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# Sports

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## Top sporting moments from summer and fall of 1996

- The second annual Mayor's Golf Tournament held in July at the Maples of Ballantrae raised \$10,000 for the second ice pad. Another \$2-3,000 was earmarked for youth programs.
- Vandorf's Linda Furniss was among the judges for the synchronized swimming events at the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta, Ga.
- It was a golden season for the Weston Produce/Angie's Eatery

- novice and Fred Butler Print Ltd/Kelly Pantaleo Century 21 Real Estate midget girls softball teams. The novices started out the season with a pair of tournament wins, then went all the way at the Provincial Women's Softball Association (PWSA) championship in London in August. The novices, who had earlier swept a PWSA midget Tier 2 qualifying tourney held in Stouffville in August. The Butler/Panta-

leo outfit then swept all four games played to take the gold at the PWSA finals in Napanee in late August.

- The host Stouffville bantams were finalists at the OASA Bantam B Championships played at the town park in August. The gritty Stouffville crew won four games in a row after falling 1-0 in their opener, finally falling 2-1 to Stittsville in the championship round.

- Local resident Bill Pride, who played for the 1992 OASA junior provincial finalists Stouffville Merchants, was picked up by the Oshawa Double B's for the Canadian National Softball Association junior men's championships in Newfoundland in August.

- Stouffville's Provincial Junior A Hockey League team was busy in the off season. The team name was changed to the Spirit of Stouffville, with a new logo introduced as well.

- The Canadian Professional Golfers Association came calling in mid September, as the Mandarin Golf and Country Club hosted the annual CPGA Championship.

- Alison Crowder, 16, was one half of the duo which took the gold at the Ontario Volleyball Association midget girls beach volleyball championships in Midland in August.

- The town's squirt boys fastball team came within an extra inning 1-0 loss of winning an OASA crown over the Labour Day weekend. The mite Buttermakers were also finalists at their OASA championship tournament in Orleans.

- Local ball players Chris and Rich Burkholder, and Byron Baranieski helped the Greenbank Gamblers to two wins in four games at the North American Fastpitch Association Intermediate finals in Kansas.

- The Lombardo's Auto Trim under 15 boys soccer team took the silver medal at the York Region Soccer Association finals in Newmarket.

- The Claremont Rebels men's fastball team went undefeated in North York Men's Fastball League regular season play before losing the league playoff crown to the North York Knights.

- The Canadian Progress Club under 11 girls soccer team won the

gold medal at the York league championships in Sharon in early September, winning out over Cybex, also of Stouffville, in the final round.

### FALL

- The Spirit of Stouffville opened its second season with four road losses before winning its home opener. The team would go on to experience a trying autumn, losing a host of close games while taking a record of five wins, 26 losses and a tie into late December. The team underwent a shake up in early December when former Stouffville Clipper Dan Larmer replaced Steve Sedore as head coach. Kyle O'Brien of Markham, and John Lowrie, Sr., were made assistant coaches. The Spirit once again hosted the touring Russian national junior team in December, with the polished Russian all stars taking a 13-3 victory.

- Work began on the long awaited second ice pad as the local Branick Group set to work on constructing the \$1.1 million project. The facility was to be completed early in the new year.

- Stouffville master runner Fred Robbins defended his title at the 10th annual York-Finch Hospital Wonder Run in early October.

- The Action Signs oldtimers hockey team took the B division crown at the annual Opening Face-off Tournament at the Rec Centre in October.

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- The Stouffville District Secondary School (SDSS) cross country running team achieved its goal of regaining their York Region Athletic Association (YRAA) title. Led by the first place individual performances of Wendy Wright in the junior girls race and Luke Williams in the midget boys event, the SDSS squad outdistanced all comers at the finals at the Boyd Conservation Area. The school's junior girls team was first overall, with the senior boys squad finishing second. The senior and midget girls and midget boys teams were all third. At the Ontario Federation of Schools Athletic Associations (OFSAA) meet in Toronto in early November, Wright

was 40th out of 240 runners, with Williams placing 41st in a field of 230 entrants.

- The SDSS Spartans girls field hockey team fell short as they attempted to defend their York Region Athletic Association (YRAA) crown. The Spartans were edged 1-0 by King City in the semi-finals.

- Kim Kavluk was 11th overall in a field of more than 500 runners, and was the top placing master runner, in the Niagara Falls Marathon in October.

- The Teacher Terrors, a team made up of SDSS teachers and parents of SDSS students, took their divisional title at the annual Uxbridge Oilies Oldtimers Hockey Tournament in Manvers.

- The major atom and major pee wee Clippers both skated to the title at a tournament hosted by the Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey Association at the Rec Centre in early November.

- June Doner was reinstated as president of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Softball Association at the annual meeting in November. Steve Buck was named vice president, while Gerrie Bolton and Lori Sellers were reappointed as secretary and treasurer respectively.

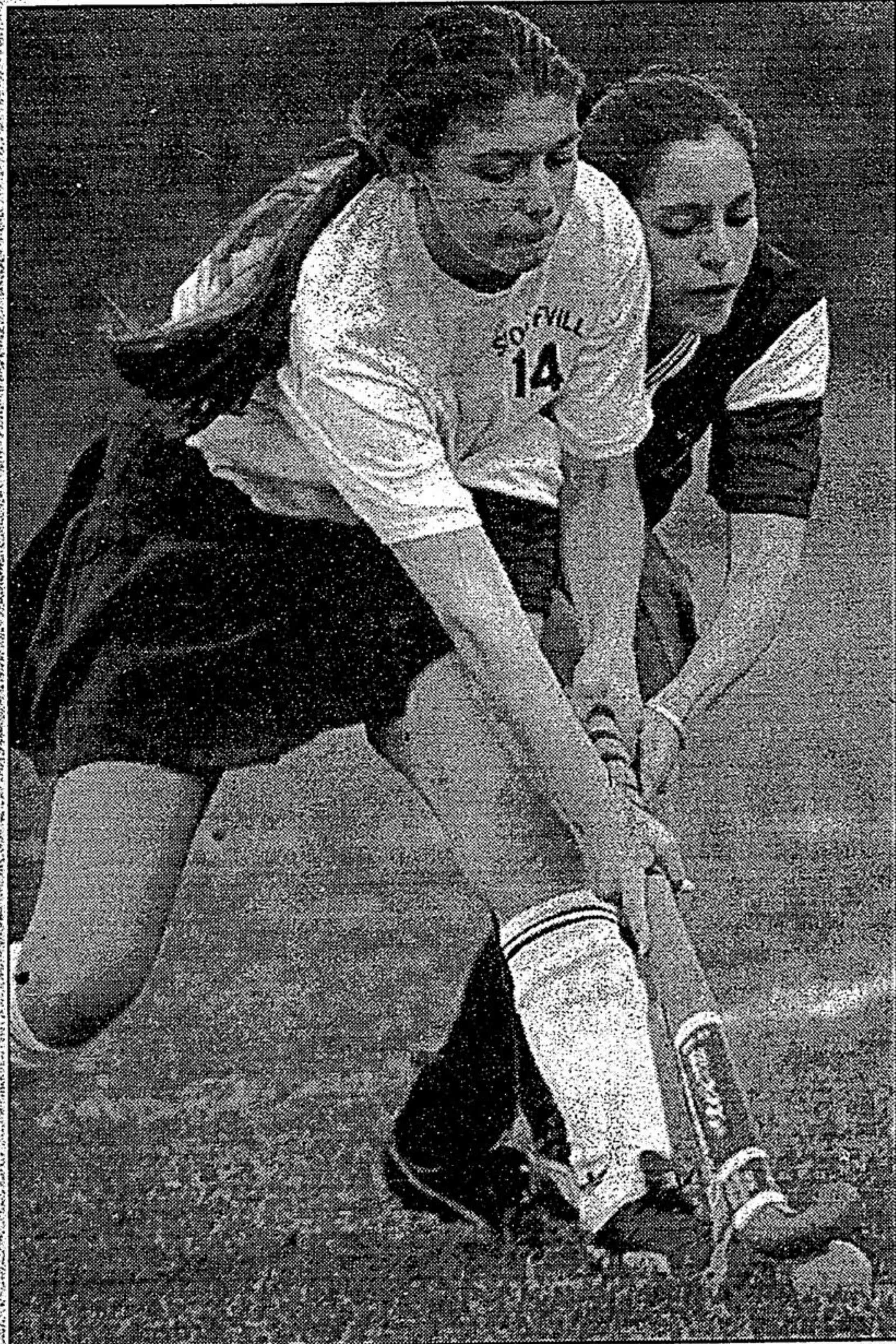
- The Aikens IDA minor bantam Clippers were champions at a tournament held in Dundas in November.

- The Stouffville Stingrays girls volleyball team won the bronze at the Bantam Girls Provincial Cup in Scarborough in mid-November. The Stingrays broke up into two teams for the Tier III midget girls McGregor Cup tournament in Madoc in late November, with the squads taking the gold and bronze medals.

- The SDSS Spartans junior girls basketball team went as far as the YRAA semi-finals, eventually falling to Cardinal Carter C.H.S.

- The Edwards Murphy Painting major bantam Clippers won the Cobourg tournament, while the Branick Group major atom Clippers were champions at a tourney in Port Hope in late November.

- The Stouffville Stars intermediate A girls hockey team beat Belleville 3-2 to win the Peterborough tournament in late November.



Brett Stephenson, white shirt, of Stouffville District Secondary School battled with a Unionville player during girls field hockey action this fall. The SDSS team reached the regional semi-finals.

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