

# SPORTS

## Buttermakers best at Track Tourney

It was the Buttermakers, Bay Sports, and the Bullets walking away with the lion's share of the loot in the Back the Track Slo-Pitch Tournament at Stouffville Memorial Park over the weekend.

The 47 team competition, which raised \$10,670 for the Stouffville District Secondary School (SDSS) running track to be built later this summer, produced a rematch of the finalists of the June 3 Claremont Classics tournament in the C-D Division.

And as they did at the Claremont tourney, the Stouffville Rowntree Pontiac-Buick Buttermakers (Juniors) bested the Stouffville Straughan Carpentry Red Sox, claiming the \$600 in first place prize money, with a 9-2 win. Keith McGuckin was named Most Valuable Player in the C-D final. The Buttermakers donated \$100 of their winnings back to the Track Fund.

In the D-D flight, the Woodbridge Bullets bested Uxbridge Dominion Auto 22-8 to take the title, while Oshawa Bay Sports beat the Greenbank Hillbillies 11-2 in the Masters Division championship game. The Hillbillies also donated \$100 of their \$300 second prize money to the Track Fund.

The Rowntree Buttermakers (Seniors), who lost the Masters Semi-Final 9-3 to Bay Sports, gave their \$150 in winnings to the Fund as well.

The SDSS Scullywags, whose shocking pink jerseys made the fashion statement of the weekend, finished second in their pool in the D-D class but fell 7-0 to the Claremont Classics in the playoff round.

The Senior Angies Eatery squad dropped two of three games played, missing the Masters playoffs. The Angies Junior crew won one of three games played in their D-D pool.

The Stouffville Tar Babies also lost two of three to drop out of D-D playoff contention.

The Claremont Blazers won two of three games in their D-D pool, but still failed to advance.

The Stouffville Thumpers took two of three games in D-D pool play, then fell to the Uxbridge Lions 7-2 in playoff action.

The Stouffville Sideliners and Stouffville Spring Lakes Tigers each lost both D-D pool games played.

The Claremont Classics, who took their D-D pool, lost the semifinal match up with the Bullets 13-11.

In C-D play, the victorious Buttermakers lost their opener 11-9 to Uxbridge River Valley, but came back to beat the Etobicoke Vikings 14-7 before thumping Dante Pizza 21-4.

In the playoff round, the Buttermakers took Bridlewood 15-9, earning the right to face the Red Sox in the final.

The Red Sox beat the Stouffville A&S Raiders 14-4, then defeated the Markham Brodies 9-4, before falling 5-3 to Bridlewood, in pool action.

The Sox then edged Uxbridge River Valley 4-3 before dropping the title match to the Buttermakers. The Raiders lost both games played.

### Sod turning set for June 28

They'll break ground for the long awaited Stouffville Community Track on Thursday, June 28 as the Track Committee holds an official sod turning.

A gala ceremony, complete with the Stouffville District Secondary School (SDSS) band, will see the first shovel full of earth lifted in front of as many as 600 people officials hope.

The event will take place at 6:30 p.m., and will conclude just before the Miss Whitchurch-Stouffville Pageant begins in the high school gymnasium.

Committee officials are confident that actual construction of the track, to be located to the west of the school, can commence in late July, pending final arrangements regarding the site plan.

Committee spokesman Ged Stonehouse said the purpose of the ground breaking event is to show the people of Stouffville that plans are progressing.

"We want to get people excited by the visibility of the sod turning, to get them involved so they can help us follow through. A number of companies in town are volunteering their machinery and time and we still need other people to come forward, and we need continued support with our fund raising over the summer."

Dave Connell, the head of physical education at SDSS, said he is delighted to see the project finally take shape.

As phys. ed. head at the school for 20 years, I've talked to a series of principals about getting a track, and they've all taken it to the school board, and nothing ever

happened. Then Julian Franklin (ex-Student Council President at SDSS) went and got \$125,000 from the board last spring, and I've worked all year with the students at fund raising for it, and now we're having the sod turning. I feel very good."

The track, which officials hope will be made of rubberized asphalt, will cost between \$300,000 and \$350,000. The town has contributed \$40,000 and the Connell's school fund-raising efforts have realized close to \$30,000 this year.

### May selected by Sabres in first round of draft

While Dale Hawerchuk, Owen Nolan and Phil Housley may have gotten the bulk of the attention at Saturday's NHL draft in Vancouver, it was also a day to remember for Brad May.

The 18-year-old former Stouffville resident, who played in both the Markham and Stouffville minor hockey systems and is the son of Uxbridge reallor Ken May, was selected in the first round, 14th overall, by the Buffalo Sabres.

The Sabres had acquired the 14th pick from the Winnipeg Jets in a deal that saw Hawerchuk go to Buffalo in exchange for defenceman Housley. May, who has starred on the left wing for the Major Junior A Niagara Falls Thunder of the Ontario Hockey League for the last two seasons, had been ranked 40th by the NHL's Central Scouting Bureau at the start of the 1989/90 season but improved his ranking to 17th overall heading into Saturday's draft.

His strong finish in regular season play, along with his impressive playoff performance made him an even better bet to go in the top 15.

May's teammate from the Thunder, and former Markham minor hockey player Keith Primeau was selected third overall by the Detroit Red Wings. May was accompanied at the draft in Vancouver by his agent Don Meenan, father, and 15 other family members and friends.

May scored 32 goals and earned 58 assists for the Thunder last season, and hit for another nine goals and 13 assists in the playoffs.

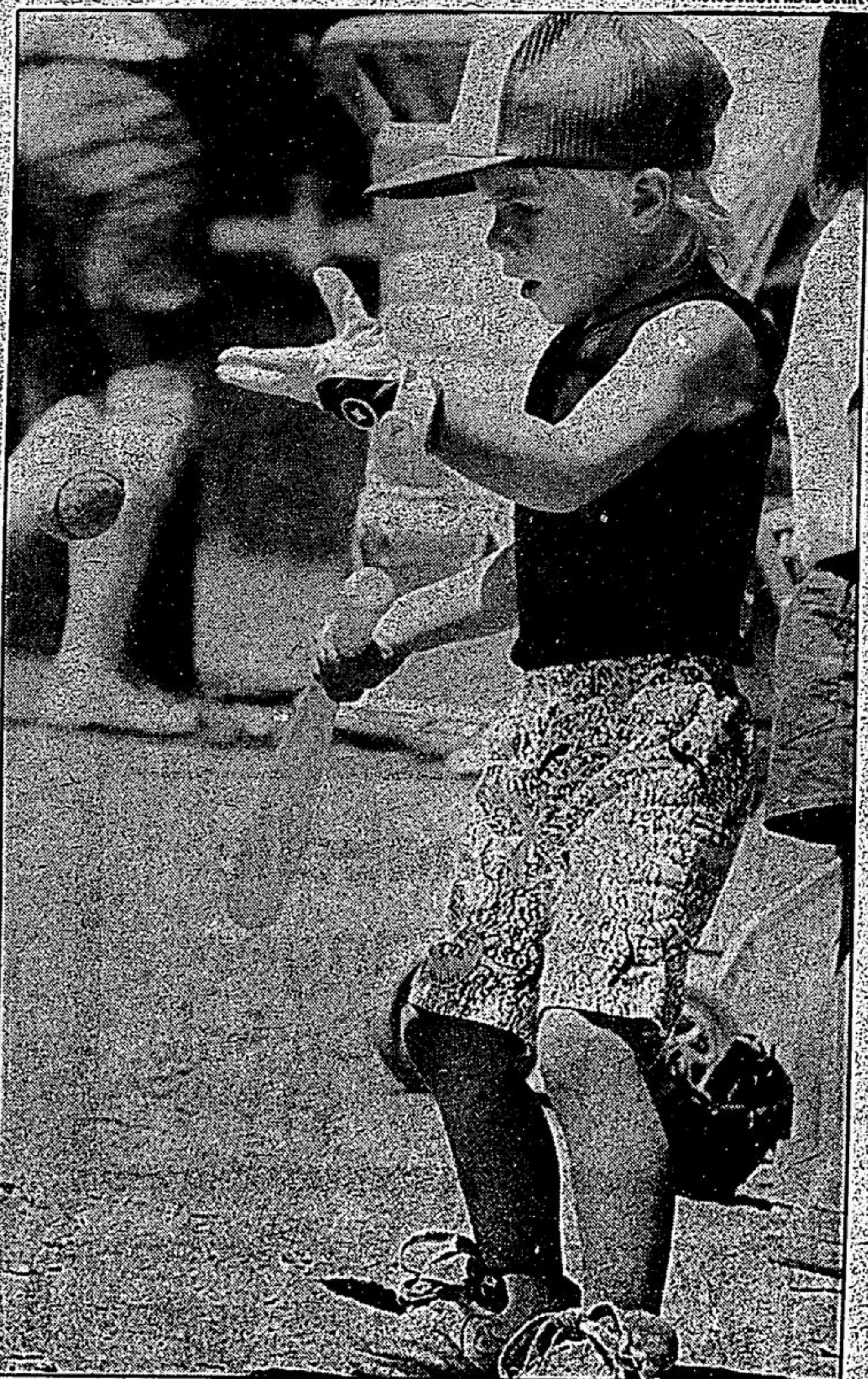
He is still eligible for another year of Junior hockey next season and it is not known whether he will continue with the Thunder or immediately join the Sabres or their farm club, the Rochester Americans.



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### High five celebration

Members of the Stouffville Buttermakers men's slo-pitch team (above photo) celebrate a grand slam home run with high fives all around. The grand slam was hit in preliminary round action by the Buttermakers Seniors. The Buttermakers (Juniors) won the grand championship of the C-D division at the Stouffville Track Fund Slo-Pitch Tournament on the weekend. A total of 47 teams played in the tourney which raised funds for the proposed running track at Stouffville District Secondary School. The Buttermakers may be in the process of building a dynasty as two-year-old Bobby Hughes, at right, practises making contact with a plastic bat and ball. Bobby's father Rob plays for the Buttermakers, and his son certainly seems to be following in dad's footsteps.



### Gold hits grand slam

A grand slam home run by Debbie Gold was the big blow of the week for the Stouffville Stingers as the Ladies Intermediate softball team swept all three games played to run their winning streak to five.

The Stingers rode Gold's blast to an 11-10 win over Scarborough, then stroked 14 hits enroute to a 9-2 romp over

Aurora.

The Stingers had defeated Stouffville Angies earlier in the week.

Denise Toole pitched impressively in all three victories for the Stingers, who play their home games Thursday night at 8:30 on Diamond Two in Memorial Park.