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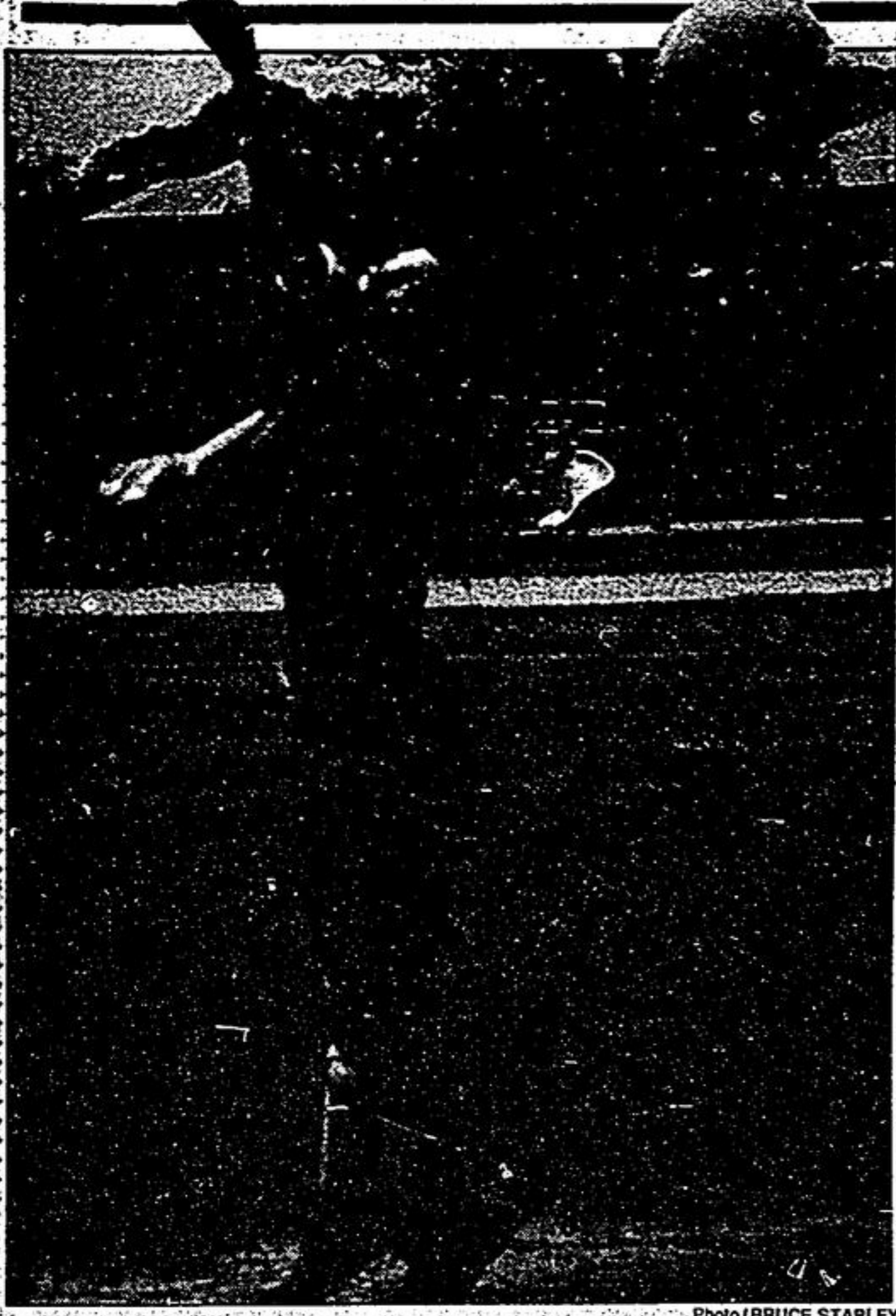
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## In softball

# Stouffville Spartans drop 1-0 heartbreaker at York

By BRUCE STAPLEY  
Kirk Smythe got within 65 feet of tying the score in the last inning Friday as the Stouffville District Secondary School Spartans lost a 1-0 heartbreaker to Huron Heights in the York Region high school softball championships in Newmarket.

Scott Evans, who pitched the Spartans to their first ever Regional title last spring, gave up only one hit in the six inning contest, but it was enough to sink the SDSS squad.

A third inning triple resulted in the game's only run, as the Huron Heights runner came home on an infield-out later in the inning.

The Spartans managed four hits, all singles, including Safeties by Rich Burkholder and Evans in the first. But they couldn't cash them.

In the nail biting top of the sixth, Smythe reached base on an error, then advanced to third on infield outs.

Huron Heights elected to intentionally walk Chris Burkholder, even though the slugger took a swing at one of the high pitches in a hope of getting another pitch he might have been able to hit.

Chris Winn then grounded out to end the game.

SDSS coach Doug McCammon

lamented his team's inability to bring its base runners in to score at game's end.

"We had some runners, but we just couldn't score them," he said.

Evans echoed his coach's sentiments. "It's a tough way to lose. We just couldn't get our bats going."

The Spartans had reached the finals by blanking Sacred Heart 4-0 at the Town Park Wednesday,

behind another Evans one hitter. Rob Parcells' two run double in the fourth was the big blow in Wednesday's contest, with catcher Dan Bell banging an RBI double.

Parcells also made the defensive play of the game when he speared a wicked liner while playing close in at third base. He then fired the ball to first base to double up the Sacred Heart base runner.

Soccer fever was back at Stouffville District Secondary School this past week, as the best of the school's girls' team headed up to Newmarket for an all star contest. The North vs. South match-up had the best players from both ends of the York Region school district battling for supremacy. It was a time to put aside local rivalries and concentrate on regional alliances. Here, Unionville High School goalie Kara Mitchell soars for a shot that will go over her head and into the top right corner of the South team net.

Photo: BRUCE STAPLEY

A tough twosome, Rob Parcells, at left and Scott Evans led the way in the semi-finals of the York Region softball championships against Sacred Heart last week. Scott threw a one-hitter and Parcells had a two-run double and completed a double play. However, the team lost a 1-0 barnburner in the final this past week.



## Clearwater earns second award

The food was great, the entertainment was original, and the suspense was prolonged at the Stouffville District Secondary School Athletic Awards Banquet at the school gym Wednesday night.

Don Clearwater was named top Senior Male Athlete of the Year for the second consecutive time, edging Guy Cowan in what had to be one of the closest competitions the school had ever known.

Anne Beecher and Brenda Hachey were declared co-winners of the Senior Girls Top Athlete honors, while the Junior Male and Female winners were Les Hartai and Reaquel Beecher respectively.

The prestigious Homestead Trophy went to Lise Haylow, while Lisa Weatherill was

presented with the Donna Tubman Memorial Award for school spirit.

The award, named after an ex-physical education head at Don Head Secondary School in Richmond Hill, was presented by the husband of the teacher who died of liver failure in 1988.

The Moral and Physical improvement award went to Tammy Yake and Dan Bell. Lise Haylow and Chris Burkholder were given the Athletic Council Plaques, and Kevin Stem and Lise Haylow were acknowledged as Boys and Girls fitness champs.

The John Turner Memorial was presented to Scott McKinley. Megan Morrison took the Coaches' Trophy.

Les Hartai won both the Boys Track, and Boys Field awards, while Anne Beecher took the girls version of same, with sister Reaquel sharing the Field nomination.

- Other winners were as follows:  
Boys Cross Country—Bruce Hachey  
Girls Cross Country—Michelle Powell  
Boys Volleyball—Don Clearwater  
Girls Volleyball—Lisa Weatherhill  
Boys Basketball—Guy Cowan  
Girls Field Hockey—Brenda Hachey  
Girls Soccer—Maureen Slater  
Boys Golf (Junior)—Todd Stover  
Boys Golf (Senior)—Ted Stonehouse

- Tennis—Tim Lavell  
Skiing—Robb Graham  
Boys Softball—Scott Evans  
Girls Softball—Stacey Black

It was only the second time in school history that two winners shared the Senior Girls top award.

Those in attendance enjoyed a dinner of chicken fingers, fries, salad and ice cream, and were treated to the annual school sports slide presentation put together by physical education teacher Jim Fletcher.

In her closing comments, teacher Christine Milton pointed out that despite the school's lack of facilities, they had once again put forth a strong contingent of athletes.

"Winning isn't done by having three gymnasiums, a track, etc. It comes as a result of character, talent, and desire," she said.

## Boyd injured in contest

Stouffville Squirts rep team star Evan Boyd suffered a swollen lip, and had two teeth pushed back, when struck in the face by a pitched ball in Thursday's 9-3 loss to Bramalea.

Evans, who played a big part in the Choko Design Squirts' 'B' flight victory at a tournament in Kingston the previous weekend, had squared to bunt when the pitch came inside.

"He turned his head, so he didn't take it full in the face," reported his mother Doreen. "It was painful for him. We're going to take him to the dentist, but he probably won't lose any teeth."

Team sponsor Ed Hakonson, who was at the game, said he was going to look into obtaining the type of batting helmet which provides protection to the cheek and jaw area as well as to the head.

"They use them in the big leagues. I think we could get a hold of some for our team."

## Scott Evans off to World Juniors

By BRUCE STAPLEY  
Scott Evans began a journey yesterday (Tuesday) that will wind up with an appearance in the World Junior Softball Tournament in Prince Edward Island later this month.

The Bloomington Rd. resident will meet with the Canadian National Junior team in St. Catharines, where the squad will prepare for the international competition.

Then its on to Halifax for some more warm-up in a tournament that will involve various Junior level teams from Canada.

The world championships will begin June 23, and will run through July 3.

Evans will be pitching and playing the designated hitter position for the Canadian team.

Evans announced his resignation from the Town's Midget Rep Team last week, citing time restraints, and a desire to play higher level softball, as the reasons.

"I'm playing with the Richmond Hill Merchants Men's Team this summer, and I'll be going down for a five game tryout with the Scarborough Ambassadors later this summer."

The prestigious Ambassadors are going to have a look see at Evans with an eye towards his playing for the star studded club when he is finished playing Junior ball in two years.



Photo: BRUCE STAPLEY

The cream rose to the top at Stouffville District Secondary School last week, at the annual athletic banquet. Here, from left, back row, Anne Beecher, Hartai and Reaquel Beecher, display their hardware following the banquet. These students were selected top athletes in the Senior and Junior divisions overall.

## Squirts lose in final of Napanee tourney

The Stouffville Choko Design Squirts softball team winners of the 'B' flight in a King's Cup tournament two weekends ago had to settle for runner-up in the 'B' category of a tournament in Napanee this weekend.

The squirts took two of four games played, losing the final to the team from Orleans.

The Choko squad dropped the first game of the round robin preliminary 11-9 but came back to take two in a row to secure a spot in the consolation final.

Stouffville jumped Kings from 11-2 with Adam Crowder's triple, capped a six run final inning. Adam's brother, Gabe, also figured prominently, going three for four and scoring twice.

Choko then defeated the host Napanee team 15-8 scoring seven runs in the final. Mike Underwood went three for four and struck out six in a pitching performance.

John de Koning had three hits in the final against Orleans but he was not able to finish off the game in the 8th inning. Evan Boyd, who had three hits in a volleyball contest which he won for the Squirts, pitched the final game. The game was played in the town of Napanee.

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