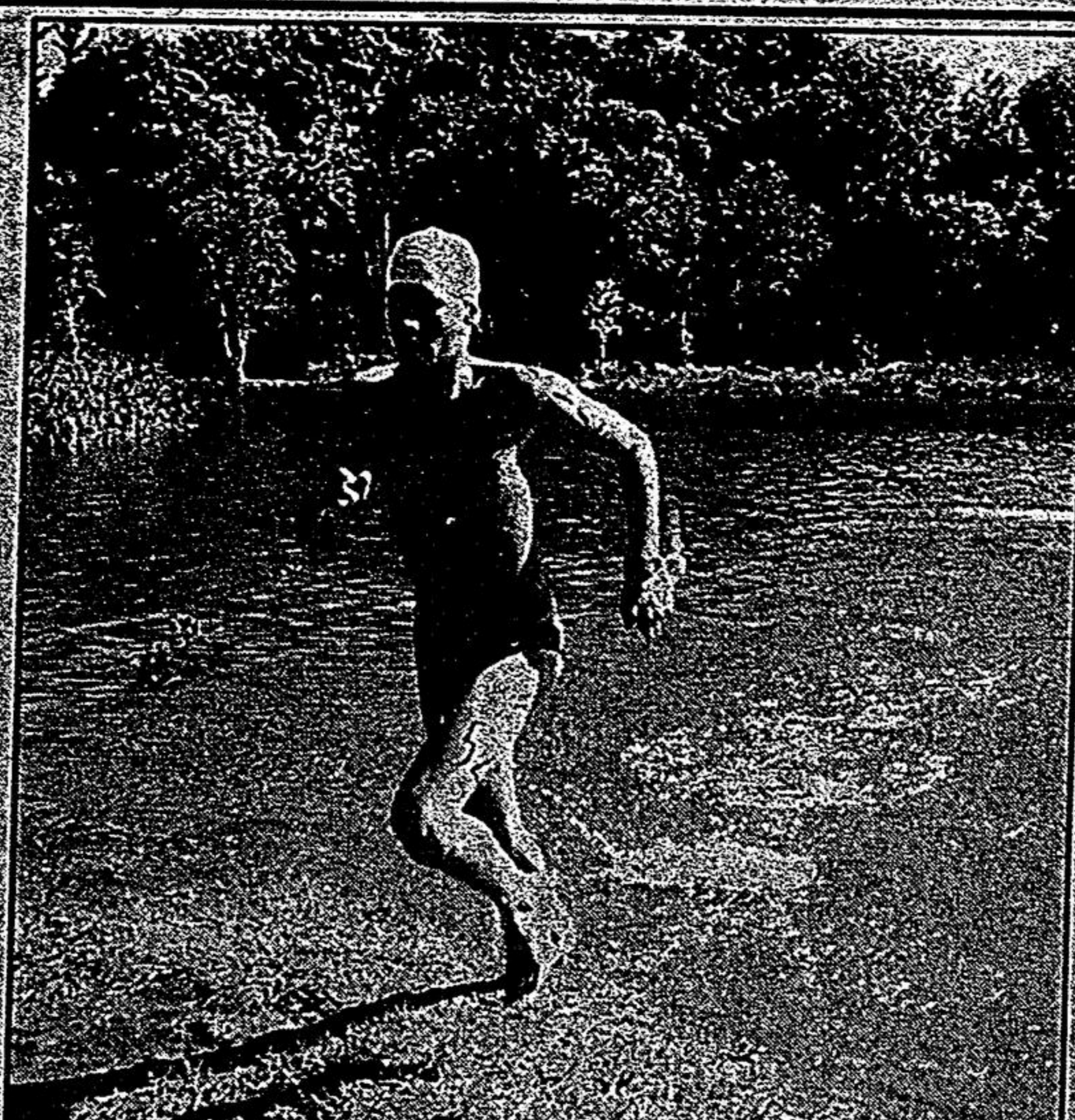


# Sports



## Kids of Steel

A number of young triathletes converged at Bruce's Mill last weekend to take part in the Kids of Steel 1995 Provincial Triathlon Championship. Part of the competition saw Greg Jacina (left and centre photographs) cycle and swim his way towards winning the overall title in the 11-12 Minime Division. In the right photo, Briana Martin examines a rough scrape she received during the gruelling one-day event.

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# Spirit high as Junior team takes shape

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Stouffville's brand new Provincial Junior A Hockey League team is starting to take shape.

Stouffville Spirit officials have announced the signing of 14 players for the inaugural season, including former Stouffville Clippers Graham Crowder and Brad Hackert.

The Spirit has also landed Jason Robinson, a 20-year-old right winger who was MVP and scoring champion for the (Ontario Hockey Association) Central Ontario Junior C Hockey League last season. The 6'2", 190-pound Sharon resident played with the Georgina Ice in that team's initial season.

Also signed was 15-year-old George Trifon of Scarborough, a 5'11", 180-pound centre considered one of the top players in Ontario for his age.

Trifon has played for the Toronto Young Nationals and won MVP awards in the Quebec Pee Wee Tournament and the Russian tourney last season.

He has been a leader with several provincial championship teams.

Spirit officials contend he has been projected a top Ontario Hockey League (OHL)

pick as an underage player.

Also inked are Tyler Romme-laere (centre with the Newmarket '87s last year, 130 points in his AAA midget season, draft pick of the OHL Windsor Spitfires in 1994), Evan Georgiou (left wing, two seasons with Wexford Raiders of the Metro Junior A Hockey League, leading scorer with two provincial midget championship teams), Tate Phillips (right wing, played for Thornhill and Markham Junior A teams, drafted by Owen Sound, OHL, in 1993), Mark Conrad (defence, leading scorer and captain of Kirkland Lake midget AAA team), Chris Kyriakou (Bramalea Blues Jr A last season), Jeff Angelidis, Sean Dove (Markham Waxers Jr A last season), Corey McCarthy, Jim Wilson, Anthony Agresti (Jr C last season).

The Spirit began practices at the Rec Centre the day after Labour Day and were to play their initial exhibition game against Lindsay in Fenelon Falls on Thursday. The Spirit travels to Orillia for a pre-season match Wednesday.

The two teams play a return match at the Rec Centre Sept. 16 at 8:30 p.m., with fans being invited to watch the game for free that night.

The Spirit are to open the 1995-96 season with a home game against Trenton Satur-

day, Sept. 23 at 8:30 p.m. Season tickets will be available at the pre-season home game Sept. 13, as well as at practice sessions Sept. 11 (6:30 to 7:30 p.m.), Sept. 12 (9 to 10 p.m.), Sept. 19 (8 to 9 p.m.) and Sept.

20 (9 to 10 p.m.).

Spirit briefs The Spirit missed a chance to grab a third Stouffville product when former Clipper Geoff Smith signed with the new Bomansville Eagles Provincial

Junior A League squad. Smith, who along with Crowder and Hackert played for the 1992 OAHA and OHF champion bantam Clippers, was impressive as a member of the Georgina Ice last season.

## Ball squirts stake claim to silver and bronze

Color the Stouffville squirt boys rep fastball team silver and bronze.

The squirts were second in their league championship tournament Aug. 26-27, after finishing third at the Ontario Amateur Softball Association (OASA) finals Aug. 19, 20 in Owen Sound.

The Stouffville squad won two of its three games played the first day of the league play-off tournament, then won four in a row to put them in the championship round the second day. But the tired Stouffville boys were downed 7-1 by a well-rested Willowdale team in the title match.

Stouffville defeated Willowdale 6-3 in their opening game, then fell 4-1 to Bramalea in game two.

Moving over to the B side with the loss, Stouffville bested Peterborough 10-1, then went on to down Aurora 9-1, Vaughan 6-0, Bramalea 7-1 and Richmond Hill 5-1 before finally falling to Willowdale in the final.

Jordan Marshall had a home run for Stouffville in the title game. Brandon Tardella clubbed a double.

In the OASA tourney, Stouffville dropped a

6-0 decision to the eventual champions from Napanee in their opener, then reeled off three shutout victories in a row over Owen Sound 7-0, Aurora 4-0 and Kingston Twp. 4-0. Rod Assinck and Scott McDougall combined to pitch the three wins. The duo struck out 15 batters in the victory over Owen Sound, while Robert Anderson tripled and James Wood and Shane Timms doubled.

Assinck threw a one-hitter and hit a double to trigger a four-run fifth-inning outburst against Aurora. Dale Boadway (double), Shane Timms (sacrifice bunt), Marshall, Ben Crawford, Wood and Jonathan Ferguson (singles) also contributed to the big inning.

Against Kingston, McDougall looked after the pitching while the big hits came from Marshall, Ben Belissimo, Lucas Hunter, Timms, Anderson, Tardella and Wood.

Stouffville then fell 8-5 to the eventual silver medalists from Waterford to bow out of the tournament with the bronze.

Tardella and Marshall had doubles in the game, with Wood, Ben Crawford, Belissimo, Anderson, McDougall, Hunter and Timms singling.