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Betz Pools pick up after slump by blasting Port Perry Eagles

By BRUCE STAPLEY

Last week's hot weather seems to have been just the tonic needed by the Betz Men's Fastball team to pick them up from a slump.

Led by the three-hit pitching of ace Jimmy Chilvers, the Betz boys defeated the Port Perry Eagles 5-2 Wednesday at the Town Park.

Steve Brooks led an 11-hit attack with a double and a home run, driving in two. Randy Grant contributed two singles and scored twice, while Chilvers added a double and a single to help his own cause.

Betz started fast, counting twice in the first inning, and it all happened with two out.

Chilvers banged a double up the middle, and big first baseman Gary Vaughan seemed to have connected for a round-tripper. But he fell hard between first and second base, the victim of a soft spot on the basepath.

Unsettled by the spill, he was unable to continue his home-run stride, and was forced to settle for an RBI double.

Brooks then sent Vaughan the rest of the way with a double of his own.

Betz added a third marker in the second inning off Port Perry starter Lawrie Williams when Mark Fockler cashed in Randy Grant with a single.

Port Perry touched Chilvers for a run in the third, but Betz counted two more in the fourth to give Chilvers the margin he needed.

Brooks led off the inning with a resounding home run blast to right centre. Grant's second

single was followed by a double from George Burkholder, which sent Grant home. Port Perry added one in the seventh.

Chilvers was strong all night. He struck out six Port Perry batters and didn't allow a walk, although he hit one batter. His

riseball had the opposition popping up frequently, and he also induced many groundouts.

Betz coach Bryan Emery attributed his team's showing to the tournament they played the previous weekend.

"You could see the difference,"

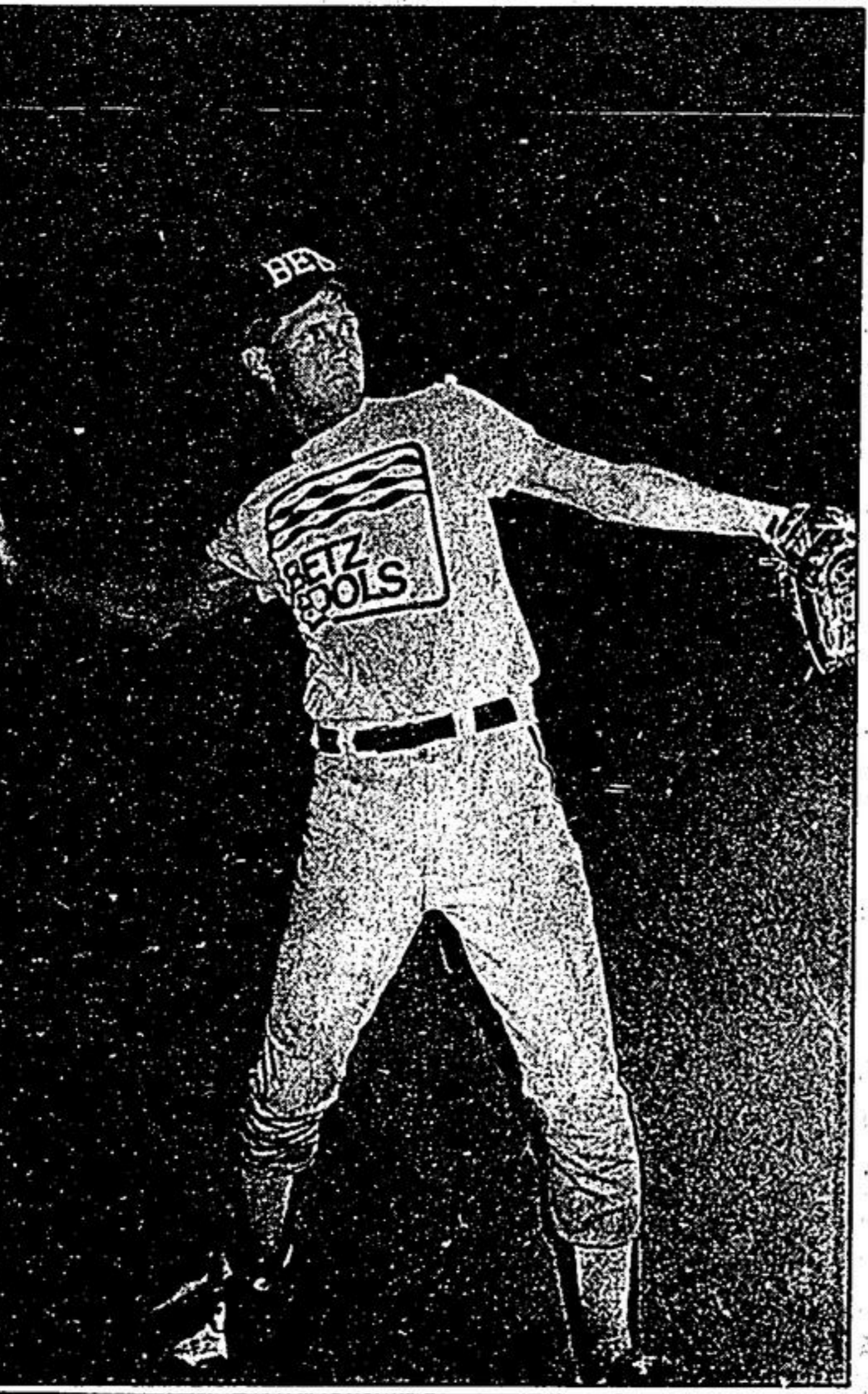
he said. "We played five games in Buffalo against good teams, and it gave us the feel of top level ball."

Betz ended up fifth out of 20 teams in the American tournament, winning three of their games.



Steve Brooks, above, had a home run, two RBIs and a double in Betz Pools 5-2 win over Port Perry. Jimmy Chilvers, below, threw a three hitter in the contest.

—Chris Garbutt



Selects take consolation

A Mites Select team won the consolation final at a house league tournament Sunday in East Gwillimbury. In a see-saw battle, Stouffville beat a strong Bramalea squad 11-9 to take the consolation.

The Mites had lost their first game to Innisfil 10-4. But they had a big inning in their second game to clobber East Gwillimbury 11-3.

Squirt and Pee-wee teams were also entered in the tournament, both of them losing in the final of the consolation round. All three Select teams fared well despite the short notice with which they were put together.

Members of the winning Mite Select team were Jason Brown, Greg Crozier, Scott Eyre, Cory Goertzen, Bobby Lewis, Jason McClure, Adam Rochat, Mitch Summit, Roush, Anston, Tanner, Shaun Tran, Kris VanKoughnet, Jason Wood and Billy Wray. Team coaches were Louis Brown, Ken Wood and Jack VanKoughnet.

Stingers swarm on Bradford

By BRUCE STAPLEY

The Stouffville Stingers continue to swarm all over their rivals.

The softball team clobbered Bradford 14-6 at the Town Park Thursday night, and the way the ladies have been playing lately, they appear to be in the mood to take no prisoners.

Since a Fockler spearheaded the Stingers' 15-hit assault Thursday, her grand slam home run highlighted a six-run Stouffville second inning.

She struck again in the third, slamming a two-run shot that sent her team ahead 9-2. She added a single later on, and ended up with six runs batted in and three runs scored on the night.

Bradford added a pair of runs in the fifth to make it 9-4, but the Stingers stung back in the sixth.

Pitcher Denise Davies tripled in two runners to start a five-run explosion.

Davies scored three runs in the game, with Cathy Carr and Allison Ashton chipping in with two each. Diana Buchanan had three RBIs.

Davies was effective, pitching the whole game and striking out five.

The Stingers extended their winning streak to four games with the lopsided victory.



Scott Assinck provided the spark that led his Mite team to victory this week. The youngster hit a bases-loaded triple, two home runs and scored seven base-runners. He crossed the plate four times himself to cap the Stouffville offensive unit's fine performance.

Scott Assinck belts triple to lead Mites

By BRUCE STAPLEY

The Stouffville Mites continued to batter opposition pitching Wednesday, hammering Aurora 22-8 at the Town Park.

The Junior Buttermakers took control in the second inning, with Tim Smart's bases-loaded single keying an eight-run outburst.

But that was just a warmup for what followed in the third, when Scott Assinck's bases-loaded triple and Adam Crowder's double led the way to an 11-run explosion.

Assinck went on to homer in the fifth and final inning, capping a performance that saw him drive in seven runs, while scoring four times himself. He also contributed six putouts from his first base position.

And while the Stouffville squad was flexing their muscles offensively, there were several dazzling plays in the field as well.

Centrefielder Mike Brett retrieved a hard-hit ball off the bat of Aurora's Keven Tatum, relayed it to Smart at second base, who then fired a strike to catcher Evan Boyd, nailing the Aurora player at the plate.

The win was the fourth in a row for Stouffville, continuing the momentum the club has maintained since their big tournament victory in Kingston last month.

After losing their first four games of the season, coach Dave Boyd has watched his team climb steadily up.

"Even when we were losing, I was saying that these kids wanted to play ball," the coach said after Wednesday's game. "They didn't give up on themselves."

"It started down in Kingston. They're aggressive now," he added. "They are swinging the bats. Just watch out, we're coming."

came to third on Eilert Fraser's single.

Keith Piette grounded to short, and the shortstop elected to throw home. But McCool's slide beat the tag. The catcher tried to nail Piette as he tried to steal second on the play, but Piette was safe. Fraser rounded third on the throw, but was nailed at the plate.

Piette, who came to third on a wild pitch, went home on Danny McNeil's sacrifice fly.

Stouffville Bantams have their revenge

By CHRIS GARBUTT

This one had to feel good.

Wednesday, the Stouffville Bantam softball team took an 8-5 decision from Unionville.

The win must have been particularly satisfying, because the Bantams had been clobbered by the Unionville squad earlier in the season.

But this time it was Stouffville's turn.

Stouffville's Mike Pongraz pitched the entire game. He had some shaky spots, but was able to pitch out of a jam when it counted. Pongraz also contributed offensively with a double and a single.

Bill Pride was superb on defence, and smashed a towering two-run homer to left centre in the fourth inning.

Stouffville was behind early as the opposition racked up two quick runs in the first inning.

But in the bottom of the second, the Unionville pitcher began to have control problems. With one out, Pongraz singled and went to second when Mike McCool walked. Eilert Fraser's single loaded the bases, and Keith Piette walked to bring in Pongraz. Another walk was issued to Dan Lehman, and McCool crossed the plate.

Stouffville took the lead in the third when Basil Luciano walked and came home on Pongraz's double.

But Unionville came back with a three-run blast off Pongraz in the fourth.

Stouffville answered that with three of their own, as Pride's homer cashed in Todd Balazs, who had walked, and Scott McKinley led a home run when his liner to left eluded the Unionville centrefielder.



Better safe than sorry. That's what Basil Luciano thought as he slid for home to give the Stouffville Bantams another run. He was playing it safe, even though the ball was still in the outfield. Luciano came home on a Mike Pongraz double to give Stouffville a 3-2 lead. The club went on to win 7-5.

—Chris Garbutt

Mighty Mites play good host

The Stouffville Credit Union Mighty Mite girls were more than good hosts for their eight-team tournament in the park on the weekend.

The Mites were so hospitable they lost their first two games in the last inning — one to Aurora and the other to North Bay.

They did, however, redeem themselves in their final game, the Mighty Mites took a 2-10 decision from Port Colborne, who went on to place second.

Krista Dudley, Linda Union and Stephanie Watson had home runs to lead the attack.

The tournament winner was a strong team from Brampton, who went through the tournament undefeated. Unionville captured third place with a convincing win over North Bay.

Tournament tickets still available

The Kidney Foundation of Canada will be the main recipient of the proceeds raised by the upcoming CPGA Championship this month, but local residents will benefit by some of the best golf action around.

This year, Stouffville will be visited by some of the top golfers in the country, including Dave Barr, Jerry Anderson, Richard Zokol, Jim Nelford and Dan Halldorson.

The Emerald Hills Golf and Country Club plays host to the golfers, and an army of media personnel, as the CPGA title goes up for grabs for the 76th time. Practice rounds will be played Tuesday, July 26 and 27 followed by three consecutive rounds. On July 31, the final round will be played, followed by an awards ceremony.

Founded in 1912, the CPGA is the fifth oldest national championship for professionals in the world.

Tickets for the week-long event can be purchased at the Emerald Hills pro shop, or by phoning 888-1100. Daily tickets for the gallery on July 28 and 29 are \$8, while weekend tickets are priced daily at \$10 or for both days at \$15. A ticket for the week is \$20, and executive packages are available at \$150.