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Stouffville Briefs

Competitive riding for the disabled

Competitive equestrian riding events will be available to all independent disabled riders in Ontario for the first time this Saturday.

The first regional championships in Equestrian Sport For Disabled Riders are being held in North York, with riders having any type of disability invited to compete.

The event is being hosted by Sport for Disabled Ontario, in conjunction with the Ontario Cerebral Palsy Sports Association.

The first provincial championships in equestrian sport for disabled riders will take place on Aug. 18.

Interested riders should contact Sandy Webster 667-8600.

Pee Wees win over Thornhill

John McKinnon had three hits and scored four times to help the Dean Myers Pee Wees to a 19-6 win over Thornhill last week.

Mike Underwood, Norm Davis, and Tom Hammond also had multiple hit games for the Dean Myers crew, as the team batted around in both the second and third innings.

Paul Koert had seven strikeouts on the pitching rubber for the Stouffville squad, which backed up a strong offensive performance with an errorless defensive effort.

On two occasions, Thornhill runners were thrown out at third base. Another was nailed at home plate.

The Pee Wees are at home to East Gwillimbury this Thursday night at 6:30 on diamond one.

Triathletes wanted for June 30 event

There are still openings for participants interested in taking part in Stouffville's fourth annual triathlon.

The three-part event, which will be held on June 30, is to be part of the town's Strawberry Festival celebrations.

The course consists of one kilometre swim, a 20.5 kilometre cycle, and a 7.5 kilometre run.

The race begins at 8 a.m. and is open to anyone 14 years of age and older.

Participants should register by June 21 at the Recreation Centre office.

Entry fees is \$38, with entries limited to the first 100 people.

Volunteers are also needed for this event, and should contact the Rec Centre office at 640-6527.

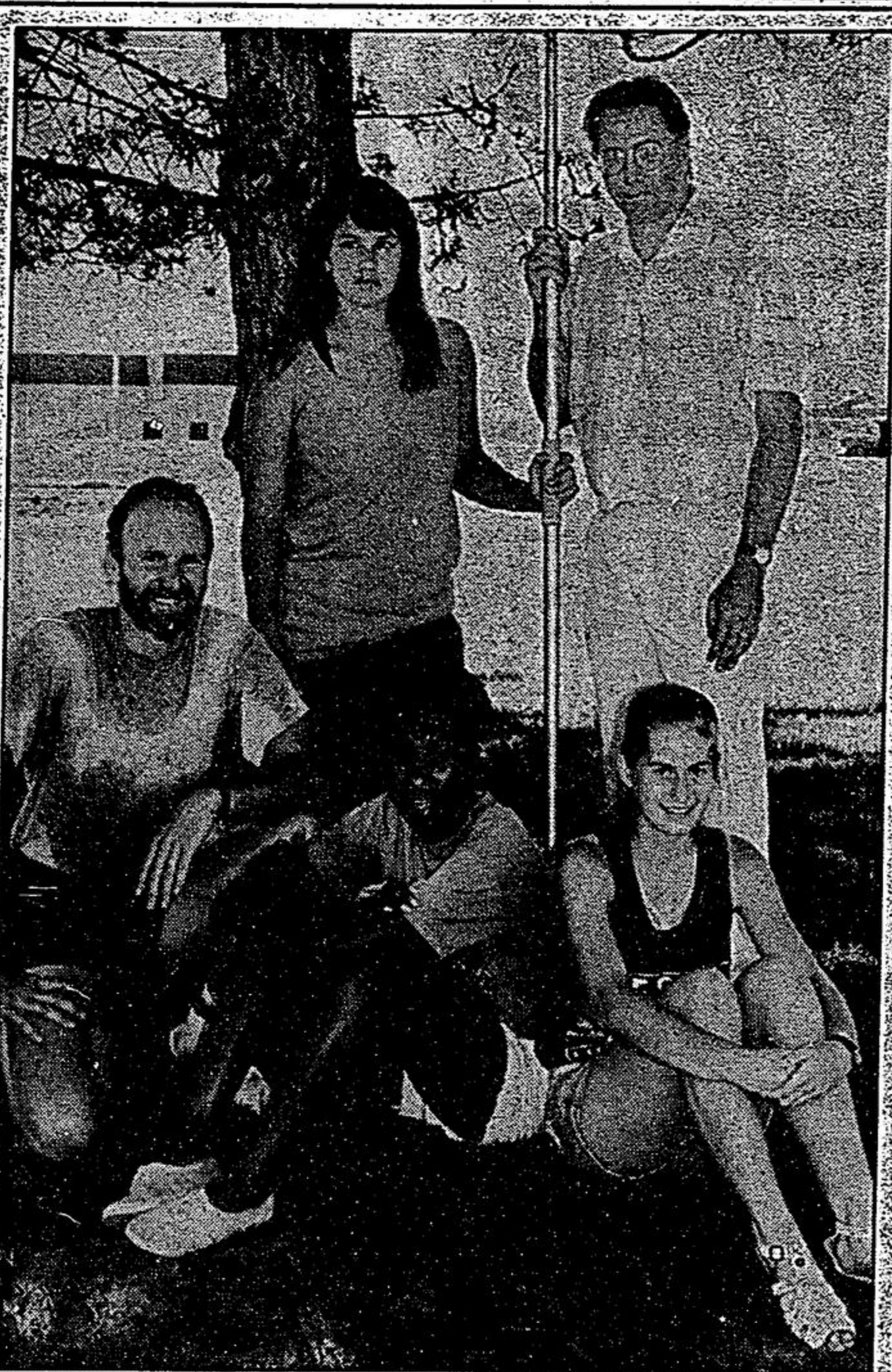


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SDSS athletes (and their coaches) going to OFSAA were: (sitting, from left) Scott Croucher, coach; Anne Beecher; Andrea Crothers; (standing) Kelly Forsyth and coach, Rick Dewell.

Beecher among Ontario's best

Among the top four in Ontario that's where Stouffville District Secondary School (SDSS) athlete Anne Beecher ended up in the Senior girls long jump event at the provincial (OFSAA) high school track and field

championships held under the blazing sun at Sudbury's Laurentian University over the weekend.

Beecher's jump of 5.31 metres, while not a personal best, was

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Town Spurs win another

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The Stouffville Town Spurs men soccer team won both a game and a goal-keeper Thursday night at the muggy Rec Centre field.

The Spurs made it two victories in a row with a 3-1 win over Bradford FC in a sweatbath affair that had the players on both teams willing from the heat by game's end.

But just as important as the triumph was the confirmation of Ziggy Reiter as the Spurs full-time goal-tender.

Reiter, a forward, had been asked to fill the vacant position when he pulled a muscle in his leg at the start of the season. The team is undefeated so far, with Reiter recording a shutout May 23, and coming within a questionable last minute penalty kick of another versus Bradford Thursday.

Spurs co-coach Alfons Rubbens was delighted with Reiter's performance Thursday, and says his net-minding problem has been officially solved.

"Ziggy made some super saves. He's like a tiger out there, and he's quite stylish, as well. He's a true athlete, and he's finding his niche now. He asked to take the goal-keeper's shirt home after the game, so I think that means he's accepted the position."

After a scoreless first half in which the Bradford team showed strong ball control, the Spurs' Travis White finally broke the stalemate, sending a long kick past the Bradford defenders into the bottom right corner of the net.

David Petramala, playing his first game for the Spurs after coming back from a knee injury, then crossed the ball deep from the corner to Tony Pearse, who headed it into the Bradford net to make it 2-0.

Chris Quadrini rounded out the Spurs' assault when he broke through the middle, deked the Bradford defence and scored.

Mid-fielder Andrew Stansfield impressed Rubbens with his tireless effort in the heat. "He was a work horse out there, a veteran who ran like a kid all night."

The coach was also happy with the sportsmanlike play of both teams. "It was good, clean soccer. I was so pleased to see they can still play that way."

The Spurs don't play at home again until June 13, when they take on the Newmarket Wanderers at 8:30 p.m. at the Rec Centre pitch.

Spur-Notes — Rubbens, along with co-coach Martin Johannessen, Stouffville Community Track Chairman Ged Stonehouse and family, and around 30 young soccer players, were pressed into sod laying service just before Thursday's game.

It seems a truck load of sod, ordered to cover the fringes of the soccer field dug up during the building of the new track, arrived at 6 p.m., and was deposited on the east side of the main field.

The makeshift labor crew succeeded in removing the obstacle, putting the grass in place before Friday morning's potentially damaging rainstorm.

Rep team dream dashed for Dunkeld

Cliff Dunkeld's dream of a Sophomore level ladies rep softball team for this town has been interrupted after just over a year.

But the patron saint of girls and ladies sport in Stouffville will continue on undaunted, assured that he was on the right track when he helped form the 18-and-under squad last season.

The Angie's Sophomores gave up the ghost last week after finding they just didn't belong on the same field as their older, more seasoned competitors in the South Lake Simcoe Ladies League.

It had become a matter, not of whether the team would pull out, but rather of when the blood-letting would finally be allowed to end.

No young athletes should have to endure the constant thrashings on the field that the beleaguered Angie's players were suffering through, especially when you're constantly coming up against older, more experienced teams.

It was probably a bit of wishful thinking that led to the Sophomore outfit being placed in among the lions in the first place.

Unable to find a sophomore loop



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to hook into when they started up at the beginning of the 1990 season, the Angie's outfit decided to join their intermediate older sisters, the Stouffville Stingers in the 18-and-over intermediate level south Lake Simcoe operation.

Bob Gold stepped down as Stingers coach to take over the Angie's crew, the thinking being that his experience could help steady the upstart group.

Dunkeld took over the coaching job of the Stingers, a position he had held several times in the past.

It was a rough year for the first year sophomores, and when Gold moved to Fenelon Falls, Debbie Rennie was asked to take over the reins for the 1991 campaign, which the thinking went, would have to be an improvement over the inaugural season.

However, the more talented members of the team decided they would rather try to catch on with the defending South Lake Simcoe champion Stingers, and the Angie's team was left gutted, and with little if any hope.

Finally, it was decided to pull the squad out of the league. The Angie's girls have been entered into the town's Bantam Girls house league, which will now have a viable four team flight.

So the Angie's girls will finally get to rediscover how much fun softball can be, with an odds on chance of winning every time they take the field.

The Ontario Sophomore ladies championships, which Angie's were to host this August, will still be played here, but without a local team. Hopefully, such a high level of ball will prove a good draw without the built-in attraction of a home team fighting it out for the title.

Not to worry, Cliff. It was a noble effort. And it sure beats standing still.

The OASA (Ontario Amateur

Softball Association) 1991 Official Constitution and By-Laws booklet, the who's who of softball all across the province, looks a little like a Whichchurch-Stouffville Softball Association (WSSA) rep-team directory.

The guide contains no less than three WSSA team pictures, with our trio of local 1990 provincial championship winning squads there for all to see.

The Mite B titlist Stouffville Buttermakers are on page 30; the Choko Design Squirt B champs adorn page 34; and the Stouffville Merchants, who finished on top in the provincial Junior Eliminations last July, appear on page 52.

The booklet was shown to me by a justifiably proud Rob Parcels at the Merchants game with Port Perry at Memorial Park last Wednesday. Parcels came within an act of highway robbery of begin the hero in the 10-0 contest, when his well-stroked extra-inning liner with the winning run on second base was hauled down by the Port shortstop, who then doubled up the runner at second to end the game.