

# stouffville sports

## SDSS slo-pitch team sweeps twin bill

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It was a home run derby as the Stouffville District Secondary School (SDSS) Spartans girls slo-pitch team took both ends of a double header at the town park last Tuesday.

But the SDSS squad wasn't so lucky in tournament play, as they dropped two of three games played at the Milliken

Mills three pitch tourney Thursday.

At home Tuesday, the SDSS girls got homers from Jenni Turner, Jen McGowan, Nicole Ellis, and Amy Beecham as they dumped Milliken Mills HS 18-8 in the opener.

In the second game, it was McGowan with a pair of three-run home runs and Ellis and Heather McKinnon with a round tripper apiece, as the Spartans bombed Markham DHS 37-2.

Tammy Grove had a triple and McGowan and Stacie Patten doubles in the first game.

Anne Roy clouted a double and a triple in the second contest, with McGowan stroking a pair of doubles. Turner and Patten each chipped in with a double.

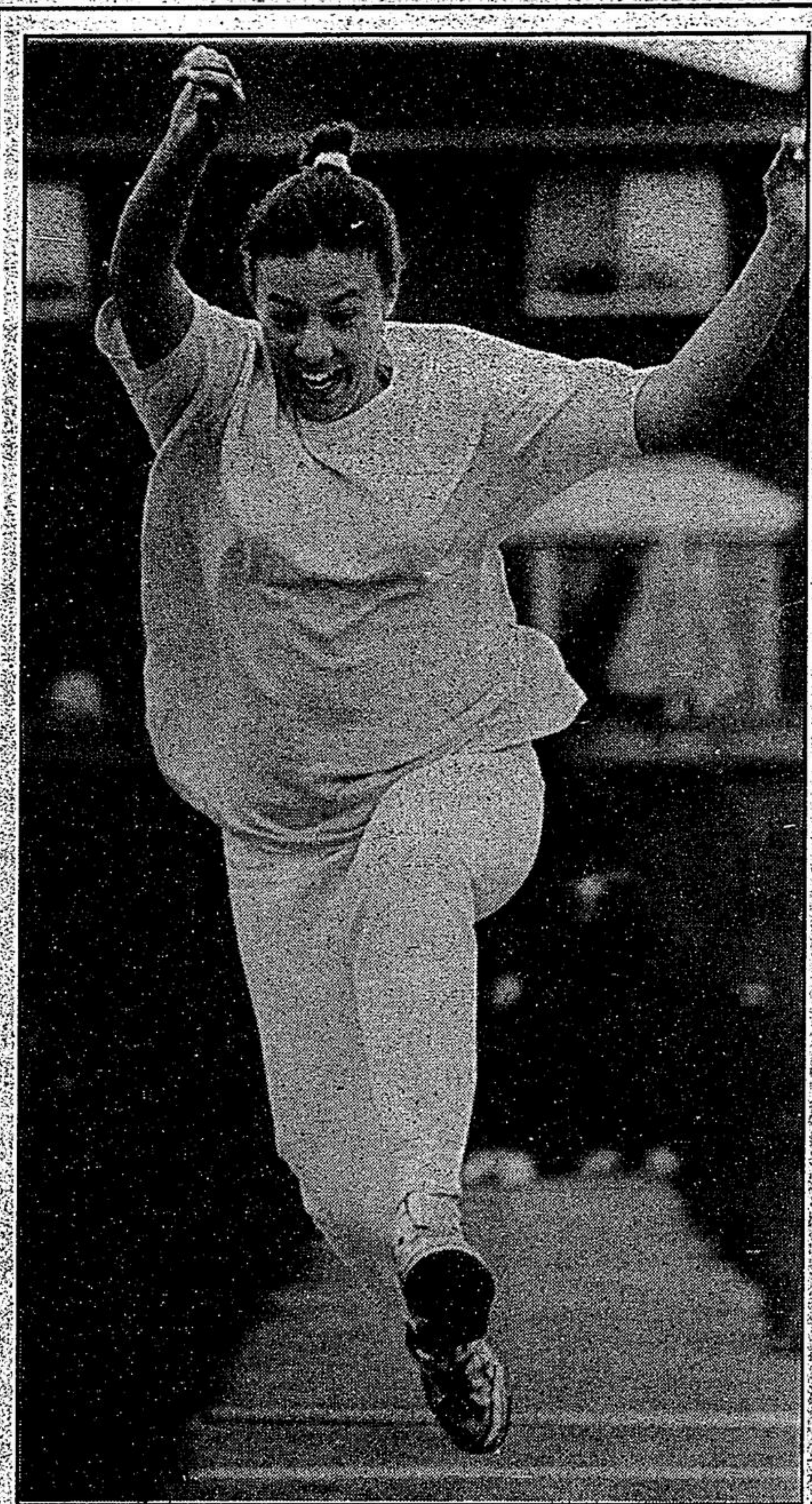
Andrea Wilson pitched well in both games for the Spartans, who came up with a strong defensive effort.

At the Milliken Mills tourney, the Spartans downed Brother Andre CS 12-9 in their first game as Beecham clubbed a triple and Patten a double.

But the Stouffville girls were outgunned 6-3 by St. Elizabeth's CS in their next outing, despite doubles by Ellis and Anne Roy.

The Spartans were ousted from the competition when they lost 11-6 to Cardinal Carter CS. Kate McKnight clouted a home run for the Spartans. Roy managed a triple, and Wilson and Tanya Couperthwaite each bashed a double.

The SDSS squad was to contest the league playoffs Monday at Milliken Mills.



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### Triple jump for joy

Rachel Armour, a Grade 8 student at Orchard Park PS, gives the triple jump event her best shot (or leap) at the Orchard Park track and field competition last week.

## Spurs defeat Wanderers

Travis White was kicking up a storm, and his teammates were flying high as the Stouffville Town Spurs defeated the Newmarket Wanderers 4-1 in Newmarket and District Soccer League action at the rec centre field Thursday.

The Spurs, who now sport a record of two wins and no losses, fell behind 1-0 on a defensive miscue 15 minutes into the game.

But White took a perfect cross from Lawrence Gordon, then drove the ball from inside the box into the net to square things.

White struck again on a free kick from the top of the box, rifling the ball into the top left corner of the goal to put the Spurs ahead to stay.

In the second half, Jason Schellenberg pressured the Wanderers goalkeeper into dropping the ball, after which the aggressive Spur deposited it into the net.

Tony Pearce closed out the scoring when his drive from the left wing eluded the grasp of the Newmarket keeper.

The Spurs played a solid defensive game, as goalie Ross Devenport was called upon to make only a few difficult saves.

Spurs co-coach Alfons Rubbens was impressed with the intensity displayed by his team. "They were flying," said Rubbens. "The spirit is there, and we're off to a good start."

Rubben had praise for the hustle of Schellenberg and the strong mid-field play of Andy Stanfield.

The Spurs travel to Aurora to play the Rovers this Saturday afternoon.

## Bantam girls win Markham tourney

It was a four-game sweep for the Stouffville Bantam Girls Softball team at a tournament in Markham over the weekend.

The Stouffville girls outscored their opponents 36-17 in the four contests with strong pitching from Jenny Egan and Jodi Simms helping guarantee the championship.

Stouffville got solid hitting from Krista Henderson, Katie White, Ann Roy, Stephanie Summerhill, Jodi Simms, and Lindsay Upton.

The Stouffville infield was also sharp, turning several double plays. Catcher Lindsay Upton threw out several runners attempting to steal second base.

The Bantam girls travel to Burlington this weekend for a tournament which is to include teams from the United States.

## Stouffville Merchants on track for junior eliminations in July

Rob Parcels used his veteran's magic at the town park last Wednesday night, coming through with a clutch two-run single with two out in the fourth inning to give the Stouffville Merchants a 2-0 victory over the Oshawa Navy Club in an Oshawa and District Men's Fastball League contest.

Parcels' timely stroke followed an infield single by Mike Clausner and a walk by Ryan MacIntyre, who both advanced a base on an infield out.

Parcels got a little carried away in the afterglow of having delivered his crucial blow, as was attested to by his trying to steal second base and being dead to rights. Ol' Bert is no Ricky Henderson as it turns out.

The hits by Parcels and Clausner were the only ones managed by the Merchants in the game as the team took maximum advantage of its sparse offensive outpouring. Meanwhile Merchants' ace



hurler Byron Baranieski was pitching a three hitter while striking out six and surrendering a pair of walks.

Merchants' assistant coach Gary Yoshida was impressed with Baranieski's performance, and said the pitcher was on track in terms of being ready for the Junior Eliminations in Stouffville July 10 to 12. "Byron is getting close to his championship form," said Yoshida.

But Yoshida expressed his concern that the team wasn't seeing enough action due to a schedule which has seen them play only one game a week lately. "We're not playing enough

ball for the kids to be getting enough playing time," said Yoshida, who said the team was looking to arrange some exhibition games.

Merchants' head coach Howard Burkholder said his team roster is all but finalized. The squad is presently carrying 15 players, but that number will drop by one when a situation involving pitcher Hubie Basilio is resolved.

Basilio, a resident of Pickering, is being pursued by the Oshawa Juniors of the Oshawa and District league. The Juniors are trying to prevent Basilio from playing outside the Oshawa-Pickering area, citing a minor ball affiliation agreement between the two Durham towns as the reason why the teen shouldn't be allowed to play here.

According to Burkholder, Basilio wants to play for the Merchants and is trying to get his release from the Oshawa Pickering association.

If Basilio ends up with the Merchants, Dave Jones, a resident of Claremont, could end up playing for the Oshawa team as the Merchants pare their roster down to the desired number of 14.

With the team having already been pruned over the past week or so, Burkholder feels it will be better for the team to have the roster finalized.

"Now that we have the team down, we can concentrate better on playing as a team," he said. The Merchants host Port Perry this Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. They have seven league games left before the eliminations.

The Merchants are also scheduled to participate in tournaments in St. Catharines June 12 to 14, and in Port Perry June 26 to 28, in an effort to be in peak form for the provincial championship showdown.

Mandy Van Veen, a 13-year-old equestrian enthusiast who lives on the St. John's Sideroad was a member of the North York Pony Club's A team which finished first at the Prince Philip Games meet at the Eglinton Equestrian Club May 10.

Mandy, who was also a member of the North York team last season, has been riding since she was four years old. She has been competing since she was seven and hopes to show on the A circuit eventually. She has her long term sights set on riding at the Grand Prix level.

She will compete this summer on the Trillium Circuit which is a show jumping series, as well as taking part in the remaining five Prince Philip Games meets.

With any luck, the youth will add a few more ribbons to the walls of a bedroom which already boasts a healthy collection.