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Town's athletes honored by official ceremony

By BRUCE STAPLEY
Whitchurch-Stouffville's top achieving athletes were officially recognized and honored by the town at a ceremony Thursday.

It was held at the Recreation Centre. The event, sponsored by the Recreation Department, and hosted by Mayor Fran Sainsbury, and members of Council included medal presentations to young people who have distinguished themselves at the provincial level of competition and beyond.

In a special ceremony, Mayor Sainsbury presented Keith Acton of the Stanley Cup Champion Edmonton Oilers with a medal from the town.

Recipients

Other medal recipients follow:
Tracey Garbutt, Manitoba Street, Stouffville, the winner of three gold medals at the Ontario Special Olympics in June 1987.
Ginny, Margie and Martha Gayford, R.R. 1, Stouffville,

winner of awards in equestrian competitions at provincial, national and international levels.

Bryan Emery, R.R. 4, Stouffville, first in mixed synchronized trampoline championships (Provincial) at Woodstock, May 1988.

Tracey Emery, R.R. 4, Stouffville, competed in the Elite Ontario Senior Gymnastics at Sudbury, was one of four team representing Metro East who placed first.

Cathy Gordon, R.R. 2, Stouffville, Ontario, qualified in Judo Championships at Durham College, placed first in the bikini division.

Marlene Streit, R.R. 1, Stouffville, Canadian Senior Ladies Golf Championship.

Steven Sheffield, R.R. 1, Cedar Valley, placed first in Canadian Judo Championships, 1987, in the under 65 kilo division.

Atoms hailed

Members of the Stouffville Atom Clippers, Ontario Champions in the 'BB' Division

Don Reesor, coach; Mike Jones, assistant coach; Bob McKinnon, trainer; Florie Brand, manager; and players David Mocantoy, Jason Reesor, Sian Morrison, Ryan Jefferson, Philip Pridham, Geoff Smith, Ryan Burkholder, Brian Coughlan, Colter, Garcone, Chad Dickinson, Jason Davis, John McKinnon, Lindsey Haylow, Greg Sanford, Brent Avera and Roger McMillan.

Twice yearly

The ceremony is planned for twice each year.

The idea was initiated by Marlene McKee, Wetheral, Director of Recreation. "We've always had some outstanding athletes in our town," Marlene said, "but aside from a letter of congratulations from our mayor, they received no official recognition."

All this, thanks to Marlene and the co-operation of town council has changed.

The ceremony was attended by about fifty family members and friends.



Heavy medal

Geoff Smith proudly displays the medal he earned from the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville sports awards ceremony this week. Geoff and other members of the Stouffville Atom Clippers were given the town awards for winning the Ontario 'BB' championships this winter. Members

from many sporting activities were also honored at the ceremony, headed up by Mayor Fran Sainsbury. The community will award its top athletes with similar medals twice a year, it was announced.

—Jim Thomas

Betz narrowly edged by Greenbank

By BRUCE STAPLEY
The Betz Pools men's fastball team was edged 2-1 Wednesday by the Greenbank Gamblers in a classic contest at Stouffville Park.

The game was a matchup of two of the finest pitchers in the Oshawa and District league. Greenbank's overpowering righthander Wayne Wells hung on to best John Annis, the crafty veteran of the Betz staff.

Wells was brilliant, allowing only one hit. He struck out 10, walked five, increased his record to 4-0, and helped his team continue their great season, unbeaten in eight games.

Annis was rocked for both Greenbank runs early in the game as the first two Gamblers hit him hard. George Redshaw belted a two-run dinger to cash leadoff batter Terry Till, who had doubled.

But from then on, Annis was nearly flawless, scattering three harmless singles, and striking out eight, including five of the last six he faced. He didn't walk a man. Annis had the Greenbank batters off guard all night long with his assortment of speeds, location and a nasty curve ball.

The Betz squad, while unable to make any real contact with Wells' offerings, was almost able to transform walks and errors into a win.

They loaded the bases in the second inning on a walk to Steve Brooks, an error allowing second baseman Mark Fockler to get on base and another walk to Gary Grant. But Wells bore down and struck out George to put out the fire.

Betz finally did break through in the fifth, when once again Wells' lack of control almost did him in. Grant and Burkholder were both issued free passes and catcher Doug McMillan finally solved Wells with a base hit to left which brought in Grant. But again Wells came up with the big strikeout, getting Randy Grant to strand the tying run on third. Annis then went on to strike out the side in the seventh, setting the stage for a possible comeback. The hometown fans were on the edge of their seats.

Gary Grant reached first on an error and then stole second. With

none out, Betz manager elected to have Jim Chilvers pinch hit for Burkholder.

After running the count to one ball and two strikes, Chilvers ripped a smash to the left side that had RBI written all over it.

But Greenbank shortstop Rod Real managed to get a glove on it, and doubled off Grant at second base, ending the threat and securing the 2-1 victory.

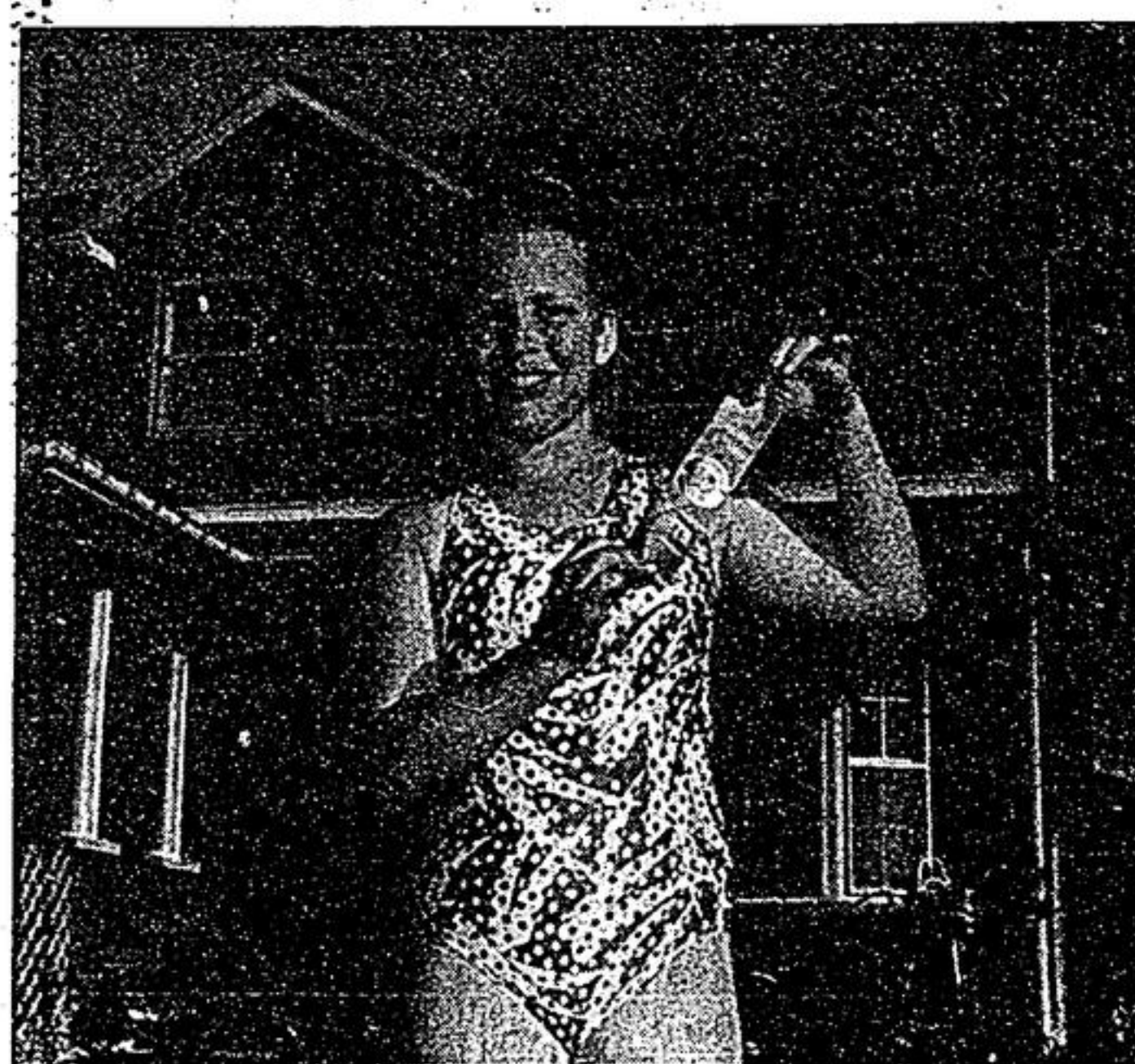
"If the shortstop doesn't make that play, it's a double with the winning run on second with none out," lamented Emery after the match. "That was the ball game."

Emery was pleased, however, with the intensity shown by his club.

"This is the beginning of the build," he said. "We're going to start to focus on intensity now."

The Betz team had defeated Oshawa ACL 1-0 the night before in Oshawa. It was a game that saw Betz ace pitcher Chilvers beat his brother Dave in a pitcher's duel. Chilvers scored the only run in that contest on a fielder's choice by Mark Fockler.

Betz now has a record of six wins and three losses. They are attempting to repeat as league champions.



Allison Goldie, 9, is making a splash with the Markham Synchro Club. The Stouffville resident poses with one of her recent awards in front of her Bramble Cres. home.

—Jim Thomas

Allison is competing with top swimmers

Nine-year-old Allison Goldie, 41 Bramble Crescent, Stouffville, is an up-and-coming member of the synchronized swim team at Markham.

Although a swimmer since age five, it's her first year with the synchronized girls.

In recent competition held at Trent University, Peterborough, Markham captured the championship cup.

Allison comes by her ability honestly. Sister, Caroline, 14, was skilled at the sport as well.

Caroline has set this recreation aside temporarily to concentrate on her studies. She's a Grade 9 student at SDSS.

David and Jean Goldie and family moved from Agincourt to Stouffville one year ago. They love it here, but would enjoy it even more if the town had an indoor pool.

Allison, a student in Grade 4 at Orchard Park, admits swimming's her favorite sport. Training sessions take her to the pool three times a week.



Scott Evans, at right, and Chris Burkholder were the dominant force behind the Stouffville Midgets' victory this past week. Scott Evans made a triumphant return to the mound after being sidelined with a minor injury for a week.

Stouffville Midgets up record with 4-1 victory

By BRUCE STAPLEY
The Stouffville Canadian Tire Midgets combined excellent pitching with timely hitting to dump Pickering 4-1 in rep ball action Thursday night.

Scott Evans, returning after being sidelined for several games with a hip ailment, gave up only three singles while striking out 14 en route to the victory.

Evans and second baseman Rich Burkholder led the way offensively, each rapping two doubles. Evans had two runs batted in, while Burkholder scored a pair. Jason Yoshida had two singles to round out the Stouffville attack.

Stouffville jumped on Pickering starter Kevin Watson for two quick runs in the first inning, with the big blow being Evans' enormous drive to right, which bounced over the fence 290 feet form home plate for a ground rule double.

The blast scored Chris Burkholder and Evans later scored on an error.

Pickering mustered their only serious assault in their half of the opening inning, putting together two singles and a hit batter for their only run.

The Canadian Tire Midgets added another marker in the third

when Rich Burkholder doubled and was driven home by Evans' second double, identical to his first one. Both would have been home runs in any other park, as they sailed over the rightfielder's head.

Burkholder's second double of the contest resulted in Stouffville's final run in the top of the seventh, as he slid home under the Pickering catcher's tag following a groundout by Evans.

Evans got stronger through the game, retiring the last 11 batters. The only Pickering base-runner, who reached via a bunt, was nailed at third on a sacrifice bunt attempt that became a double play.

The play was a defensive gem in which Stouffville third baseman Rob Parcels fielded the bunt and fired to Jamie Showers at first base to gun down the batter. Parcels immediately scampered back to his base to receive Showers' return throw and tag out the oncoming runner.

Parcels also made an excellent catch on a foul ball in the fourth, pouncing on it just before it dropped beside the screen near home plate.

Stouffville's Chris Burkholder took one to the head when a ball was hit his way while he was running to second.



Big Winners

Chris Topping was the winner of the Boys' Field award and was given the John Turner Memorial trophy to commemorate his athletic feats recently. Chris received the award at the Stouffville District Secondary School Athletic Banquet. Anne Beecher and Rich Burkholder were also winners at the awards ceremony. The 15-year-olds were given the Most Outstanding Athlete awards in the Junior category. Rich is in Grade 10, while Ann is just beginning her athletic career in Grade 9.