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The Stouffville Buttermakers Mites gave the fans a show at home on Wednesday, when they whopped Thornhill 30-5. Andrew Harper, Matt Turner, and Jeff Hassard stroked homers, with

Hassard and Robbie Spytz piling up three hits each in the game. Bobby Lewis managed to fan eight Thornhill hitters. Here is one of the many great plays made by the undefeated team last week.

Buttermakers come close in Kingston

The Stouffville Mites Buttermakers softball team were near perfect last week in both league play and Saturday's tournament competition in Kingston.

But a ball thrown into centre field in the last inning of the championship game cost them the Kingston title, as they bowed to Napanee 3-2.

The loss was the only blemish on a week that saw them outscore their opponents 91-19.

The Butters bested Unionville 12-5 Monday behind the nine strikeout pitch of Billy Wray.

At home on Wednesday, they whopped Thornhill 30-5. Andrew Harper, Matt Turner, and Jeff Hassard stroked home runs, with Hassard and Robbie Spytz racking up three hits each.

Bobby Lewis fanned eight Thornhill hitters.

In the Kingston tournament, the Butters opened up by beating Belleville 6-2, with Spytz's two run homer the big blow.

They whipped the host team 20-2, then breezed past Bramalea 21-2 to advance to the final.

But despite the strong pitching of Kevin Hackert, the Mites couldn't find their bats in the deciding contest against Napanee.



Splish, splash

The Uxbridge Triathlon was held Sunday under rather damp conditions, but participants in the swim, run and cycle event didn't seem phased by the weather. Here, the start of one of the four heats has some of the 66 athletes who took part entering a chilly Elgin Pond for the swim portion of the race.

SDSS field hockey star

Brenda Hachey makes Ontario girls' team

By BRUCE STAPLEY

For the third consecutive year, Stouffville District Secondary School student Brenda Hachey will be playing on the All-Ontario Girls' Field Hockey team this summer.

Hachey, winner of the school's Senior Female Athlete of the Year Award for the second straight year, will be a part of the

provincial squad that will go to Vancouver July 7 to compete for the Canadian championship.

The 18-year-old Grade 12 student was one of four SDSS students to try for the team. The others were Jeannie St. John, Sue Carter and Jennifer Pretzker. Hachey was the only one to crack the lineup.

A half back, Hachey anchored

the SDSS girls field hockey team last fall. She has been a fixture on the school team since she was in Grade nine.

She credits her coach, Cathy Croucher, for helping her make the provincial team. "Two years ago, Croucher got us interested in trying out. She had been a member of the national field hockey team at one point."

After making the team, Hachey accompanied it to Vancouver, where they lost out to British Columbia in the finals.

Last year, as a member of the provincial under 17 squad, she went with the club to Waterloo, where they were also-rans.

This year, she is playing on the provincial under one unit. Her training has consisted of skating over the winter, and playing soccer for the school team. She played in the York Region Senior Girls All Star Game in Aurora two weeks ago.

Conditioning, she maintains, is the key to cutting it at the provincial level. "They work on stickwork, drills, sprints, and long distance running at the tryouts. Conditioning is stressed. If you can't finish the sprints, you don't make the team."

"On Saturdays, I play with Croucher's Club team in Toronto. She has taught me a lot. It's good having someone who is so superior to me, she can show me a lot."

Hachey is hopeful she'll make the provincial under 21 team next season, but claims she has no desire to follow it through any further.

"It will be a big jump next

year. And I don't think I would try for the national team. I don't want to become that intense. It would take too much time, and I wouldn't be able to go to university."

Hachey, an honors student the past three years, hopes to take Environmental Studies or Urban Development, at a university in Ontario which has a good field hockey program. "I could probably get a scholarship at a small college in the United States, but I don't want to go to school there."

She is planning to take a year off from her studies in 1992 so as to enable her to work in Barcelona, Spain for the Summer Olympics. "I know some people on the Toronto Olympic Committee who might be able to get me to Barcelona to help."

But of more concern to her right now is the upcoming high school field hockey season. "Next year, Croucher is going to Newmarket to teach, so we'll have a new coach, I'm not sure who."


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Betz Pools make clean sweep

It was a clean sweep for Stouffville Betz Pools this weekend at a fastball tournament in Oshawa.

Doug MacMillan's sacrifice fly scored Dale Moxley with the winning run in the fourth inning to give Betz a 2-1 win over league rival United Independent Operators of Richmond Hill in the title match.

Gary Vaughan had homered to lead off the big fourth. A couple of fielding errors by Betz in the last inning gave U10 their run, the only blemish on what had been a string of three shutouts leading up to the championship game.

Betz opened up the tourney Friday night with a 4-0 whitewash of Oshawa ACL, using timely singles and well executed bunts to score their runs.

John Annis threw the shutout, striking out nine batters.

Betz then blanked North Bay 4-0, with Doug Webster firing a four hitter for the win.

A bunt single by Chris Jones proved the big blow, with two runs coming in to score on the play.

The win, combined with a default victory over Bradford, put the pools platoon in the semi-finals against league rival Greenbank.

Powered by Jones' two run homer, the Stouffville squad prevailed 3-0 with Annis racking up his second tournament shutout.

Daryll Moxley pitched the championship game, giving Betz their first tournament win of the season.

The big win comes as a morale booster for the local

fastballers, as spirits had been low, as of late because of a string of losses, and a lack of attendance by some team members.

Coach Dave Webster felt having most of his troops out to the Oshawa tournament was a big plus.

"We finally got everybody out."

"John Annis was just incredible in the semi-final against Greenbank. All our pitchers were. And the key was our execution. We were moving the runners along."

In league play last week, Betz lambasted Port Perry 9-0 behind the four hit pitching of Moxley and Doug Webster.

Mark Fockler had the big bat, driving in four runs.

Betz is at home again tonight (Wednesday), with game time 8:30 at the Main Diamond.



Photo: BRUCE STAPLEY

For the third year in a row, Brenda Hachey of Stouffville will be a member of the Ontario field hockey team this summer. The SDSS student was recently picked for the team, shortly after she won the school's female athlete of the year award.

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