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Betz Pools clobbers Oshawa to start season on right foot

By BRUCE STAPLEY

The Stouffville Betz Pools fast-ball team got their home season off to an exciting start with a 5-3 victory over Oshawa ACL, Wednesday.

The Oshawa City and District League game was officially started by Cliff Dunkeld, who threw out the ceremonial first pitch.

But after that, it was Betz Pools' Brad Vaughan who did all the serious pitching, scattering eight hits and racking up 10 strikeouts. He struck out the side in the third and the seventh innings.

Brad also helped his own cause by setting up a double play in the second inning when he caught a bunt before it hit the ground and threw to first to double off the Oshawa runner.

Newcomer Steve Brooks provided the timely hitting the Betz squad has become noted for, cashing John Tait and Doug McMillan with a round tripper in the second inning. The drive took

off like a cannon into right centre field.

George Burkholder scored on an error in the fourth, and then came home with the insurance run on Mark Fockler's triple in the sixth. The Betz Boys had seven hits in all.

Oshawa's offence was made up of a two-run single by Jim Trimm in the fifth inning and a solo home run by Chris Kosciesza in the sixth.

But Brad appeared to be in control throughout, keeping the Oshawa batters off balance with a variety of pitches, and spotting the ball well during the seven-inning contest.

He actually appeared to get stronger as the game wore on, despite the three Oshawa runs in the fifth and sixth innings.

Coach Bryan Emery was pleased with the righthander's performance.

"He started off a little slow, but then he came on with the strikeouts," Bryan said. "The two runs

in the fifth should have been only one, but we had some early-season communication problems in the infield."

The timing was right for the hard-throwing hurler to pitch well, as the team's ace Jimmy Chilvers was nursing a leg injury picked up on the weekend. The team's other pitcher, Johnny Annis, had just returned from a

trip to Korea. "We've got a lot of good ball players," Bryan said. "Hopefully, we can keep everybody happy by giving them enough playing time."

The game marked the debut of Betz's new electronic scoreboard, which monitors balls, strikes, outs and the game score. It also plays sports tunes.



Michelle Hall has become a track and field sensation at Stouffville District Secondary School. The top-ranked hurdler will be trying her skills against the best in the province later this week at the Ontario championships. — Chris Garbutt

Winning is goal for Michelle Hall

By BRUCE STAPLEY

Michelle Hall is a 16-year-old Grade 11 student at Stouffville District Secondary School, possessing a personable nature and a friendly smile.

But put her on the track for a big hurdles competition and she's got one thing on her mind — to win.

The two-time winner of her school's Girls' Track Award claims that the secret to her success is concentration.

"When I go to track meets I start to psyche myself up on the way in the bus," she says. "Mind control is essential. If you're running around saying 'I can't do it,' then you won't."

Michelle has experienced enough success to know what she is talking about.

Originally turned on to track by her Grade 4 physical education teacher, she has since dominated

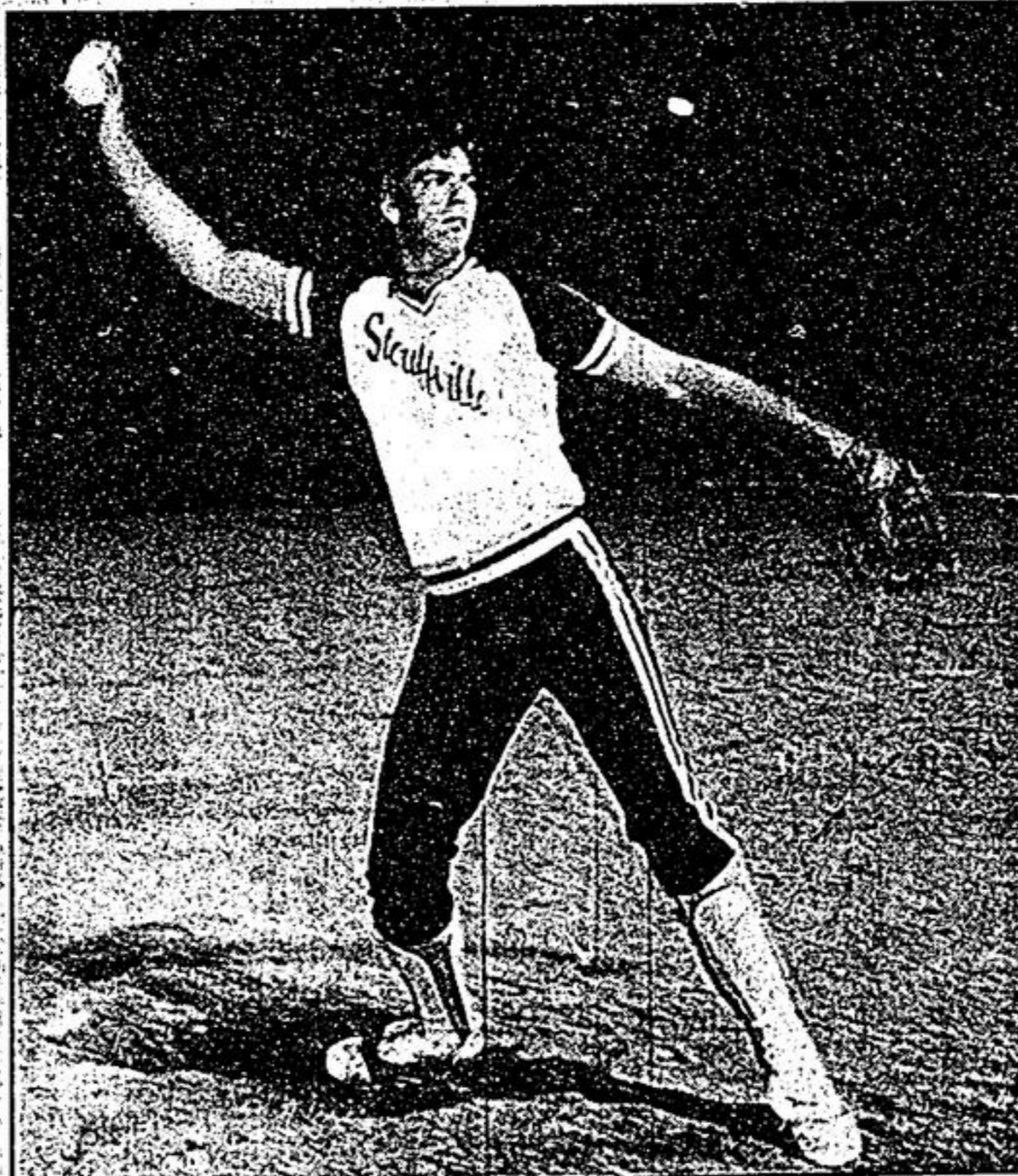
local school meets. And she's performed well in both Durham-York Regional meets and at competitions organized by the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations.

Her relay team has remained pretty well intact since Grade 4, always doing well at regional meets. Michelle won the girls track trophy at Summitview Public School in Grades 3 through 8, and now sees her name on the SDSS 'Wall of Fame' for her high school prowess.

While hurdles and long jump are her specialty, she likes to join every sports event that is track-related.

In an effort to increase her training time and achieve more self-discipline, she joined the Mazda Optimists Track Club, which meets Tuesday, Wednesday

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Scott Evans, the dynamic pitcher with the Stouffville Midgets, prepares to hurl one across the plate during night action this week. The Stouffville club swamped East Gwillimbury 8-1 in the contest.

Scott Evans leads club to 8-1 romp

By BRUCE STAPLEY

For Rob Parcells, it was a chance to bask in the glory of being a batting hero, a not too common occurrence for the tall kid with the impish grin.

But for Scott Evans, the flame throwing pitcher with the intimidating delivery, it was just another night at the ball park.

The two led the way as the Stouffville Midgets rolled over East Gwillimbury 8-1 Thursday. Parcells spearheaded a balanced Stouffville attack by banging two doubles and a single, and scoring three runs.

Evans was totally dominant in his four innings pitched, giving way to Chris Burkholder in the fifth when he experienced mild back pains. The overpowering hurler struck out ten, allowing only a walk and a triple that should have been caught.

Just two days before at Markham, Evans had fanned 19 en route to a 3-0 victory.

After the game, he was approached by a representative of the Canadian Olympic Committee, wanting him to try out for the Canadian under 18 fastball team that will go to Seoul, Korea later on in the summer. Last season, Evans led the Stouffville Bantam team to victory in the Ontario Provincial Championships.

On Thursday, Evans had it all working for him. He had the East Gwillimbury batters off balance at all times with his assortment of pitches that included a rise curve, a rise, a drop ball, and a paralyzing change up.

"That pitch should be declared illegal," laughed Midget manager Howard Burkholder, after Evans used the change up to finish off a strikeout in the third inning. "Its just not fair!"

Chris Burkholder was more than adequate in his three inning stint, allowing a run while fanning four. Sean Chappelle went the distance for the visitors, giving up the eight Stouffville runs on 13 hits.

The hometown Canadian Tire outfit set the tone for the contest in

the first inning, with Evans striking out the side on ten pitches, and the offence connecting for three runs. Jason Yoshida hit his first of two triples. Chris Burkholder singled, as did Parcells and Rob Blundon.

Doubles by Parcells and Blundon preceded a two run triple by Yoshida in the third, keying another three run outburst. They added a pair in the fourth before East Gwillimbury finally got on the board in the sixth.

The senior Burkholder was full of praise for his team after the game.

"With this team, its one guy doing it one night, another guy the next. And with Scott pitching, you know you're going to be in every game."



Steve Brooks hit a three run homer in the Betz Pools win over the Oshawa ACL this week. Brooks, at right, accepts congratulations from teammate Brad Vaughan, at left, following the 5-3 win. — Chris Garbutt

Stouffville Bantams dump Gwillimbury

Basil Luciano crushed a home run to right centre field in the fourth inning Wednesday to lead the Stouffville Bantams to a 7-5 win over East Gwillimbury.

Luciano's homer also drove in Keith Piette and Bill Pride to cap off a four run fourth inning. He also had two doubles and scored two in the game.

Stouffville had a shaky start, allowing two runs in the first because of poor defensive plays. The Bantams came back for one in the bottom of the first when Luciano drove in Piette on a double.

East Gwillimbury scored again in the second, and Stouffville held on for one as Pride batted in Paul Clarke.

The Bantams tied the game at three in the third. Luciano doubled and went to third on a hit by Lee Scaife. Shawn Borichetti brought Luciano in on a grounder.

In the fourth, Mike McCool led off with a single, went to second on Keith Piette's single and went home on a double from Bill Pride. Luciano's homer made it 7-3 for Stouffville.

East Gwillimbury could only manage two more, and the Stouffville Bantams held on to a 7-5 win.

Wednesday's game gave them a perfect 2-0 record after the first week of play. On May 24, the team was on the winning end of a 22-12 slugfest with Newmarket.

Members of this year's roster are Danny McNeil, Keith Piette, Bill Pride, Basil Luciano, Lee Scaife, Eleri Fraser, Shawn Borichetti, Paul Clarke, Mike McCool, Scott McKinley, Jamie Campbell, Dave Showers, Dan Lehman, Mike Pongracz, Roger Steiner and Todd Balazs.

Stingers zap Bradford

Using the can't miss formula of good pitching and a balanced offensive attack, the Stouffville Stingers walked over Bradford 13-4 in their home opener Thursday.

Newcomer Denise Davis showed the home fans why coach Bob Gold was so happy to have her join the team, racking up eight strikeouts as she hurled the entire seven-innings.

"She gave us decent pitching tonight," said Gold after the game. "She just throws hard. Lots of heat."

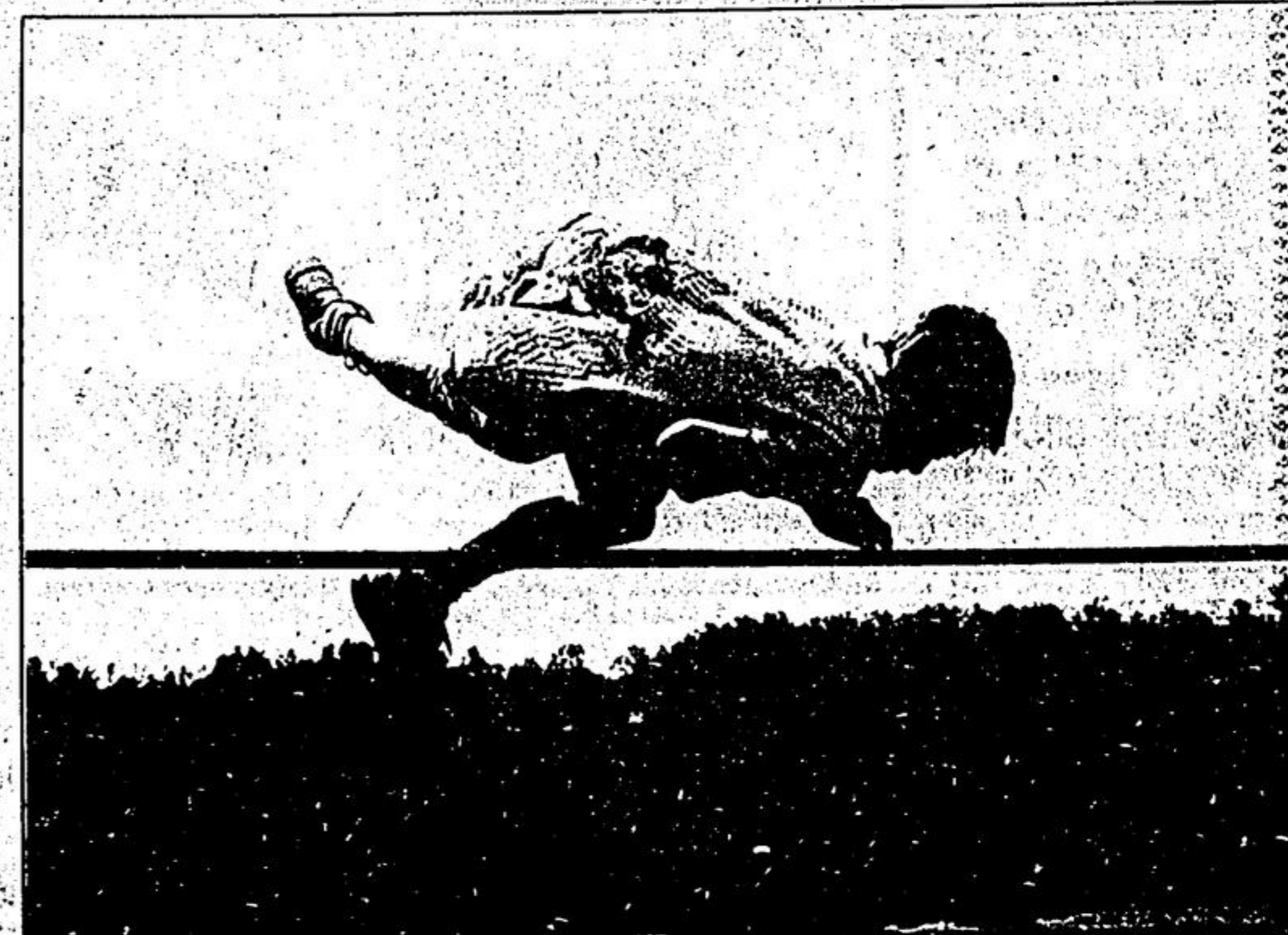
Debbie Gold and Allison Lowery led the assault with three hits a piece, with each of them whacking a double and scoring two runs. Wendy Williams clipped in with three runs batted in, and Davis contributed a two run double. Candy Brown had a pair of singles.

Coach Gold was more than satisfied with his team's performance.

"I was quite happy. Most of the players played well. We got lots of offence and good solid defence."



Rob Parcells blasts away at an incoming pitch from the East Gwillimbury pitcher during the Stouffville Midgets' game this week. Great hitting and superb pitching sent the Gwillimbury club packing with only one run to their credit.



Tim Lavell, Cam Fella Boulevard, takes his best leap during the Orchard Park Senior Track and Field Day. The 13-year-old, Grade 8 student jumped 1.3 metres at Friday's meet, earning him first place honors. — Chris Garbutt