

stouffville sports



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Out at first

Stouffville base runner Candy Brown was a tad bit late in reaching first base as Newmarket first baseman Sheena Brownlie catches this relay throw from a teammate to record an out during Saturday's South Lake Simcoe Ladies Slo-Pitch playoff game at Clarendon.

Knight scores first-ever ace

Mark Knight is sporting a brand new lucky number these days.

The 13-year-old Knight is convinced the number eight is his good luck numeral after achieving an unlikely hole in one at a local golf course recently.

Knight aced the eighth hole at the Sleepy Hollow Golf and Country Club Aug. 19.

The Bernick Cres. resident, who has a junior membership at the 10th Line club, managed the feat with a Titlist 8 golf ball.

He used a five wood for the shot, which travelled 143 yards onto an elevated green.

"My new lucky number is eight," said the excited youth.

"It was the eighth hole, a Titlist 8 ball, and it happened during August, the eighth month of the year."

Knight, who also had a birdie on the 15th hole, shot an 88 for the round.

It was the first time he had ever

broke the 90 barrier.

Knight has only been golfing for a year.

He was accompanied by three other youths, and the hole in one was also witnessed by a foursome of women golfers playing ahead of Knight's quartet.

"I had to use the five wood to get the ball up onto the elevated green," said Knight, who added that he couldn't even see the ball land from his position at the tee.

"When we got to the green, we saw there were only three balls up there. Steve (another member of the foursome) went to the hole and said, 'It's gone in!' I couldn't believe it."

Knight was given a plaque to commemorate the event by Sleepy Hollow.

His neighbor, Rob Hargrave, whom Knight caddies for, gave him 12 dozen Top Flite golf balls with the Sleepy Hollow logo emblazoned on them.



Stouffville resident Mark Knight had a memorable day on the links as he recently shot a hole in one at the Sleepy Hollow Golf and Country Club.

Ball bantams make a quick exit

The Dean Myers Motors bantam boys left their sticks at home when they travelled to Jarvis for the Ontario Amateur Softball Association championships over the weekend.

The Myers squad dropped both games played, 3-2 to the host outfit and 4-2 to Stittsville, after being awarded their first game when a technicality forced their St. Thomas opponents out of the tournament.

Evan Boyd and Shawn Sargeant each picked up two hits and scored a run against Jarvis, while Tim Smart had a single and a sacrifice bunt.

Adam Crowder and Sargeant

crossed the plate in the Stittsville game, as Stouffville managed six hits and two walks, but couldn't put them together.

Girls hockey registration

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Girls' Hockey Association (WSGHA) will hold registration sessions Thursday and Sept. 11 at the Recreation Centre.

The sign ups will take place between the hours of 6:30-9 p.m. on Thursday, and 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Sept. 11.

The WSGHA houseleague is to be divided into two divisions for the first time during the upcoming season.

The Junior houseleague will include players from 7-11 years of age, while Senior loop will be for players 12-17 years of age.

Select teams will be available from novice through peewee age groups. Bantam, midget, and senior rep team tryouts will take place in mid-September.

For further information, contact John Summerhill at 640-7203.

Holt has fond memories of Stouffville

Regular readers of the Tribune sports section in the late 1970's and early '80's will surely remember Jim Holt, who regularly used his sports page column to wax venomous regarding the mayor and council of the day.

Jim, who now lives in a 200-year-old farm house just south of Lisbon, Portugal, dropped by the Tribune office the other day during a three-week visit to the area he once called home.

One of the reasons for his trip was to attend the inaugural dinner to mark the opening of the Canadian Motorsports Hall of Fame Aug. 19.

The auto racing shrine has been set up at the site of the old Hockey Hall of Fame on the CNE grounds in Toronto.

The black tie gala was held at the Four Seasons Yorkville in Toronto, and was also attended by Holt's son Larry.

The younger Holt is currently

general manager of Multi-Matic Motor Sports, a racing team whose Uxbridge driver, Scott Maxwell, is leading the Canadian Endurance Road Racing Championship Series points race.

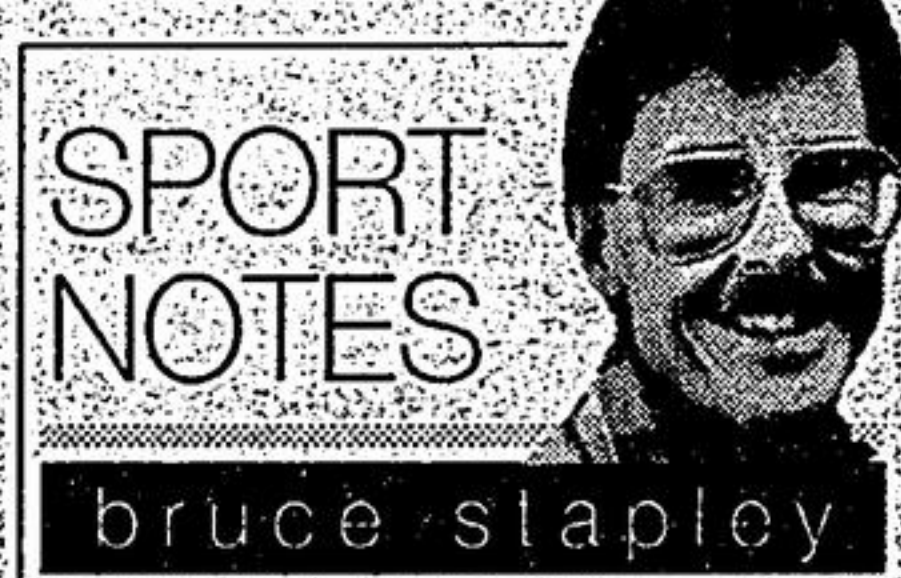
While chatting with Trib staff members, Jim recalled with great pleasure how he rattled the cages of big shots and little guys alike during his days at the paper.

He covered council as well as sports, and would regularly spill one into the other.

His relentless diatribes aimed in the direction of former Whitchurch-Stouffville mayors Eldred King and Tom Wood were enough to even make tell-it-like-it-is editor Jim Thomas cringe, Holt recalled with a grin.

"I'm the only Tribune reporter they tried to run out of town," he laughed.

"I remember how it often nearly came to blows in the old arena. I had a love-hate relationship with Ed Grimshaw (former



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Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey Association president). And once I was grabbed by the lapels of my trench coat by an angry father screaming that I hadn't mentioned his son's team in the paper for weeks."

He said he could always tell when the paper had hit the streets by the sound of the angry footsteps leading upstairs to his office in the old Tribune building on the south side of Main St. where the Golden Fountain Restaurant now sits.

Jim's constant criticism of Mayor King always included his less-than-kind label of "Eldred the Unready," a reference to

"Ethelred the Unready," the derisive moniker given the one-time king of England by critics who felt the monarch was a little too tentative for the job.

When current Tribune reporter Tracy Kibble suggested that King, who is now Chairman of the Region of York, is still less than enamored by the press, Jim laughed and said, "I'm afraid I started that!"

But while Jim was noted for his opinionated approach to both sports and politics, he also left a legacy which included some constructive contributions as well. He would regularly make the trip to Scarborough to cover the Stouffville Amateur Hockey League before the local men's loop was finally granted ice time here in town.

He figured that by drawing attention to the fact there were so many Stouffville area men playing the game, the powers that be would eventually break down

and find them a spot in the arena schedule.

It worked, although Jim was quick to point out it was the efforts of Eric Scaife and his associates that really made it all happen.

After almost a decade away from the job, Jim is still quick with the jab.

He insisted Stouffville, along with all the small towns in the Greater Toronto Area, were lacking in originality.

He jumped right into the current "Music Town Ontario" fray, stating it would be more appropriate to call Stouffville "Softball Town Ontario" in reference to the numerous provincial titles the town has amassed in recent years.

When asked if he missed King, Jim shook his head and smiled. "Eight years isn't long enough away from Eldred King!"

You can bet the feeling is mutual.