the winning run on a grounder by Danny Larmer in the bottom of the final inning.

Evans is no stranger to the game of softball. He was the pitcher on last year's all-Ontario Bantam 'C' championship team.

Spartans' reign over fitness ends as Markham steals title

By CHRIS GARBUTT

The Spartans once ruled the fitness world at least in York Region, but not anymore.

Members of the Stouffville District Secondary School team were dethroned as champions in the annual SDSS Fitness Challenge by a strong squad from Markham High School, while Stouffville had to settle for second when it was realized Markham team member Steve Wallace's scores had been left out of the standings.

Markham competitors won three of the four divisions. Wallace won for Male Student, Ed Winnacott for Male Teacher and Mary Kraus for Female Teacher. Jen Bremner of Newmarket Huron Heights won the Female Student division but Markham took second and third.

Until now, the Spartans had won the event every year since its inception three years ago.

The challenge consists of a variety of physical tests including a two-mile run, rope climb, sit-ups and straddle jumps. Both students and teachers participate.

Winnacott finished highest of the Spartans, placing third in the Male Student category. Chris Winn came fourth in that division.

Other Stouffville team members were runner-up Rob McDonald in the 1000 ft. Run, Roger Bezaire in the 1000 ft. Run, and Steve Wallace in the 1000 ft. Run.



Riders horse around at club summer show

By DENISE McDONALD

It was a perfect day for horsing around.

With blue skies and sunshine above and excellent riding conditions below, over 44 horse and rider combinations took part in the Boots 'n' Saddle Western Horse Club's second summer show, May 1.

"It was a great day for competition," said show secretary Diane Ferguson. "Everyone seemed very eager. The new classes (Pee-wee Barrels, Reining and Western Riding) are proving to be a big hit. Or at least I think they are; everybody seems to be participating in them."

Entries in Adult classes have been high—ranging up to 25 competitors. But Ferguson said totals have been surprisingly low in Junior classes, partly due to many riders being up-classed after celebrating birthdays during the winter.

"I think once the season really gets rolling, we'll see a lot more Juniors coming out to compete," she said.

Boots 'n' Saddle's next seasonal show will be May 29 at High Quest Farms, McCowan Road and Aurora Sideroad.

Results follow:

SHOWMANSHIP (ADULT) — 1st Thelma Beatty (Special Flare); 2nd Beverly-Anne Ferguson (York Star Jet); 3rd Gary Fowler (She's A Belle Dude).

SHOWMANSHIP (JUNIOR A) — 1st Tiffany Pell (My Bonnie Royal); 2nd Lisa Zeiger (Duly).

SHOWMANSHIP (JUNIOR B) — 1st Lindsay Randolph (Stole the Show); 2nd Meaghan Fowler (She's A Belle Dude); 3rd Kevin Dent (Hez'a Dunit).

ENGLISH PLEASURE (ADULT) — 1st Thelma Beatty; 2nd Nina Surette (Magnolia Power); 3rd Brigitte Miller (Casino Ray).

ENGLISH PLEASURE (JUNIOR A) — 1st Tiffany Pell; 2nd Lisa Zeiger; 3rd Kathy Cork (Thunder).

ENGLISH PLEASURE (JUNIOR B) — 1st Lindsay Randolph; 2nd Garilee Miles (Coveny Miss); 3rd Kevin Dent.

ENGLISH EQUITATION (ADULT) — 1st Brigitte Miller; 2nd Nina Surette; 3rd Judy Service (Lajestic Lass). JUNIOR A — 1st Tiffany Pell; 2nd Kathy Cork; 3rd Lisa Zeiger. JUNIOR B — 1st Lindsay Randolph; 2nd Kevin Dent; 3rd Garilee Miles.

HUNTER HACK: JUNIOR A — 1st Tiffany Pell. JUNIOR B — 1st Kevin Dent; 2nd Garilee Miles.

NOVICE WALK JOG: ADULT — 1st Natalka Demoe (Julius). JUNIOR B — 1st Meaghan Fowler; 2nd Eddie McDonald (Magnolia Tee); 3rd Reggie Dent (She's A Kitten).

NOVICE EQUITATION: ADULT — 1st Natalka Demoe. JUNIOR B — 1st Eddie McDonald; 2nd Reggie Dent; 3rd Meaghan Fowler.

TRAIL: ADULT — 1st Nina Surette; 2nd Beverly-Anne Ferguson; 3rd Ronia Brooks. JUNIOR B — 1st Kevin Dent.

WESTERN RIDING: ADULT — 1st Beverly-Anne Ferguson; 2nd Marsha Fortus (Deeming Impression); 3rd Ronia Brooks. JUNIOR A — 1st Kathy Cork. JUNIOR B — 1st Kevin Dent.

COMMAND CLASS: ADULT — 1st Brigitte Miller; 2nd Denise Gibbons (Viewer Discretion); 3rd John Alden (Windquester). JUNIOR A — 1st Andrea Tedder (Shilo's Sparky). JUNIOR B — 1st Johnny Zeiger; 2nd Kevin Dent.

REIGNING: ADULT — 1st Vince Love (Royal's Macho Man); 2nd Vince Love (Mr. Buck Berry); 3rd Ronia Brooks. JUNIOR A — 1st Kathy Cork.