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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.

Burkholder, in explaining his reasons for having his team play in a Junior league as well as Junior tournaments this year, said he was hoping to have his players sharp so as to be ready to handle the top pitchers in the All-Ontario Midget playdowns at Hagersville the July 1st weekend.

"The best Midget teams will have pitching similar to what we're seeing in Junior," said Burkholder. "We've been in a bit of a flat spot, but we want to be able to peak by the end of the month."

Despite the defensive lapses which have cost his team both in the Mt. Albert competition and in league games recently, Burkholder feels the team's chances of winning the provincial title are still good.

"We still have to put it all together, but we'll have a good

shot at it."

The Midgets were rained out last Monday in league play when their game with Bradford was called with Boyd's ahead 2-1 in

the second inning.

A scheduled home game for last Thursday with Scarborough was cancelled and rescheduled for July 20.

Boyd's will try to avenge its opening tourney game loss to Bradford at the town park Thursday. Game time is 8:30 on Diamond One.

## 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.

## 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.

Betz will try to get back on the winning track tonight when they take on the United Independent Operators at the main diamond at 8:30.

Then it's off to Oshawa to take on the Merchants Thursday evening.

The Betz crew will hold a Meet the Players Night at the Recreation Centre lounge Friday at 8 p.m. The event, which will be in the form of a dance, is open to anyone wishing to attend.

Tickets are \$7 each and can be purchased at Betz Pools on Stouffville's Main St. W.

There will be door prizes and a cash bar.

## 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 se-

cond 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.

## 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.

Tardella triggered a five-run second-inning outburst with a home run. He also doubled and scored four times.

Billy Wray, Jeff Hassard, and Andrew Harper crossed the plate two times each for Stouffville.

The Buttermakers' defence was highlighted on two occasions. Brett Boyd made a dramatic running catch of a fly ball hit to left field in the first inning, while shortstop Billy Wray stampaned a hard line drive in the third frame.

The Mites play at home tonight (Wed) Game time is 6:30 at the Main Diamond.



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 a mean arm and threw 12 strikeouts last week, while Dan Tardella hit a home run, doubled and scored four times.

## 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.

The win, when coupled with Stouffville's 5-3 vic-

tory over Milliken Mills last Thursday, advances them to the York Region semi-finals this week.

The first place finishing SDSS squad were led by catcher Dan Bell Thursday, who doubled and drove in two runs, while scoring twice.

Evans came in to relieve starting pitcher Chris Winn with the bases loaded in the third, striking out two batters to defuse the Milliken Mills' Rally.

SDSS will host the semi-final against an opponent who had yet to be determined at press time. The game is set for this afternoon (Wed) at 3:30 at the Town Park.



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.

Stouffville was defeated 10-0 by the host Kingston team in game two. Five runs scored by the Choko team in the last inning were wiped out by a curfew, resulting in the team's being relegated to the 'B' flight.

Stouffville won game three, pasting Napanee 14-7 on the strength of John McKinnon's two home runs and a triple.

The team then qualified for

the 'B' final against Aurora. Michael Underwood was named the Choko squad's "Mister Hustle" for the tournament.

Top batting averages for the tourney were: Scott Assinck - .636; Tim Smart - .556; Michael Underwood and Craig Wood - .500.

The Squirts lost their only league game played last week, a 15-5 decision to Port Perry Thursday at the Town Park.

Michael Underwood had a home run, John McKinnon a triple, and Scott Assinck a double in the contest.

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