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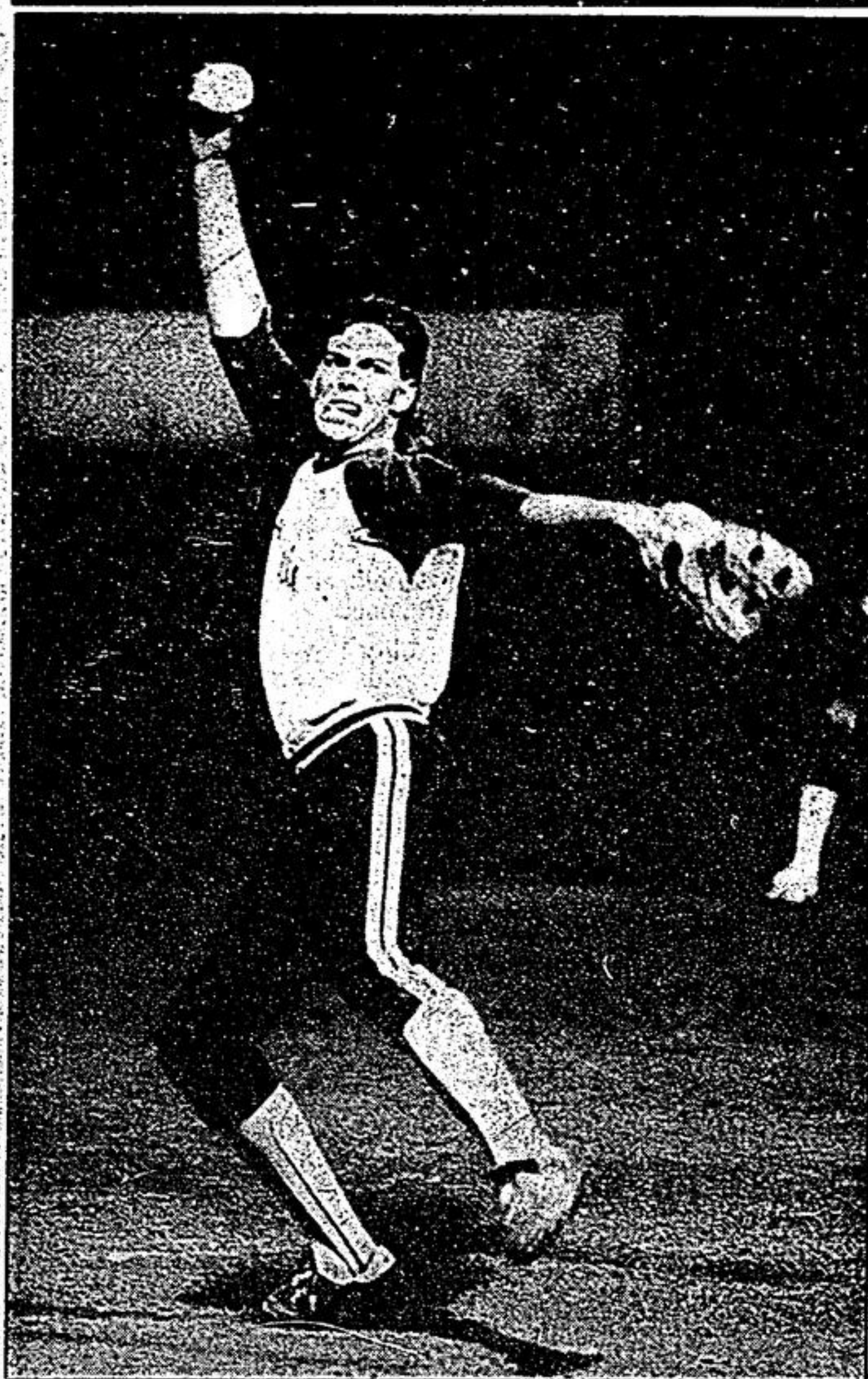
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Highballin' -



In preparation for the Ontario Midget Finals, Stouffville was pitted against their old rivals from Markham. Here, Scott Evans uses a little tongue-in-cheek body language to hurl one past the Markham batter. The game was played in Stouffville on the last week.

Vandorf Juniors clammer for Ontario softball crown

By BRUCE STAPLEY
The Whitchurch-Stouffville Vandorf Juniors captured the All Ontario Junior 'A' Softball Championship in Oshawa Sunday.

Battling the elements, stiff competition and the fatigue brought on by playing four games in one day, they did it the hard way.

The club came up against Sarnia in the finals of the two-day competition, the only team that managed to beat them all weekend. And because of Sarnia's perfect record up to that point, Vandorf had to beat them twice to take the crown.

They proved equal to the task, handling the Lambton Region club 6-1 in the first game, then hanging on to take the second game 6-4.

The Vandorf squad, who had qualified for the eight-team tournament by beating Barrie and Scarborough in provincial

playdowns, got off to a flying start Saturday, shutting out Peterborough 9-0 behind the three-hit pitching of Darren Madeley, then riding Kirk Tomlinson's three-hitter to a 6-0 whitewash of St. Catharines, who had won the provincial title for the past three years.

But they found themselves in a big hole Sunday morning when Sarnia edged them 4-3 in extra innings.

Vandorf started their uphill climb with an exciting 3-2 win over Oshawa in which Madeley surrendered only four hits.

Then it was on to the finals. Madeley came up big once again in game one, holding the opposition to a run while Tomlinson led the Vandorf attack with three hits and two runs batted in. Greg Helm chipped in with a home run as well.

Vandorf survived a bases-loaded with one out situation in

the first inning of the second game, as Tomlinson bore down to retire Sarnia before they could count a run.

They scored one of their own in the bottom of the inning, when Greg Fallis, who had tripled, caught Sarnia unaware and snuck home with the game's first run.

Sarnia tied it in the second, but Vandorf made it 2-1 when Helm drove home Tomlinson with a single.

After Sarnia knotted the game at two in the third, Vandorf took the lead for good on a Madeley double that cashed in Fallis, who had singled.

Mike Roberts' two-run double in the fourth proved the winner, with Stouffville's Sean McQuigge providing extra insurance with a solo homer in the sixth.

Sarnia made it close with two runs in the top of the seventh and

final frame, but Madeley was brought in to quell the uprising, guaranteeing Vandorf the title.

Vandorf manager Carl Myers felt the events of the first inning were critical to the eventual outcome of the game.

"We shut them down in the first inning when they loaded the bases with one out," he recalled. "Then when Fallis stole home to give us our first run in the bottom of the inning, it gave us a break."

Myers said fatigue and playing in rain earlier in the day had left his team slightly rankled.

"It was our fourth game of the day," he said of the 6-4 final over Sarnia. "What with the rain in the morning, the boys were getting a bit cranky."

The Juniors now go on to finish out their season in the Aurora Men's League, where they are sitting in second place.

Stouffville Stingers remain undefeated

By CHRIS GARBUTT

The Stouffville Stingers are just a win away from a berth in the final of the South Lake Simcoe Ladies Softball League.

With a decisive 23-6 thrashing of Mount Albert Thursday, the Stingers are undefeated in post-season play.

The league was divided into two divisions for the playoffs, and the winner in each plays for the championship. Each of the three teams plays the other two teams twice.

Stouffville has been grouped with Mount Albert and Uxbridge. Last week, they beat Mount Albert 12-8 and Uxbridge 4-2, and Thursday's win ensures at least a tie for first in their division.

The deciding game is tonight (Wednesday) in Uxbridge. The Stingers were all over Mount Albert Thursday. As the score would indicate, the bats were crackling left, right and centre.

Tracy Parks led the attack with a home run, a triple and four runs scored. Cathy Carr added a triple, scored five times and batted in five. Debbie Gold doubled, singled twice and collected four RBIs. Candy Brown scored five runs.

Sheila Fockler pitched the entire game, and while she didn't strike out many, she continually forced Mount Albert batters to hit playable grounders.

Stouffville Mites settle for bronze

The Stouffville Credit Union Mighty Mites finished their season by taking third place in a league tournament held in Unionville last weekend.

The Mites opened play with a 21-13 loss to Newmarket as one bad error-filled inning gave their opponents the win. Heather Lee and Katie Waite each had three-run homers for Stouffville.

The Mites then beat Aurora 21-6 in a three-inning mercy game. Lindsay Upton was a power on offence with two homers and five RBIs. Katie White had a grand slam while Allison Crowder, Morgan Dubkaraski, Samantha Comilo,

Krista Dudley, Sarah Hurlie, Ron-da Davis, Melissa Miller, Stephanie Watson, Heather Lee, Kristi Ingram and Jamie Wagg either scored or batted in a run.

Thornhill was the next victim of the Mite attack as Stouffville doubled them up 16-8. Katie White pitched a strong game for the win, recording six strikeouts. Melissa Miller recorded 'the same.

Alison Crowder had a great game on offence with two triples and four RBIs. She also threw out four runners from her second base position. Lindsay Upton slammed her 3rd homer of the tourney while Heather Lee banged out four hits and three RBIs.

Stouffville met Newmarket again, with the losers taking home the bronze. In a see-saw affair, Newmarket triumphed 26-22. Kristi Ingram led the offence with four hits and four RBIs while Melissa Miller and Stephanie Watson had three hits each.

Earlier in the week, the Mighty Mites tied Thornhill 17-17 in their final league game. Down by seven runs in the last inning, the Stouffville girls fought back to score six times with two out. In a fitting finish for both teams, a Mite runner was called out at home on a very close play. Kristi Ingram was the batting star with a three-run homer in the exciting last inning.



From Claremont Tim Evans heads south on hockey scholarship

By BRUCE STAPLEY

Claremont's Tim Evans hopes to convert his disciplined approach to athletics and life into an opportunity to see the world and make a name for himself in professional sport.

The 19-year-old Pickering High School graduate left for the United States Aug. 20 on a hockey scholarship. He'll attend Kent State University in Ohio and play centre on the school's hockey team.

"I'll play hockey and get a degree at minimum cost. Had I stayed in Ontario and attended a university here, I would have ended spending up to \$30,000. This way I can also see much of the United States."

Tim's soft-spoken, articulate manner reflects his serious, disciplined approach to hockey and living.

Tim leaves for the rigors of college hockey following a banner year with the Pickering Panthers of the Metro Junior B League. He led the team with 27 total points and 35 goals in 28 games.

But he still has vivid recollections of his first year of organizing hockey.

"I played house league when I was six at the old Stouffville Arena at seven o'clock Saturday mornings," he recalls.

"That had to be the coldest arena in Canada."

Tim graduated through the ranks of the Novice level and continuing through Bantam.

He then played Midget in Uxbridge. Uxbridge has a bigger arena, Tim states. "And my game was speed."

Tim went on to play for the Uxbridge Junior C Bruins at the age of 15.

games, got some lessons and met a few pros," he remembers of the experience.

"There was on to the Panthers for three years of Junior B competition. Tim contributed to the club's success. They were finalists in the All-Metro championships his second year with the team."

It was while playing against St. Mike's that Tim was scouted by a representative from Kent State.

Tim travelled to Ohio in April, where the university made its offer.

"The scholarship will be worth about \$30,000 over the four years," Tim says.

The university is in the process of upgrading its hockey program, Tim claims. "They are in Division Two, but are hoping to move up to Division One."

Tim will enroll in the school's business administration program. He would like to do some day/enter the field of business management or accounting.

He hopes his hockey skills will provide him with a professional career, either in North America or Europe.

Tim has been training for his Kent experience to the point that he's concerned he may reach his peak too soon.

"I've been doing 45 minutes a day on the stationary bike and jogging, plus another 45 minutes on weight training," he says.

"If you hit your peak too early, though, you can sometimes fall off before the season starts."

He also played ball hockey through Bantam.

"That's great training. You're constantly running, stick handling and shooting. At Kent State, there's a vigorous three-week dry-land training program before the players get foot on ice."

"If I work hard, it should be good for me," he says.

"There'll be a lot of discipline involved with two-hour practices each day, along with my classes."

BRIEFLY

Betz to host

The Betz Pools Clippers Oldtimers will host the Opening Face-Off hockey tournament (Part 4) October 14-16.

Sixteen teams will participate, including the Betz Oldtimers and the Stouffville Classics.

A free dance will be held Saturday, Oct. 15 featuring hockey oldtimer Don Lloyd and his band Country Gold. The dance is open to the public.

League to start

A competitive basketball league begins play in mid-September.

The league is open to anyone in York Region, and will be played at Huron Heights Secondary School in Newmarket Thursdays.

Cost is \$65 plus \$20 for a team shirt. Organizers are hoping to have enough players to fill eight teams.

For information, call Nabil Tadros at 883-4704.

What a walker

Lee Cashman is a master. Competing in the North American Masters Games at York University Sunday, she took the gold medal in the 20k Race Walk.

The competition was open to women over 35. Lee is 46. Her time for the race was 2 hours, 7 minutes.

Lee, a resident of New York City, is the mother of Kitty Cashman of Hillsdale Drive, Musselman's Lake.

Bowling sign-up set for Sept. 10

Registration for the Youth Bowling League will take place Saturday, Sept. 10 from 9 a.m. to noon.

The registration fee is \$3 per child with weekly lineage either payable in advance or each week.

A photocopy of birth certificate is requested for registration.

There are three main divisions:

Bantams, 10-years-old and under, bowl Tues. afternoons or Saturday at 9 or 11 a.m. Juniors, 11-13, bowl Tues. afternoons or Saturday at 1 p.m. Seniors, 14-18, bowl Sunday at 2 p.m. Pee Wees are part of Bantams and are 8 and under.

All ages for registration are as of Dec. 31, 1988.

For more information, contact Eunice Flewell at 640-3224 or the Bowling Centre, 640-1471. Adult participation by scoring or coaching is always appreciated.

Stouffville blanked in OASA tourney

By CHRIS GARBUTT

It was the provincial tournament weekend for the Ontario Amateur Softball Association, and Whitchurch-Stouffville was represented in a total of five divisions.

While the Vandorf Juniors ran away with it all Sunday, the others weren't as successful.

MITES

The Junior Buttermakers won one of their three games in their 'A' tournament in Bramalea but were up against tough competition.

In their first game, they dumped Orleans 10-3, but they lost 4-1 to Unionville and 10-6 to Guelph.

Kevin Hackert and Sonny Acosta provided good pitching throughout the tournament for the Mites.

"We played probably as well as we could have," said Mites coach Dave Smart. "We're really a B team in an 'A' tournament. And our hitting could have been better."

But the Mites were strong on defence. Michael Brett had a great double play as he hauled down a fly and fired to second to get the runner.

The Mites also caught runners in rundowns twice. One between home and third saw catcher Evan Boyd and shortstop Tim Smart combine to get the out. Smart and Wally Crowder worked together to tag out another runner between second and third.

Boyd had a great throwing arm, as he foiled two steal attempts.

PEE WEES

The Living Lighting Pee Wees were the talk of the OASA 'B' tournament in Owen Sound, even though they lost both their games.

Stouffville lost a heartbreaker 10-7 to tournament finalist Simcoe in extra innings.

Down 3-1 after the first inning, the Pee Wees rallied for four in the top of the seventh to take a 5-4 lead, capped by a Tim Lavell two-run double.

But Simcoe came back to tie it, sending the game into extra innings.

The eighth was scoreless, and

Stouffville took a 7-5 lead in the ninth, thanks to a Kevin Nichols single.

Simcoe scored a run in the bottom of the inning, and it got tense, with the bases loaded, two out and two strikes on the Simcoe batter.

But the Simcoe hitter cracked a grand slam and finished off Stouffville.

After such a tough loss, the team found it hard to bounce back and lost 3-1 to host Owen Sound.

The pitching trio of Jody Infurnari, Tim Lavell and Derek Harrison had a strong weekend, and the rotation kept the opposition off balance most of the time.

BANTAMS

The Stouffville Bantams had a tough weekend in Simcoe as they lost 15-5 to Owen Sound and 9-7 to Grimsby.

"It was mostly mental errors," said team manager Gary Fraser. "All the teams were about the same ability. It just depended on who was up for the games."

The first game was close until the fourth inning. The Bantams even had the lead until the fourth, when the score was tied at five.

But then the roof fell in and Owen Sound scored ten consecutive runs to put the game away.

Against Grimsby, Stouffville allowed six runs in the top of the first, and had to battle back the whole game.

Bill Pride went 4-for-4 in the second game and Basil Luciano socked a home run.

"We would have one bad inning and that would seem to set the trend," Fraser said.

MIDGETS

The Midgets lost both their games in their tournament in Hagersville.

Their first game was tied until the sixth, when their Simcoe opponents knocked in two runs to take a 3-1 score.

Jamie Showers had a double and Scott Evans hit a long triple against Simcoe.

The hard-throwing Evans couldn't be there for the second game against Hagersville. The Midgets lost that one 6-3. Chris Winn singled and tripled.