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## Byron Baroneski ready to rattle opposition batters

By BRUCE STAPLEY

With two years of Midget-level softball and a provincial championship freshly tucked under his belt, Byron Baroneski is a sure bet to bolster the Whitchurch Stouffville Midget rep team this season.

The 18-year-old resident of the Vivian Sideroad will join Scott Evans to make up one of the most dynamic pitching combinations in Ontario.

Midget coach Howard Burkholder feels the addition of the flame-throwing Baroneski will make his team a legitimate contender for both the provincial championships and the Canadian Midget softball title.

Baroneski, who threw for Bradford last year, seems happy to be here.

"My teammates at Bradford were all moving up to Junior this year. So I decided to play for Stouffville, because I think we've got a chance to go to the All-Canadian finals."

The right-hander has been pitching since he was seven years old and is no stranger to provincial championships.

He pitched the East Gwillimbury team to the All-Canadian finals in 1981 and 1984, and helped them capture the Ontario title in 1982.

With Bradford, he was a provincial finalist in 1987, then helped his team win it all last season.

Baroneski uses the windmill style of pitching and describes his motion as "relaxed."

But there is nothing relaxing to the opposing hitters about his assortment of fastballs, rise balls, slow drops and knuckle change-ups.

While Baroneski was always the pitching ace for teams he played for in the past, he will share the spotlight with Evans this season.

And he says he looks forward to it.

"I think it will be great. I was the team's only pitcher the past few years and that can be rough in tournaments. It will be good to know there's someone else to share the load this year."

"I've known Scott a while now. We throw much the same style and speed."

Baroneski remembers several classic hurling duels with Evans. "Four years ago, we played Stouffville for the league finals. The game went 14 innings, with Scott pitching for Stouffville and myself for East Gwillimbury. We finally won it 1-0."

Baroneski will pitch against many of the same hitters he baffled last year, as the town's Midget team will compete at the Junior level this year and most of the Midget players he faced last year will have made the move up.

And as if his opponents don't have enough to worry about with his pitching, Baroneski admits he's fairly handy with the bat as well.

"I'm not a bad hitter. I don't have the power Scott (Evans) has, but I'm a contact hitter."

Add it all up and it spells sure trouble for the opponents of the town's Midget softball team in 1989.

### 'Outlook excellent'

## Great season expected for soccer

By BRUCE STAPLEY

Under the watchful eye of former English soccer bright-light Bob Tilley, the Whitchurch Stouffville Soccer Club will take to the pitch once again May 29.

And if registrations to date are any indication, it promises to be the league's best season in a long time.

"The outlook is excellent," says club president Tilley, a former goalkeeper with the Brighton Boys of the English under-16 league. "We budgeted for 150 players and that is exactly what we have got. We've had a phenomenal response."

Tilley says there were 100 applicants out for the first registration of the year, which is unheard of.

"All the under-eight-year-olds and the under-10s are back this year, plus some new players. That's got to say something about the things we did right last year."

While the players may be the same as last year, the executive is sporting a new look. Past-president and long-time soccer booster Casey Van Maris has moved on to become an executive member of the Ontario Soccer Association.

Martin Johannessen, whose Stouffville Royals all-star team disbanded after last season, is now sitting on the York Region Soccer Association board.

Tilley, the club's vice-president last season, will have Arden Sargent as his VP. Lee and Sue Kea are the registrars, Sandy Morreau is secretary, Darlene Harrison treasurer and Van Maris and Johannessen are executive members at large.

The club will operate strictly as a house league this season and will interlock with Uxbridge and Port Perry. There are six under-eight-year-old teams, four under-10s, two under-12s and one

under-14.

The under-eights will play mini-soccer once again, using half the field and playing seven a side, with smaller goals. "We've done this for several years now," says Tilley. "It's worked well."

With 60 players in the under-10 category, Tilley notes the club can start working on the formation of a highly competitive all-star team for the 1990 season.

"We're in a rebuilding season. We have a strong nucleus of younger players which will build itself into a great pool for a rep team, which we will pick in the fall and work with all winter indoors. They will then play in the Region of York Soccer League next year."

Tilley is hopeful the team will stick together for years and become a consistent quality team, as was the case with Johannessen's Royals.

Tilley says the club has all its

coaches in place for this year, but that there is still room for a few more players at every level.

And, as always, sportsmanship will be paramount. "We stress discipline," says Tilley. "If a kid swears on the field, he's disciplined. Chippiness is just not accepted. You win by merit, not by brute strength."

Tilley is hopeful the club can arrange a few tournaments for its players as the season progresses.

He said the club has developed a healthy level of parental support and that the players have always appreciated having their parents involved.

"The kids love to be patted on the back by their parents after a game. We feel parental involvement is critical to a player's development."

All games will be played on the three soccer pitches adjoining the Recreation Centre.

## Ballantrae club searches for new tennis members

The Ballantrae Tennis Club is launching an aggressive campaign for both members and volunteers to run the club which has been in existence for 10 years.

Eileen Gayton, who is on the current executive, explains: "We're looking for new blood to come out and help with the executive. A lot of us have been around since day one. We need new people."

At one time, she recalls, Ballantrae boasted a membership of 400, but they're finding it more difficult to attract people these days.

"It's dropped because of women going back to work. People are so busy and think they don't have time."

One of the benefits of membership, she says, is that members can use the courts whenever they like, while public use is restricted to certain hours.

The club guards against vandalism and foots part of the bill for court and equipment maintenance.

If the interest is there, says Eileen, the executive would like to offer round-robin matches and events such as barbecues, where people can socialize and get to know their neighbors.

"We play with teams from Aurora, Thornhill, Richmond Hill and Unionville," she says.

There are eight teams in the division.

The club also offers a "friendlies" team for those who take their tennis less seriously.

Club pro Terry Redvers is also associated with winter tennis in Newmarket and Timberlane Tennis Club in Aurora.

Official registration day was Saturday, April 15, but the club would welcome calls from those interested in joining.

Annual fees are \$20 for juniors, \$25 for seniors and \$60 for a family membership, which consists of a maximum of two adults and an unlimited number of children aged 17 and under.

For seniors aged 60 and up membership is free.

## Girls honored at annual hockey banquet



CLIFF DUNKELD  
...Mr. Hockey

They left their shin pads, hockey socks and skates at home Sunday night.

Instead, the girls wore skirts, blouses and dresses at the Whitchurch Stouffville Girls Hockey Banquet and Awards Night at Latham Hall.

The girls were honored for their achievements on the ice; sponsors were thanked for their support, and the tireless efforts of coaches and parents were acknowledged.

And for Cliff Dunkeld and Al Piette, patron saints of girls hockey in town, it was a farewell of sorts, as both announced they would not continue to sit on the association executive.

Dunkeld, the treasurer, whom Midget rep team manager Steve Upton introduced as "Mr. Hockey in Whitchurch Stouffville," promised he would always be there for support.

"I'll always be there to help you, even if I'm not involved and I'm watching from the sidelines."

President Al Piette, who, like Dunkeld, received a standing ovation when introduced, echoed Dunkeld's statement that he had been involved for the players' benefit.

"We're here so the girls can play hockey."

Awards were presented to players from the Atom house league, the town's Atom rep team, Midget house league and rep team, and the Senior 'D' Girls Non-Checking team that placed second in the All-Ontario finals in Mississauga April 15.

Leslie Donaldson was named Most Valuable Player for the Senior 'squad' with Jill Clarke and Linda Whiteside sharing the Most Sportsmanlike award.

Tawn Elliot was top scorer in Midget house league with 48 points, with Tanis Gornal receiving the runner-up prize with 41 points.

Top scorer in Atom house league was Laura Winterstein with 75 points.

Most Improved Player designations for Atom house league teams were Jennifer Mac-

Donl, Melissa Dawson, Michelle Norton and Stephanie Summerhill.

Most Sportsmanlike awards went to Danielle Clarkson, Laren Clarkson, Sheri Bearden, Cheryl Norton and Jenni Turner. Atom house league champions, George Ross Photo, were presented with medals and trophies, as were the consolation champions, MPH Earthmoving.

Three players who will be leaving the province were also

honored with large color photos of themselves. They were Nicole Bardell and Jennifer and Allison MacDonald.

In his appeal to the parents to come to the organization's annual meeting at the Silver Jubilee April 30 at 7 p.m., Piette stressed that it was up to the parents to pick up where he and Dunkeld have left off.

"We've got the thing rolling; it's up to you now to keep it going."



Photo: BRUCE STAPLEY

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Girls Hockey Association honored its best last weekend with a banquet and awards ceremony at Latham Hall. Three girls are leaving the province, and received pictures of themselves in Stouffville hockey gear as a keepsake. From left, are Nicole Bardell, Jennifer MacDonald, and Allison MacDonald. League president Al Piette, at rear, announced his retirement from the post. Long-time hockey supporter, Cliff Dunkeld is also stepping aside as treasurer.



## Super swimmer

Stouffville resident Angela White receives \$200 for the York County Hospital. The 12-year-old, who swam 200 lengths recently from Stouffville, approached the Rotary Club for sponsorship in her efforts to swim 200 lengths of the Newmarket Stingray's 25-metre pool.