

Stouffville

# Sports

## Weather forces cancellations

### Raiders, Wrecking Crew share tourney honors

After a two day reprieve from the weatherman, it all wound up in showers and splits at the McAsphalt Tarbabies Slo-pitch Tournament on the weekend at Stouffville Memorial Park.

The bad weather, which had been forecast throughout the weekend, finally showed up Sunday afternoon, forcing the cancellation of the title match in both the DD and C-D divisions.

As a result, the A & S Raiders and The Wrecking Crew, both of Stouffville, split the \$400 first place prize they would have contested in the C-D championship game. The \$300 second place money was also shared between the two teams.

In the DD flight, it was the Ajax Beermen and Abbey (Keswick) splitting \$580 in first and second place loot. The Raiders, who had sat out of their own tourney

the previous weekend, had lost their opener 6-5 to The Wrecking Crew, a mixture of players from three Stouffville area teams.

The Raiders bounced back to edge Markham's Sounds and Emotions 4-3, then blasted the Bruins of Thornhill 13-4 to earn a shot at the title.

The Raiders led the championship contest 2-1 when the downpour forced the postponement. Sounds and Emotions collected the \$200 in third place money.

The Tarbabies, formerly the Greens Whalers, played in the DD class, losing both games they played, bowing 7-6 to the Beermen, then dropping a 5-4 decision to the Caribooze.

The North York Knights took home \$200 for finishing third.

### Stouffville Squirts win title

Simply awesome.

The Stouffville Choko Design Squirts were an unstoppable force as they rolled to victory Saturday in a

Guelph tournament.

Stouffville outscored their opponents 30-6 in sweeping all three games played. First baseman Scott

Assinck banged out nine hits to take the tourney MVP honors.

The Squirts got formidable pitching from their dynamic duo of Paul Koert and Sammy Acosta.

They merited league rival Port Perry 11-1 in six innings in their opening game, with Acosta fanning 13 and Assinck collecting four RBIs on three hits.

In their next outing, Stouffville rode Koert's two-hit, 13 strike out, performance to a 7-1 win over Sarnia. Assinck went four-for-four at the plate, and Dan Tardella hit a two run homer.

The championship game was no contest, as Stouffville batted around for four runs in the first inning on their way to a 12-4 victory.

Assinck hit a homer, and Billy Wray had four hits, while Tim Smart and Robbie Spytz chipped in with a pair of hits each.

The Stouffville sluggers knocked the cover off the ball in league play as well last week. They hammered out a 27-1 win over Scarborough Tuesday and downed Aurora Sunday.

### Junior Merchants split games as fastball action heats up

It was a week of .500 ball for the Stouffville Merchants Junior fastball team. The Merchants won two of their four games played at a tournament in Bradford last weekend, then went on to split a pair of league games during the week.

The Stouffville boys jumped out of the gate with consecutive white washes at the Bradford tourney. They bested the Toronto Dodgers 5-0, then blanked Aurora 4-0. Scott Evans and Byron Baranieski were each credited with shut outs.

The Merchants then fell 1-0 to the Toronto Drifters, before losing 4-1 to Agincourt.

In league play, Stouffville was blanked 5-0 by Richmond Hill Wednesday at home, but bounced back to trip Port Perry 7-3 on the road Thursday.

Evans, who fanned a dozen Port Perry batters, gave the Merchants a 2-1 lead with a home run in the first.

A two-run triple by Chris Burkholder keyed a three run fourth inning for Stouffville. Burkholder had three RBIs on the night, with singles going to Jason Yoshida and Norm Depta.

The Merchants, who were slated to play the Oshawa Juniors Tuesday night, entertain Sammy's of Richmond Hill tonight at 8 p.m. at Stouffville Memorial Park.

### Beecher runs and jumps way to OFSAA track meet

It was Anne Beecher again, as the Stouffville District Secondary School (SDSS) athlete ran and jumped her way to a gold medal in the Ontario (OFSAA) Regional track and field Championships at York University last week.

Anne took the Senior girls triple jump Thursday, then came back Saturday to take the silver in the long jump, Saturday, shattering the regional record with a mark of 5.72 metres.

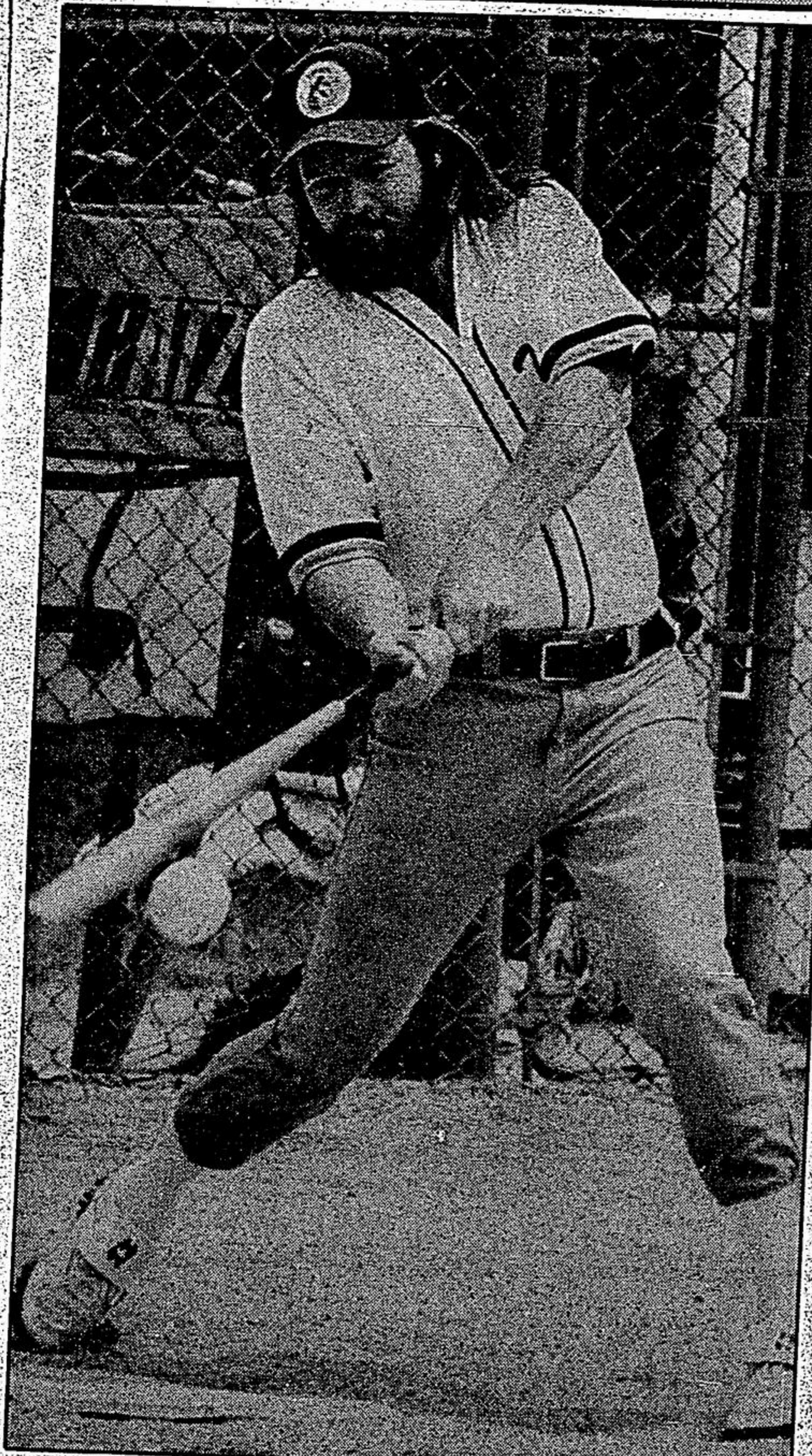
SDSS's Reaquel Beecher placed fifth in the Senior girls long jump, and Kelly Forsyth had a sixth place showing in the Junior girls javelin.

Other SDSS athletes competing at the event were Erin Blenkhorn, Nicole Dudley and Lise Haylow.

Anne Beecher will now go on to the OFSAA championships in Sudbury this weekend.



Reaquel Beecher, right, passes the baton to Lise Haylow during action at the OFSAA Regional meet Thursday at York University.



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Randy Wood, of the Stouffville Tigers, makes contact during action at the McAsphalt Tarbabies Slo-pitch tournament over the weekend in Stouffville.

### SDSS softball squad earns sweet revenge at Bradford tourney

It was the battle of the titans, and sweet revenge, all rolled into one Friday at the Bradford Invitational High School Softball Tournament.

And when it was all over, the Stouffville District Secondary School (SDSS) Spartans had captured the championship, outscoring their opposition 15-1 while taking all three games played.

The competition featured a classic pitchers' duel between SDSS' Scott Evans, and Byron Baranieski of Williams of Aurora.

The duo, who play together on the Stouffville Merchants Juniors, were virtually unhittable, combining for 21 strikeouts as neither team could produce a run through six regulation innings.

The Spartans were awarded the game 1-0 on the basis of having had two runners reach third base, compared to Williams' one.

The Spartans got a four-hitter from Mike Pongracz in their opening game, 7-1 romp over King City.

After their narrow victory over Williams in round two, the SDSS crew crushed Huron Heights 7-0 in the final.

The game helped avenge last spring's 1-0 loss to the Newmarket club in the York Region title match.

Evans, who struck out 11 in claiming the win, helped his cause by bashing a two run homer in the final inning.

Rich and Chris Burkholder, Pete Fintelman, Dan Larner, Rob Blund, Keith Piette, and Rob Parcels also had key hits for the Spartans.

In league action last week, the Spartans bested Huron Heights 3-1 Tuesday behind the pitching of Pongracz, with the Burkholders contributing with the bats.

The SDSS squad fell 9-7 to Williams Wednesday.

The Stouffville outfit will take part in another tournament at Milliken Mills Friday.