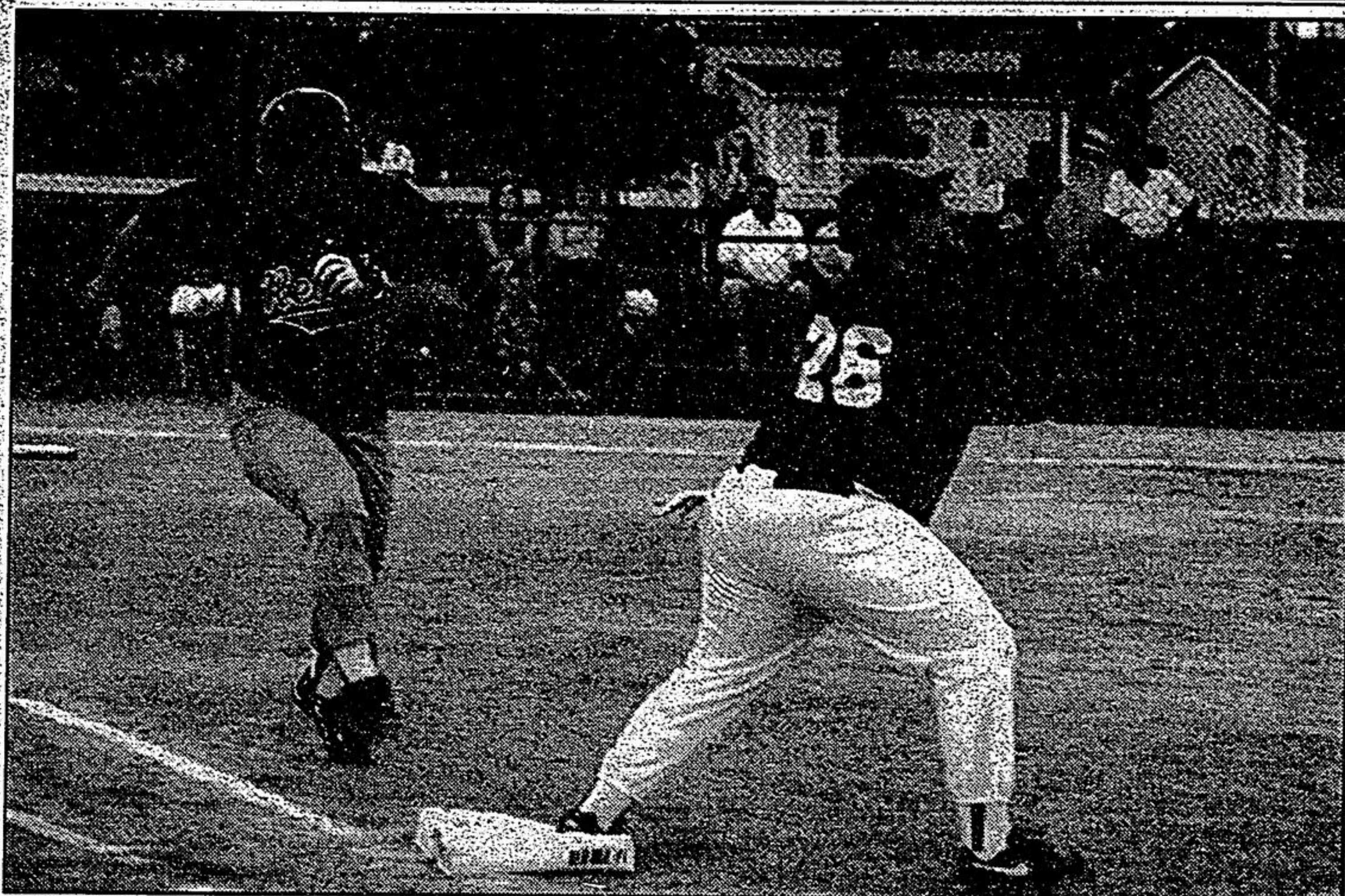


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**MOVING ON DOWN THE LINE:** Claremont Rebels' Rob Parcels (left), chugs on down the first base line in an attempt to beat out this ground ball, which was fielded by an Uxbridge Bandits infielder and eventually relayed to first baseman Dave Dickson (right), for an out during Wednesday's Oshawa City and District Fastball League contest at Claremont Park. The Bandits prevailed 5-1.

Photo by LORI EMMERSON

## Rebels robbed by Bandits

**BRUCE STAPLEY**  
Correspondent

The Claremont Rebels couldn't find their hitting shoes in a pair of Oshawa City and District Fastball Association games played earlier this week.

But thanks to a sparkling effort from pitcher Scott Evans, the Rebels were able to salvage a tie despite scoring only one run in 16 innings.

The Rebels and Aurora played to a 0-0 extra-inning tie in Aurora on Tuesday.

The next night, the Rebels were

downed 5-1 by the Uxbridge Bandits in Claremont.

Evans gave up just two singles while fanning 15 Aurora batters in Tuesday's nine-inning marathon.

But Tom Watson's double and single were the only safeties the Rebels could manage in the scoreless draw.

The Bandits rode the three-hit pitching effort of Byron Baranieski to victory on Wednesday. Baranieski also chipped in offensively with a pair of runs batted in.

Rich Burkholder had three singles and scored a run for the Ban-

dit. Chris Burkholder had a double and a walk, and scored a run as well.

The Rebels managed their only run of the game when Scott Evans, Cliff Herbert and Dale Jones slapped consecutive singles to lead off the fifth inning.

Scott Evans and Jim Chilvers shared the Claremont pitching assignment, but were handicapped on the pitching rubber by the fact that the Rebels were without a regular catcher, with Cliff Herbert filling in.

The Rebels host the Oshawa Reds on July 2 at 8:30 p.m.

## Novice karters get taste of racing

**BRUCE STAPLEY**  
Correspondent

A local go kart track is giving beginner level racers the chance to taste real competition this summer.

Jensport Racing will hold the first of 24 heat races July 3 at Goodwood Kartways, just north of Stouffville. The program, called the 1997 Indikart Challenge, also includes 12 feature point races. Drivers 18 and over are being invited to sign on for a season of road racing using genuine Goldkarts racing machines.

According to Jensport's Bill Lamport, the program offers inexperienced novice kart drivers the opportunity to receive proper training on real racing karts before competing on a regular basis. "It's a new style of 'arrive and drive', said Lamport, whose own experiences include stock car driving and high performance racing. "Usually it's the person with the most money who wins. But with our program, all the cars are the same."

Lamport said members who join the program will be able to enjoy a full season of competitive racing for a fraction of the cost usually associated with racing Goldkarts. "It costs around \$10,000 to buy a car to be on the circuit. With us, it costs only about \$700 for the season. That's a huge difference."

Lamport said all karts are identically prepared, meaning it's up to the driver to make the difference out on

the track. Drivers compete in their own weight category. "We teach them how to race competitively, as well as to drive safely. It's a good clean style of racing." Members receive a minimum of four in-kart training sessions.

Upwards of 100 members from all over the Greater Toronto Area have signed on so far, said Lamport. While female drivers have been slow to come on board, Lamport said there's no reason why women racers can't do as well as the men. "You don't need any experience to start with us."

Racers compete at speeds as high as 55-60 miles per hour, said Lamport. Members can compete in all 24 heats and 12 points races, with their best nine finishes counting. The top 100 drivers advance to the fall championships. The grand prize is a race ready Goldkart.

Races take place Thursdays and either Saturdays or Sundays, with Jensport leasing the Goodwood facility for those times. Only members enrolled in the Indikart Challenge can compete.

Lamport, whose Jensport Racing partner is veteran kart racer Nigel Jenkins, said karting has great growth potential in this country. "Karting as a whole is still in the infant stages in Canada. But it's going to take off. It's inexpensive and it's fun."

Drivers interested in joining the program should contact Jensport at 640-1624.

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