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## Third tournament win A&S Raiders capture Greens slowpitch title

By BRUCE STAPLEY  
It was a case of deja vu down the town park this week-end as the Greens Whalers' second annual slowpitch tournament, just as they had done in the Buttermakers' Strawberry Festival tourney two weeks earlier, the A&S Raiders took the Stouffville Red Sox in a two-game, D-division final. And just like the first time, the Raiders emerged the victors, leaving the Red Sox shaking their heads as to just what they have to do to finish ahead of the A&S squad. The 21-man "DD" flight was won by the North York Knights, who outlasted the Uxbridge lumberjacks to take the \$450

first-place prize money. Two other local teams, the Claremont Classics and the Stouffville Buttermakers, placed third and fourth respectively in the eight-team, D-division. The Raiders didn't the hard way as they came into the two-game showdown one game away from elimination. The Red Sox, who had beaten the Raiders 11-4 on Saturday, were previously undefeated and needed only one win against A&S to claim the \$400 first-prize loot. But the Raiders took the first match 7-3, setting the stage for the tournament-ending 3-1 nail biter.

Raiders' spokesman Paul Murray said the credit for his team's win belongs to John Armstrong. "He was the motivator in the final two games," said Murray. "And we had a great defence." A&S has now taken their last three tournaments, sandwiching the Canada Day victory and this week's around a triumph in Scarborough July 9. The success has qualified the team for the Coors Ontario tournament in Niagara Falls and the O.V. tourney in Unionville in September. Both will see the best teams in Ontario competing.



The A&S Raiders have done it again. The club won the Greens Whalers' slowpitch tournament on the weekend, making it three in a row for the Stouffville club. The team has qualified now for the two top slowpitch tourneys in the province in Niagara Falls and Unionville later this summer.



At right, Mark Joslin, the big hitter in the Betz Pools 10-3 victory over Oshawa last week, strikes a pose while teammate John Tait, also a contributor to the win, appears ready to take on all comers.

## Betz thumps Oshawa 10-3

By BRUCE STAPLEY  
The Betz Pools men's fastball team exploded for eight runs in the second inning to key a 10-3 thumping of the Oshawa Juniors at the Town Park Wednesday. A bases loaded single by Mark Joslin was the big blow, as the ball skidded by the Oshawa right fielder, allowing all four base runners to score. Pools' second baseman John Tait was one of three Betz batters to come to the plate twice during

the outburst and the feisty team spark plug walked and singled in a run, scoring two times himself. Sacrifice fly Tait also contributed two more safeties and had another RBI later in the game. Randy Grant's sacrifice fly had scored Chris Jones, who had reached base on a bunt, to give Betz a first-inning 1-0 lead. But Betz took advantage of pitching wildness and fielding

miscues to mount their second-inning offensive. Tait walked to lead off the frame. George Burkholder was then hit by a pitch and Gary Grant singled. Jones was issued a free pass and that's when Joslin ripped what appeared to be a two-run single through the right side of the infield, until the costly error cleared the bases. Randy Grant got it going again with a single; Steve Schell doubled; and then Tait and Burkholder closed out the scoring with RBI singles.

## Stingers maintain tenuous hold on league's first place

The Stouffville Stingers Ladies Intermediate softball team maintained their slim hold on first place after a dramatic comeback behind 6-6 tie with Uxbridge Riverdale Restaurant in Uxbridge Thursday. Trailing 6-2 going into the final inning, the Stingers rallied for four runs, with Allison Lowery's double the big blast. Pitcher Denise Davies then shut down Uxbridge in the home half of the seventh to send the Stingers home with the draw.

If they end up in the top four, they will then go to Strathroy the weekend of August 5-6 to compete for the provincial Intermediate title. Stingers' coach Cliff Dunkeld says it remains to be seen just

how his team will fare in this weekend's tournament. "We've got the talent, but I don't really know how we'll do. One of our pitchers, Denise Davies, is getting married this weekend, so she won't be there."

The Stouffville crew beat Uxbridge Dominion Auto 15-5 the previous Thursday at the Town Park. Sheila Fockler had three hits to lead the offence, with Debbie Gold and Karen Abbott stroking two hits a piece. Kim McConnell and Denise Davies shared the pitching assignment. The Stingers are now holding a one point lead over Bradford in the league standings, with a 10-2-1 won-lost record. Uxbridge Dominion Auto is in third spot with an 8-5 mark. The Stingers are hosting the Intermediate Regional Playdowns this weekend.

## Mite Buttermakers vie for Ontario title

The preliminaries are over, and it's time to get down to brass tacks for the Stouffville Mites Buttermakers softball team. The little Butters continued their domination in league play last week, walloping Bramalea 17-3 Tuesday in their last game before they begin their All-Ontario Mite 'B' title trek this week. Billy Wray was sharp on the pitching rubber for Stouffville Tuesday, striking out 11 batters. He also made a big noise offensively with four hits and two runs batted in. Andrew Harper led the hit parade for the Butters with five safeties. Robbie Spytz and Bobby Lewis each banged out three hits, while Jeff Hassard and Brad Johnston had three a piece. The Mites played Unionville Monday in their first Ontario Amateur Softball Association playdown, and will continue the best two out of three series at home tonight. The winner of the series goes on to play either Dunnville or Simcoe for the provincial title.

## Uxbridge swimmers hit mark at Ontario finals

Christy Henderson placed in the top six in all six events she participated in this weekend as the Uxbridge Swim Club sent seven members to the All-Ontario Swimming Championships in Cobleoka. Christy placed first in the 50 Metre Backstroke in the 10 and under age category. She also had two seconds in the 100 Metre Backstroke and 50 Metre Freestyle, a third, a fourth, and a fifth. Christy had been honored the previous week as one of the two Uxbridge Athletes of the Year at the Town of Springwater Days event. Uxbridge's Kelly Bryon placed seventh in the 50 Metre Fly, but also had an eighth and ninth place finish. Melanie Bryon had the 11th and 21st place finishes, Sandy Markovitch and Devin Hannah a 14th and a 16th, and Melissa Williams a 17th.

The Uxbridge teams' combined relay team placed 11th and 12th in their events. The 14 girls team placed 7th overall out of 15, and there were 25 swimmers participating in the competition in total.



Big Brothers of Canada got a boost on Monday when the CAHA Celebrity Golf Classic was held at Emerald Hills Golf and Country Club. From left, Bill Attewell, MP for Markham-Whitchurch-Stouffville holds up a stick for \$20,000, presented to Sandy Stocks, centre, the past-president of Big Brothers and Sisters of Canada by Ed O'Doherty, chairman of the board of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association. More than 120 golfers took part, including 20 past and present hockey pros.

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