

# stouffville sports

## Spurs shined up for the new season

The curtain rises this Thursday night on the new look Stouffville Town Spurs, and the recently lit Community Track Soccer Field. The second year men's soccer team has been refurbished with the addition of many players from the old Stouffville Royals and Stouffville Panthers youth teams, which both met with considerable success in the 1980s in York Region soccer play.

The Spurs, who played Bradford United to a 3-3 tie in the season opener in Bradford last Tuesday, will entertain Orangeville Athletic for their first home game of the season.

Game time is 8:30 at the outdoor complex, located just east of the Rec Centre.

## Seven from SDSS going to Ontario track regionals

Seven Stouffville District Secondary School (SDSS) students have qualified for the Ontario (OFSSAA) regional track and field meet to be held this week at the Oshawa Civic Centre.

The seven all placed in the top six in their respective events at last Wednesday's Durham-York (DYSSAA) championships, which were also at the Civic Centre.

Anne Beecher earned the silver medal in the Senior girls long jump event. Beecher, whose specialty is the triple jump, was unable to compete in that competition at the DYSSAA meet due to her faulting in all three of her tries at the York Regional championship meet the previous week.

She took the silver medal in the triple jump in the OFSSAA finals last spring.

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## Out-of-towners prevail at A&S weekend slo pitch tourney

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The weatherman was the MVP, but it was the out-of-town teams that stole all the thunder in the annual A&S Raiders slo-pitch tournament at Memorial Park over the Victoria Day weekend.

Peterborough's Ace Plumbing took 10 innings to overcome the Excuses from Etobicoke 6-5 in the CD division final Sunday afternoon, while it was the Boys Are Back from Unionville prevailing 6-1 over Mississauga's Wiggly Pop in the DD title match. The CD champs left town with the \$600 first prize pay out, while the DD titlist Boys Are Back donated their winnings to the Children's Wish Foundation.

The Unionville outfit had directed their third place prize money to the same charity in the 1990 Raiders competition.

The semifinals were as far as any of the local area outfits could advance in the three-day tourney, which was played under picture perfect conditions, with Friday's rain ceasing just as the competition was about to get underway.

The CD flight defending champion Stouffville Straughan Carpentry Red Sox were nipped 8-7 by the Excuses in their semifinal encounter, giving them the \$200 third prize.

The Sox only other loss in their five games had been a 7-1 decision to the eventual champion Ace Plumbing crew.

In the DD semis, it was the McAsphalt Tar Babies of Stouffville dropping their contest 11-1 to Wiggly Pop. The Tar Babies, who had dropped an earlier encounter to the Boys Are Back by a 12-10 count, shared \$175 in third-prize money.

Stouffville's Boyd's Trappers were fourth in the CD running, good for a \$125 pay day, as they

won three while losing to the Red Sox and the Excuses.

The Stouffville Buttermakers won one of the three games in the same division. In the DD grouping, the Spring Lakes Tigers took the \$100 fourth place payout, racking up a trio of victories, with losses to the Tar Babies and the Wiggly Pop.

In the same division, Stouffville's Telxon won three, but a pair of losses to the Tigers put them out. The Bouwmeister A's and the local Sideliners pick up squad each split their four matches.

Another local collection, the Kindness Creations, won one of three.

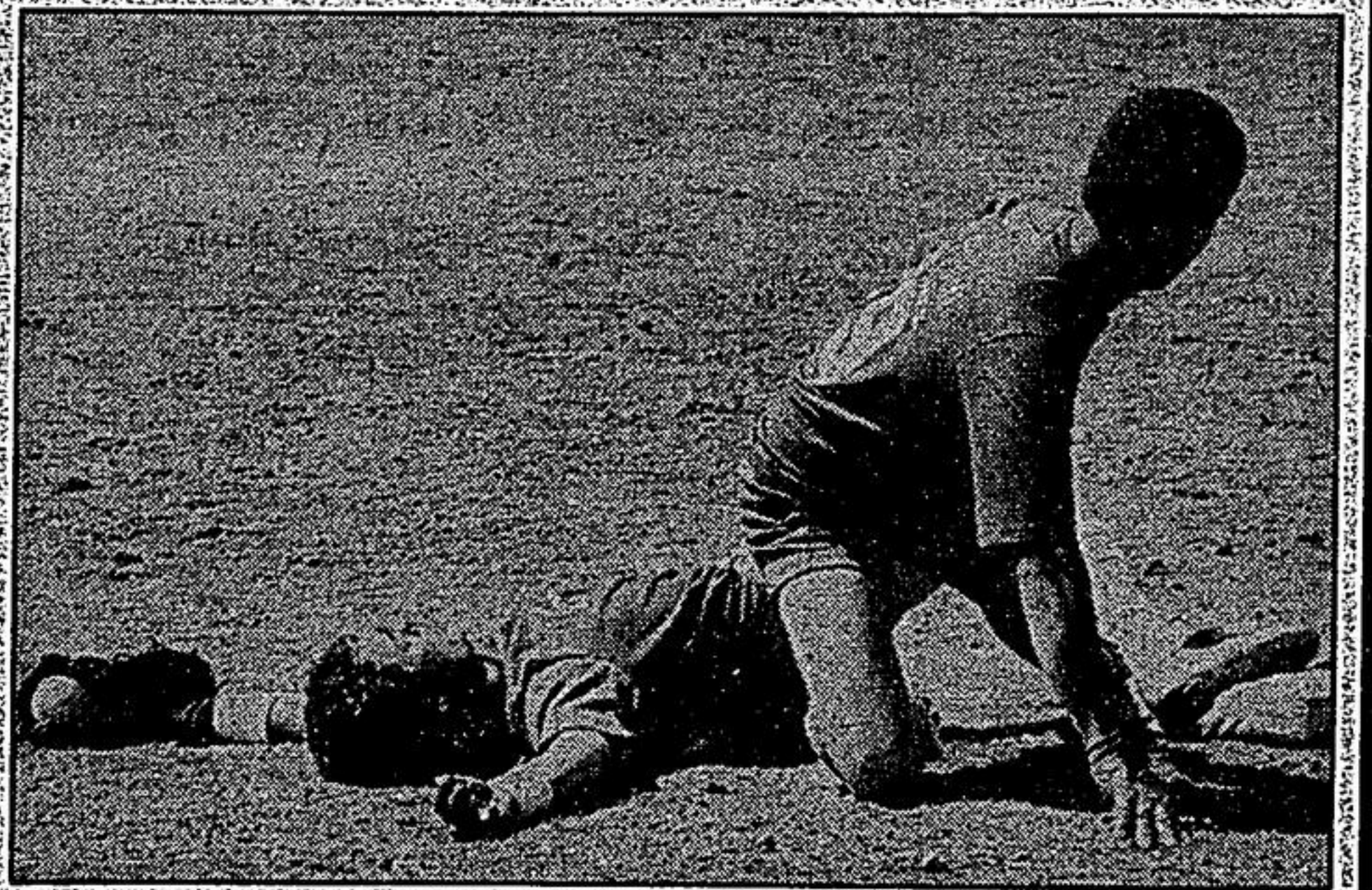
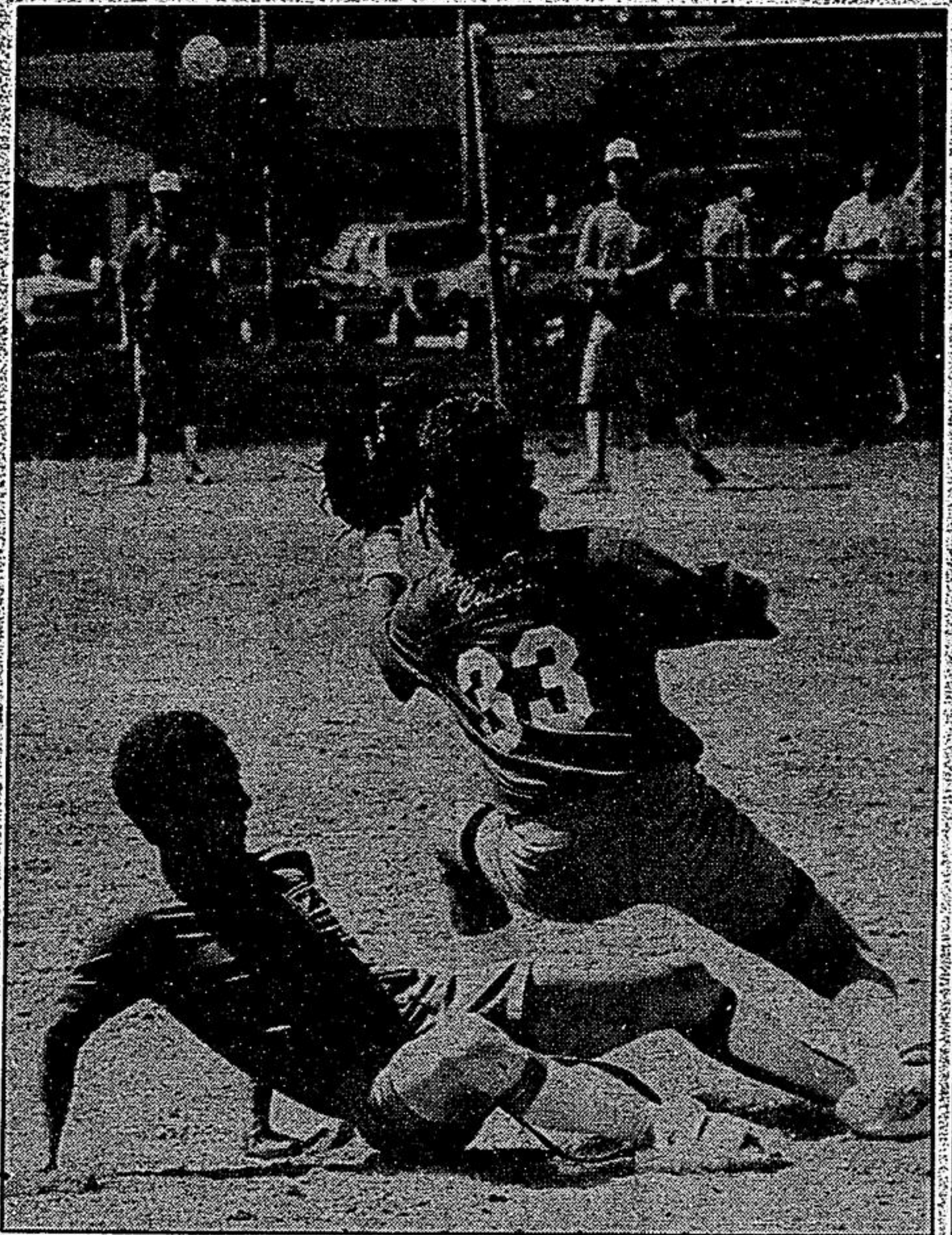
It was slim pickings for the two Claremont entries in the DD class, as the Classics took one of their three contests, while the Blazers dropped both their matches.

The Goodwood Partys managed one win in three outings.

Tourney notes: Wildest uniforms award went to the Wiggly Pop crew with their swirly shirts. Many squads were without team shirts, suggesting that slo-pitch may be just another victim of the recession.

As with several tournaments in the past, some fans were commenting on incidents of foul language on the field and in the area of the players' benches. Warnings were given by umpires on some occasions, while fan reaction resulted in apologies by others.

**Doug McQuaig of the Stouffville McAsphalt Tar Babies comes in safe at third while Guy Murffit of the Stouffville Sideliners shows his distress at the fact by lying flat out on the ground during the weekend slo-pitch tournament at Memorial Park.**



## Softball midgets all undressed with some place to go

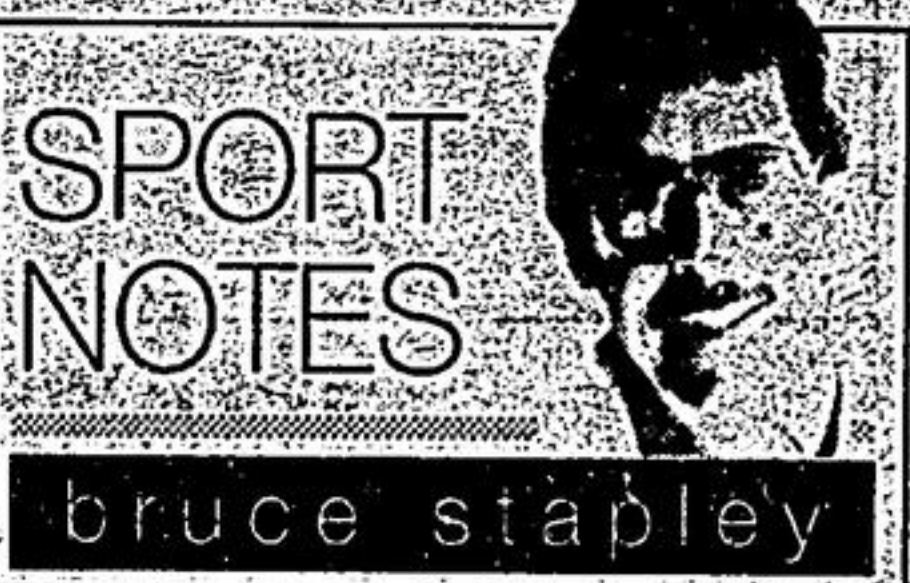
The latest victim of the recession would appear to be the Whitchurch-Stouffville Softball Association (WSSA).

Or, more specifically, the local ball association's Midget Boys Rep team.

According to that perennial workhorse of the WSSA rep ranks, Mary Myers, the 1991 Midgets have reversed that old line about being "all dressed up with nowhere to go."

"Because the Midgets, under the direction of coach Joe Infurnari, could indeed be going places this season. The talent is there, insists Myers, but the tea uniforms are not due to the lack of a sponsor.

"The town is running dry," Meyers lamented recently. "We have more teams than ever before in the house league - 76 - and we've just



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run out of sponsors."

With the rep season already underway, Myers is becoming more and more desperate to come up with some sort of solution to her problem. And apparently it's not just the Midgets who are experiencing difficulties with the sluggish economy.

"All the rep teams are hurting," said Myers. "It started last year when the Midgets never did end up with a proper sponsor. But it's worse than I've ever seen it this

year. All the teams will be fundraising."

Myers says she has tried everything in her attempts to find sponsorship money for the Midgets, but that, up until now, her efforts have failed to bear fruit.

"It's the economy. I've asked everyone in town. I'm asking everyone I know to look for someone who'll help us out. I don't know how else to go about it."

She says she's at the point where she will even accept half of the standard \$1,500 sponsorship fee just so she can arrange to have proper team uniforms done up for the Midgets.

"I'd hate to see the team end up going to the Ontario Eliminations without anything to wear. It's going to be bad enough playing in league

games without them."

Myers says she will even consider pooling sponsors together into a merchants' consortium, with each contributor paying for one or more uniforms.

"It's more expensive that way because each shirt has to have a different sponsor's name on the back. But I'll try anything."

On a brighter note, the WSSA is working on a fair way of deciding which local kids will be allowed to participate when 12 players from the Canadian Senior Men's and Women's Softball Teams come to town to put on a clinic July 27.

The dozen national hot shots, who will leave the following week to compete in the Pan American Games in Cuba, are to take over two diamonds at Memorial Park,

with 100 kids in all joining in.

Others will be free to watch from the sidelines, with a sound system being set up so all can hear what's going on out on the field.

The plan being considered would see entry forms printed in the local papers in mid-July, with the kids dropping them off at the newspaper offices.

All the forms would be put into a drum, with 100 being picked at random.

The WSSA is hoping a local group will come forward to offer to put on a modest dinner in Lacham Hall for the 12 Team Canada players after the clinic is over.

Anyone who would consider getting involved with the meal should call Mary Myers at 727-5139.

Ditto for the sponsorship of the Midget rep team.