

Midget girls win Scarborough tournament

The Stouffville Stingers midget girls rep softball team turned a break even record into a championship title at the recent Scarborough tournament.

The Stingers won two of their four games played, but the pair of wins were enough to give them the championship. The Stouffville squad managed just one victory in the three game round robin, downing the host outfit 10-4 after dropping their first two matches.

The single triumph left the Stingers tied with Chinguacousy and Scarborough in their division, with the Stouffville outfit advancing to the championship round based on higher run total.

The Stingers then managed a 10-9 extra inning nail-biter win over Bowmanville in a final that had to be decided by the International Tie Breaker Rule.

With the score tied 8-8 after seven regulation frames, the Stingers scored twice in the top of the first extra inning after starting the frame with a runner on second base.

Bowmanville came back to score one run in the bottom of the inning, sending the Stingers home with the gold.

Lindsay Murray socked a pair of doubles and a single to key the Stouffville offence in the final, earning her the game's MVP honours.

Erin Willers had a double and a single, with Julia Peters singling twice and Sarah Morrison chipping in with a double. Morgan Dubkowski and Kelly Higgins handled the pitching duties.

The Stingers started off the tourney by falling 6-3 to Bowmanville despite the offensive efforts of Peters (three singles) and Jillian Finley (two singles). Dubkowski had six strikeouts, with Higgins fanning four.

Game two saw the Stingers edged 5-4 by Chinguacousy, wasting a three hit effort by Willers. Peters had a double and a single, with Higgins pitching the entire game while logging four strikeouts.

Dubkowski shut down Scarborough in the third round

robin match, with Murray, Finley, Peters, Graeme Sawayama, Willers and Jelinda Hough each contributing two hits.

In recent regular season play, the Stingers have gone undefeated in their last three outings.

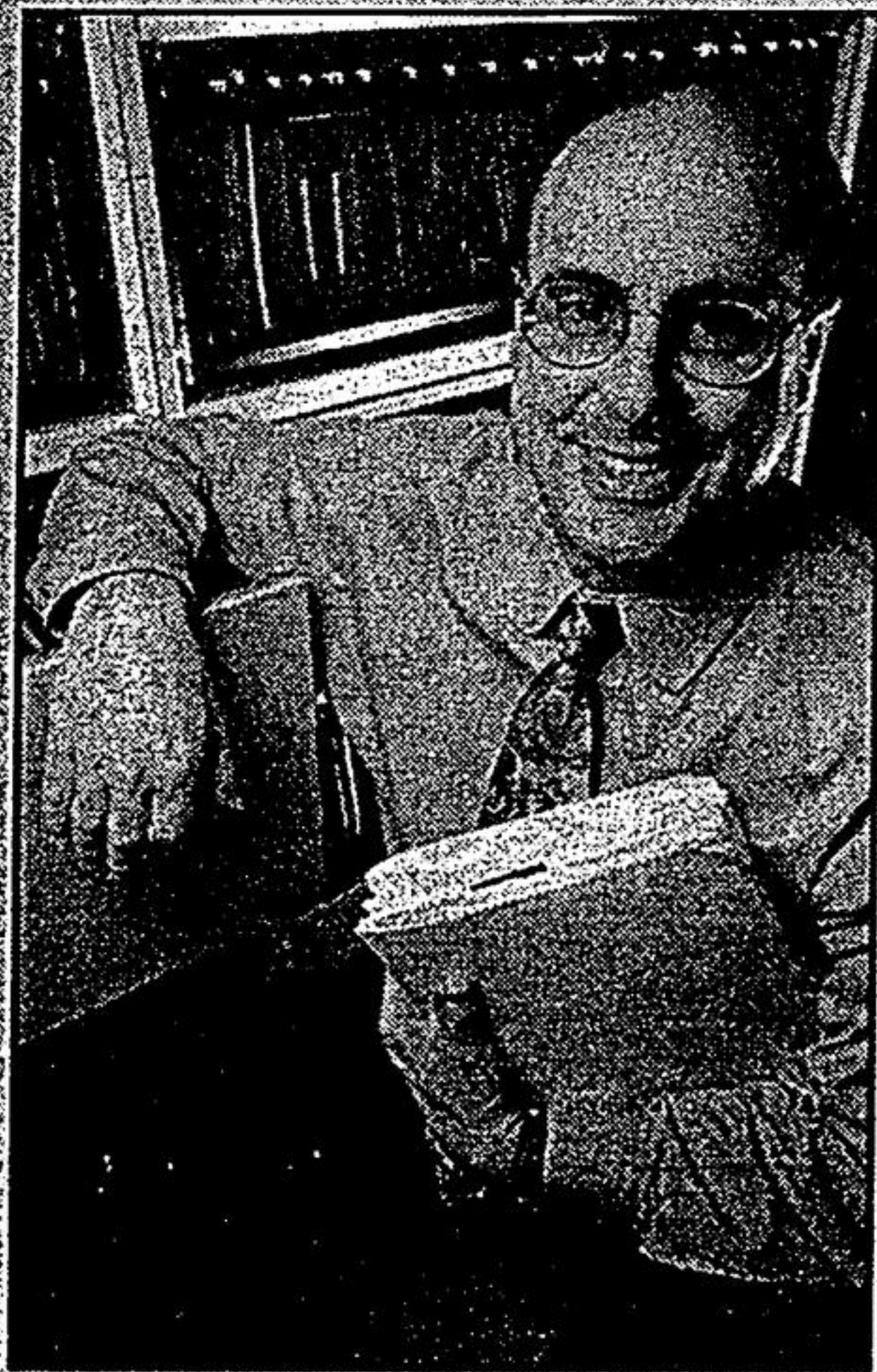
The Stouffville crew held Scarborough to a 5-5 tie in a road game played June 16 as Higgins handled the pitching and Sherry Hartnett slapped a pair of singles.

Two nights later at the Town Park Kealy Morgan smashed a home run and a single, as the Stingers doubled up Markham 10-5. Leslie West had three singles, with Connie McDonald adding a double and a single. Nancy Woolridge had two singles. Willers and Higgins combined on the pitching rubber.

Playing in Ajax on June 29, Higgins and Dubkowski combine for the shutout as the Stingers blanked the host team 9-0. Morrison cracked two doubles and a single. Hartnett had three singles.

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Spirit golf tournament set for Sept. 3

The Maples of Ballantrae is once again the site as the Spirit of Stouffville Junior A Hockey Club stages its second annual golf tournament on Sept. 3.

The 1 p.m. shotgun start is to see each foursome grouped with a Spirit player or team official. Golfers will have a chance to win a Toyota RAV4 courtesy of Don Valley North Toyota.



Spirit business administrator Jamie Hakonson feels this year's event should be as successful as last year's inaugural, which was a near sell-out.

"We think it will be an excellent day and we hope people will take this opportunity to meet their players and members of our hockey organization," she said.

The \$125 entry fee includes golf with power cart, dinner, and a chance to win various prizes.

Hole sponsorships are still available. For additional information or to enter call Jamie Hakonson at 642-6755, Ken Burrows at 640-9841, Bob McKinnon 640-6459 or Dave Barton at 649-2529.

The Spirit open training camp next month in preparation for their fourth Ontario Hockey Association Provincial Junior A Hockey League season.

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ANA CUKIC

Ana Cukic maintained what is becoming a tradition at The Ohio State University. The 22-year-old former Markham resident became the fourth consecutive Ohio State University synchronized swimmer to earn the U.S. Synchronized Swimming Collegiate Athlete of the Year award.

A former Markham District High School graduate, Cukic helped the Ohio State team finish second in the team title. She also finished second in figures, duet and trio. Cukic majored in criminology and sociology and recently graduated Summa Cum Laude, within the top three percent in her class.

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