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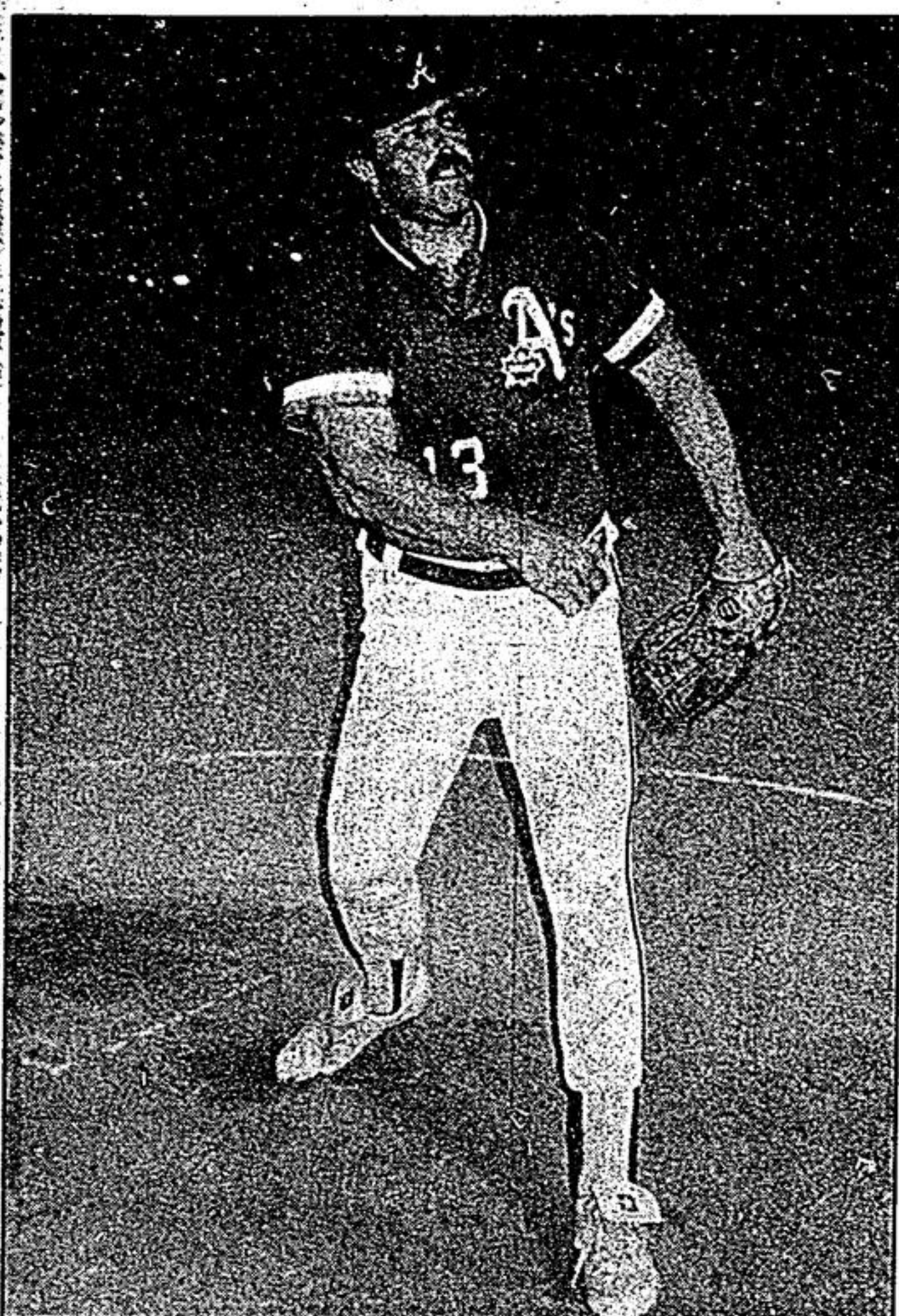
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Betz get more than they bargained for from visiting Scarborough Ambassadors



Jim Calgary of the Scarborough Ambassadors made short work of Stouffville's Betz Pools entry this past week. Calgary is one of the top pitchers in Canada, and his repertoire of fastball pitches stumped the Betz batters all night.

By BRUCE STAPLEY

Betz Pools fastball team manager Bryan Emery got more than he bargained for when he wanted his troops to have exposure to a top-level ball club.

The visiting Scarborough Ambassadors downed his squad 7-3 in a challenge match at the park Wednesday.

The Ambassadors, with four players bound for the Canadian National Team for the World Softball Championships in Saskatoon, unleashed an 11-hit attack. Combined with some shoddy Betz fielding, the Ambassadors' onslaught had Emery's club running for cover.

The Ambassadors were led by pitching sensation Jim Calgary, who played for the Canadian

champion Rempil Brothers (Saskatoon) fastball club last year, as well as the Canadian team that won the gold medal at the Pan American Games four years ago. He has also been on three Ontario championship teams.

Calgary displayed tremendous speed against the Betz squad, spotting the ball effectively and keeping hitters off guard with his changeup.

He shut down the Betz offence entirely for the first five innings before the home team found their hitting groove.

In the sixth, Brad Vaughan became the first Betz batter to make solid contact with a Calgary offering, driving a dou-

ble. Gary Vaughan and Steve Brooks followed with singles, breaking the shutout.

Jim Chilvers socked a single to right to score another run and Bruce Beare finished off the uprising with a base hit up the middle that cashed in a third.

But Calgary bore down in the seventh and final frame, striking out the side to ensure the victory in the exhibition game. Betz ended up with seven hits — a credible effort against Calgary.

Emery, who is pulling out all the stops to get his team up for the upcoming playoffs, was pleased for the chance to square off with the Ambassadors, but felt his boys could have performed better.

"You can't make the fun-

damental errors against a top-level team that we did several times tonight," he said.

Ambassadors manager John MacDonald explained that his organization has set out on a three-year program they hope will lead them to the Canadian Fastball Championship and perhaps the International Softball Congress Championships.

"We want to bring back fastball as a major game to the Southern Ontario area," he said.

MacDonald and his coach Bob Simms both were members of the 1971 Richmond Hill Dynes fastball team that won the world fastball championships.

Betz plays at home tonight in regular season action against Port Perry at 8:30.

Stingers zap Zephyr Kellies twice

By BRUCE STAPLEY

The Stouffville Stingers tightened their hold on first place with a twin sting of the Zephyr Kellies last week.

Winning 16-13 on the road Tuesday, they seemed unbeatable as they went on to take a 9-7 victory at home Wednesday.

And while the first game was a ragged affair, the follow-up was a classic tussle.

Sheila Fockler, the diminutive shortstop with the great range, led the way with her bat and her glove. She led off the first inning with a home run, then contributed an infield single in a big fourth inning outburst.

But the play of the game came in the sixth, when with a runner on first, the Zephyr batter hit a sharp grounder that deflected off pitcher Denise Davies' glove. Fockler reacted instantly, changing her direction, racing over to snag the ball.

She stepped on second and fired a perfect strike to Allison Lowery at first to complete the double play.

She also threw out a Zephyr hitter in the fifth inning with a throw that had Tony Fernandez written all over it.

The Stingers took a 2-0 lead in the first. Zephyr scored a run in the second, then hit for three in the fourth to take a 4-2 lead.

But doing what they do so well, the Stingers came from behind with their fourth-inning explo-



Stingers first baseman Allison Lowery takes a quick throw from Denise Davies in last week's ball in the area. This Zephyr runner was out at the game against Zephyr. The Stingers topped their bag.

sion. Lisa Blanchard was the instigator, with a base hit to lead off the frame.

Diana Buchanan socked an RBI double, then singles by Sheila Fockler and Tracy Park loaded the bases. Catcher Debbie Gold then punched a two-run single.

The hit knocked out pitcher Jackie Dempster, whose replacement Marlene Kiddle was quick-

ly solved by the Stingers. Allison Lowery walked, Wendy Williams singled and Denise Davies walked finished off what she had started with a two-run single.

The Tuesday contest was error-filled, and the Stingers watched a 9-1 lead turn into a 12-10 deficit in two innings.

Trailing 13-12 going into the final frame, the Stouffville squad put together singles by Allison

Ashton, Sheila Fockler, Debbie Gold, Wendy Williams and Denise Davies to win it.

Williams was the offensive star, going 4-for-4 with four runs batted in.

The pitching assignment was shared by Denise Davies and Candy Brown.

The Stingers are at home Thursday. Game time is 8:30.

Five soccer teens head for Europe

By BRUCE STAPLEY

Five Stouffville teens left for Europe Tuesday in what promises to be a soccer holiday worth remembering.

The five belong to the Stouffville Richmond Hill Panthers of the National Soccer League. Their coach, Alfonso Rubbins, has put together a three-country tour that will see the under-16 year old level team play in two international tournaments.

Rubbins, a resident of Ballantrae, has been working on the junket for almost four years. The charter president and founder of the Whitechurch Stouffville Soccer Club will be accompanied by his 22-year-old son Erik, a veteran of several such trips, as well as the 15 members of the Panthers' soccer team.

The five Stouffville residents are Travis White, Giles Francis, Frank Nardi, Aaron Sluga and Guy Bladi.

The contingent was to fly to Amsterdam, where it was to be met by contacts from Bochum, West Germany. The team will then go to Bochum, where they will be put up in German homes in the same way that members of a Bochum soccer team were hosted by Stouffville residents seven years ago.

The Panthers will play an exhibition game against a team from the West German city on July 29. They will then travel by bus to Aalborg, Denmark, for a Danish tournament involving teams from 10 to 15 European countries.

Then it is on to Holland for a week, where they will compete against teams from 21 countries for the Haarlem Cup, one of the largest tournaments in Europe.

The trip, which will last 20 days in all, has been fully funded by the players themselves, reports Rubbins.

Bob Gold's team having memorable year



FROM WHERE I LIVE
Bruce Stapley

Bob Gold insists it's not the rough treatment at the hands of his charges that leads to his alternating years as coach of the Stouffville Stingers ladies softball team.

It's simply a matter of time limitations. There are only so many hours to go around in any person's life.

But you can't help get the impression Bob is glad he's at the helm this season. Long time Stingers manager Ted Lowery is smiling a little more these days as well.

For the summer of '88 is fast becoming a campaign to remember for the 'girls of summer', Stouffville chapter. After a ho-hum beginning that is so common to teams which end up running away with all the marbles, the Stingers have proceeded to sting their opponents with near-predictable regularity.

Any reservations one may have about women's baseball as an attraction quickly vanish with one look at this outfit. Not only do they hit, pitch, and field with authority, but they are entertaining as well.

The girls are serious, yes, but not obsessed. There is something delightful about Allison Lowery or a Debbie Gold hauling down a pop up or nabbing an off target throw.

Or seeing the athletic Denise Davies throw ten consecutive strikes to dispose of the first three batters of the game at a Thursday night home date.

And you just end up shaking your head in amazement when tiny Sheila Fockler muscled a fastball into the gap at left centre for a home run, then follows it up by turning a textbook double play from her shortstop position.

The Stingers are having one of those seasons where the clutch hit is almost as predictable as the July heat. Allison Lowery capped off a monster week at the plate recently by blasting a two out, final inning home run to send the Stingers on their way to victory in a tournament at Bradford.

Debbie Gold, Cathy Carr, and Alison Ashton are hitting the ball far and often, and Candy Brown pitches, or patrols the outfield, with style and grace, while also contributing with her bat.

Sure, they may be a little short of the standard they set when they won the provincial women's title back in 1985. The past weekend saw them lose two out of three in the P.W. tournament in Arnprior. But Coach Gold was pleased with their effort, claiming they were beat by a super team.

The Stingers are, however, odds on favourites to repeat as South Lake Simcoe Ladies League champs this season. If they do, they may well be the only championship team produced by Stouffville this year.

So we'll see you at the Town Park this Thursday night so you can check out this crew for yourself. Diamond Two at 8:30. I promise you won't be disappointed.

Hockey school set for August

Highland Hockey School will have two sessions in August. Students from all over York Region will take part in training beginning August 15.

For more information, call 841-4092.

Program line-up under review

The Whitechurch-Stouffville Recreation Department is reviewing and preparing its program lineup for the fall and winter sessions.

The Department welcomes ideas, suggestions and input towards programs for the Whitechurch-Stouffville community.

Please submit your ideas in writing to the Recreation Office, Ninth Line North, by July 31.

Gormley tops Stouffville Missionary 7-2 in Christian Men's Fastball action, Friday

By BRUCE STAPLEY

Mens Fastball League play.

Spurred on by the pitching tandem of Paul Boynton and Steve Sayers, the Gormley Missionary Church men's softball team handled their Stouffville Missionary Church cousins 7-2 at Victoria Square Friday night in Whitechurch-Stouffville. Christian

Sayers, who alternated innings pitched with Boynton, swung a hot bat as well. He had RBI singles in both the first and fifth innings, and his two run homer in the third proved to be the game winning blow.

The Gormley pitching pair combined for 11 strikeouts in the

six inning contest, yielding only three hits.

Stouffville jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the first on a lead off triple by Lorne Michell and a ground out by Gerry Lewis.

But after that, it was all Gormley, as Sayers and Co. found their batting shoes. They

scored one in each of the first two innings, adding two in the third, and another pair in the fifth. They closed out their run production with a single in the sixth, just before the game was called on account of darkness.

They might have added a few more runs in the fourth frame, were it not for a spectacular over the shoulder catch by Stouffville second baseman Norm Wideman. Wideman ran into centre field to haul down a short pop fly off the bat of Gormley's Corey Yake, then fired to first base man Keith Lewis to double off the Gormley base runner.

Stouffville mounted one last offensive thrust in their sixth, with Darren McCool banging a double, and scoring on a Keith Lewis single.

Keith Lewis started in the pitching position for Stouffville, but had to hand the ball over to his brother Gerry in the second. A calf muscle pull sustained several weeks ago was causing him considerable discomfort.

Gerry, who had trouble locating the plate at times, still managed to strike out five Gormley batters.

The Gormley squad upped their record to 7-3-2 with the victory while Stouffville's record fell to 8-6-1.



Steve Sayers of the Gormley Missionary Church Missionary Church player Steve Buck awaits the team steals third base during Friday night's match throw at third.