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Midgets fall short at Mt. Albert tourney

By BRUCE STAPLEY
The Boyd's Sports Midget softball team held its own this weekend in a Junior tournament in Mt. Albert, losing the consolation final 1-0 to Uxbridge on a slip caused by wet outfield grass.

Leftfielder Rob Blundon lost his footing on the rain-soaked turf while picking up an infield throw that went behind shortstop Chris Burkholder, thus allowing the winning run to score in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Stouffville outthrew Uxbridge in the contest, and were buoyed by the stellar pitching of Byron Baraneski, who was pitching his third game in two days.

The Boyd's outfit lost the tournament opener 6-1 to league rival Bradford Friday evening, never recovering from a five-run Bradford outburst in the first frame.

But they bounced back to edge Claremont 5-4 Saturday morning via a five-run first inning of their own, with Jamie Showers' triple and Baraneski's double keying the rally. That victory, plus a win of a coin toss, qualified Boyd's for the consolation game Saturday.

The tourney marked the return to the Stouffville team of catcher Dan Bell, who had thought he wouldn't be able to play this season because of work commitments. Bell will play part time, according to Boyd's manager Howard Burkholder, and will relieve the team's regular catcher Showers, who has been forced to leave several games lately with a bruised finger on his catching hand. Bell caught the final two games of the tournament with Showers taking the designated hitter position.

Beechers make top 10 at OFSAA finals

Two Stouffville District Secondary School students placed in the top 10 at the Ontario Federation of Secondary School Athletic Association finals Friday and Saturday at Etobicoke's Centennial Stadium.

Ann Beecher was fifth in the Senior Girls Triple Jump, and seventh in the Senior Girls Long Jump. Her sister, Reaquel Beecher, was ninth in the Junior Girls Long Jump.

The meet consisted of the top high school athletes in Ontario, and was the culmination of a track season that saw the Beechers achieve top results in both the York Region, and Durham-York championships.

Stouffville rolls over Unionville

The Stouffville Buttermakers Mites softball team continued to steamroll over the opposition last week, besting Unionville 14-1 at the Town Park.



The undefeated Buttermakers were led by the three-hit pitching of Kevin Hacker and the slugging of Dan Tardella. Hacker tracked up a total of 12 strikeouts in the six-inning contest, while scoring twice to help out with the offensive production.

Stouffville's Mites were led by the pitching and pitching prowess of these two young players last week to retain an unbeaten record for this year. At left, Kevin Hacker has developed into a major league pitcher, throwing 12 strikeouts last week, while Dan Tardella hit a home run, doubled and scored four times.

Betz still bogged down

The Betz Pools men's fastball team, mired in a scoring slump the past few weeks, had a damper put on what looked like a promising offensive uprising Wednesday in their scheduled game versus the Oshawa Merchants.

The Pools platoon, which had lost 4-1 to the Oshawa Juniors the previous night, jumped into a quick 1-0 lead on a single by third baseman Mark Joslin and an RBI safety by John Tait, who wound up, on third, after an Oshawa error.

But then the rain came, as the storm that had threatened from the outset broke loose, washing out the game.

Bantams win in Napanee

The Stouffville Bantam boys rep team took one of three games played at a softball tournament played in Napanee on the weekend.

Mike Pongracz hurled a one-hitter, and the Stouffville defence sparked in a 3-0 win over Ottawa in the team's second game of the tourney.

Eilert Fraser, Dave Caramanico, Bill Pride and Matt McKnight provided the offence for the victory. The Bants were blanked 9-0 by Bramalea, and 8-0 by the host Napanee team in their other games.

In softball SDSS takes playoff squeaker

Darren McCool's clutch single with two out in the bottom of the ninth inning gave Stouffville District Secondary School a 1-0 extra inning playoff victory over Unionville in high school softball play at the Town Park Monday.

McCool's hit scored Keith Piette, who had also singled with two out, advancing on another safety by Basil Luciano.

Scott Evans was brilliant on the mound for SDSS, striking out 15 batters, and pitching the six regulation innings, as well as all three extra frames.



Photo: BRUCE STAPLEY

Fast track

Summitview Public School held its annual track and field day last week. Here, Tracy James (138) breaks for the wire to win the Junior girls 100 metre dash. The Grade 6 student was just one of many students in the senior grades to take home a ribbon from the event.

Topples Aurora 15-5 Squirts win 'B' division in Kingston tournament

Led by the slugging of Evan Boyd, Scott Assinck, and John McKinnon, the Stouffville Choko Design Squirts captured the 'B' pool championship at a weekend softball tournament in Kingston.

The Choko squad, prevented by a technicality from competing for the 'A' title, whopped league rival Aurora 15-5 to take their prize, putting the game away early with a nine run first inning.

The Squirts took their first game of the competition 6-2 over Scarborough behind the nine-strikeout pitching of Michael Underwood. Evan Boyd also starred, scoring twice and throwing out three Scarborough base stealers.

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