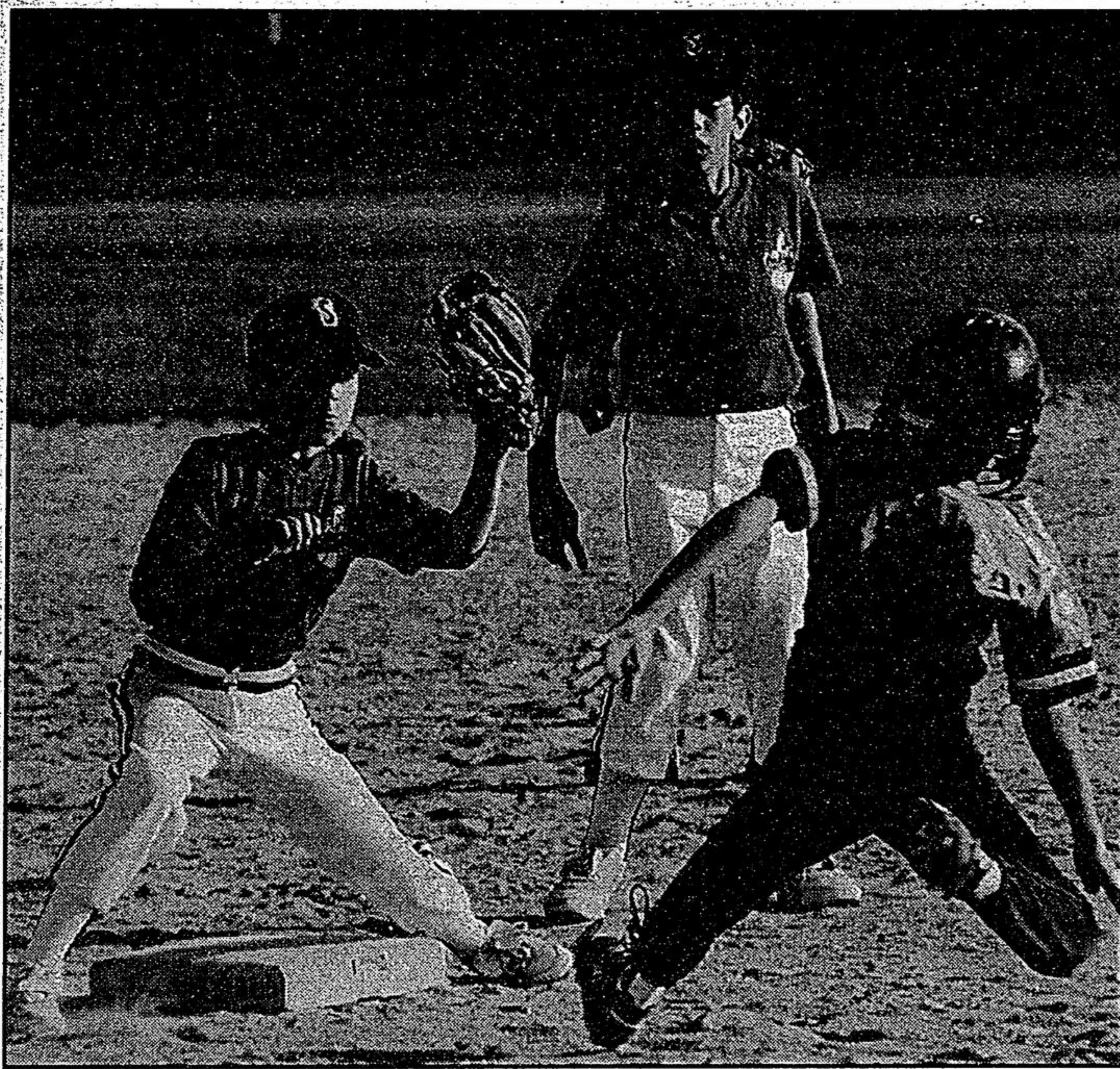


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**A LATE TAG?** Stouffville Stallion infielder Landon Wideman (left) prepares to tag this Thornhill Lightning baserunner during this mite rep baseball game at the Town Park diamond on Thursday. Wideman's efforts, however, failed as the runner was called safe. The Stallions did manage to get out of the inning as pitcher Devon McDougall struck out the next batter to end the inning.

Photo by SJOERD WITTEVEEN

## Shanahan jumping for joy in reaching provincials

Rachel Shanahan took her act all the way to the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Association track and field championships at Etobicoke's Centennial Stadium over the weekend.

But while the Stouffville District Secondary School (SDSS) athlete came up with a personal best in the midget girls' high jump event at the provincial finals, it was the one that got away that proved costly.

Shanahan jumped 1.5 metres to place 16th overall. But a missed effort of 1.45 would cost her a chance to finish as high as fourth.

"A bunch of kids managed to make the 1.5-metre mark," said SDSS track and field coach

Dave Connell.

"So if Rachel had been able to make the 1.45m jump she probably would have placed fourth or fifth."



However, Connell said the important thing is that Shanahan's performances on the field this spring were impressive enough to send her all the way to the Ontario finals.

"It was a great experience for her," he said.

Shanahan took the gold at the York Region meet last month, then came fourth at the Central Region OFSAA in late May meet to qualify for the provincial finals.

## Koert and Boyd to have a ball at Canada Games

It's off to the Canadian Summer games for Paul Koert and Evan Boyd.

The two members of the Betz Pools midget boys fastball team have survived the finals cuts and will suit up with the Ontario Under 19 team that will travel to Brandon, Man. to compete in a national fastball championship beginning Aug. 11.

Koert, a left handed pitcher, and Boyd, a short stop, have been working out with the Ontario squad for two seasons as it gradually pared down its roster for the Summer Games.

The Ontario squad will tune up for the games by coming to Stouffville to take part in an exhibition double header against the Betz outfit and the Claremont Rebels on Aug. 7.

## Stingers take a big bite out of the opposition

The Cable Tech Stingers midget girls' softball team has jumped out of the gate, winning six of their first seven games.

The Stouffville squad started off with an 11-9 victory over Scarborough, with Melissa Gilroy's two-run home run the difference.

Danielle Timms socked a last inning homer, with Shannon Timms bashing the game winning double, in a 6-5 triumph over Bowmanville in their second outing. Pitcher Amanda Connolly had seven strikeouts.

Amanda Crowder threw a five hitter and struck out six, while Gilroy knocked in a pair of runs in the Stingers 3-2 win over East Gwillimbury in their next match.

The bubble finally burst when the Cable Tech unit fell 6-2 to their Stouffville counter parts in their next game. Gilroy's two run homer accounted for all the Stingers scoring.

Amanda Crowder hit a game winning homer, and combined with Amanda Connolly to rack up 10 strikeouts in a 4-3 win over Port Perry. The Stingers continued their winning ways with a 4-2 victory over Newmarket as Crowder threw a two hitter. Connolly had a two RBI triple.

Connolly hurled a two hitter as the Stingers offence broke loose in a 25-9 win over Pickering. Connolly also knocked in eight runs to lead the attack. Crowder, Mandy Langford and Tammy Craigie each had three RBIs. Tia Sale, Danielle Timms and Jenn Sheppard each drove in two runs.

The Stingers are preparing for their first tournament later this month as they push towards the provincial play-offs. The team, which also includes Angie Durke, Jessica Smith, Jackie Thorne and Mandy Vanveen, is coached by Fred Timms, Paul Sheppard and Dave Miller.

## Betz Pools midgets crown Knights

Lefthanded pitching ace Paul Koert struck out 13 batters as the Betz Pools midget boys' fastball team edged the defending North York Major Fastball League champion North York Knights 2-1 Wednesday at the Town Park.

Dan Tardella and Kevin Hackert drove in Evan and Brett Boyd in the fourth inning to provide the Betz runs.

The following night on the road the Stouffville squad gave up four runs in the first two innings, but rallied to

earn a 5-5 tie with Thornhill.

Pitcher Andrew Harper settled down after a shaky start to strike out seven Thornhill batters. Koert had two runs for the Betz brigade, with Evan Boyd, Hackert and Harper also scoring.

The midgets resume play this week with a home game Wednesday at 8:30 p.m., and a match in Toronto's Beaches on Thursday. The team is to compete in a tournament in Guelph this weekend.

## Barrett's round tripper keys Canguard victory

Rhonda Barrett hammered a home run to help lift Canguard to a 12-8 win over Colley, Borland and Vale in Tuesday Night Ladies Fun Softball League play June 3.

It was Sue Good socking a round tripper as Fullerton's defeated Fairgate

Homes 16-7 in their match. Sandy Raymer bashed a double, and Joan Hewlett came up with some outstanding catches on the field to give White Rodgers a narrow 13-11 triumph over Pizza Pizza. Liz McKeoun had a triple for Pizza Pizza.

## Riders to compete in tetrathlon

Teams from the local Witchurch, Pause-Awhile, Uxbridge-Scugog and Claremont Pony Clubs will be out to make their mark at the Central Ontario Regional Tetrathlon this weekend.

The event consists of four parts: swimming, shooting, running and riding. Con-

testants are divided into junior, senior and novice divisions.

The running and cross country riding events will be held at the Dreamcrest Equestrian Centre near Port Perry. The shooting and swimming competitions are to take place in Ajax.