

SPORTS



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GETTING A JUMP ON THE TRACK

Several track and field participants converged on the Stouffville District Secondary School track Monday to pick up some pointers from instructor Fred Robbins (far right). Here, Robbins conducts a jumping drill with (from left) Lee Howard, Rachel Shanahan, Tracey Hoher, Jennifer Lloyd, and Claire Howard.

Stingers hold their own against U.S. opposition

Stouffville's Tier 1 Stingers midget girls' rep softball team kept pace with the state champions at a recent high level women's tournament south of the border.

The Stouffville squad won five of its nine games played to place among the top seven teams in the under-19 category at the 1998 USSSA Girls Fastpitch World Tournament in Chesterfield, Virginia.

The tournament included 36 teams representing 15 states. The Stingers' nine games were all against teams that had won their respective state championship.

The Stouffville crew managed a total of 44 runs, with pitchers Amanda Mackenzie, Morgan Dubkowski and Kelly Higgins combining to limit their opponents to 32 runs and 68 hits. The Stingers collected 74 hits.

The Stingers opened up the event with a 2-0 loss to Texas Flash on Aug. 6 as Mackenzie threw a four-hitter while giving up just one walk.

Dubkowski took to the pitching plate in the second game the same day, which saw the Stouffville girls edged 4-3 by the Richmond Storm.

But the Stingers finally found their winning touch as they banged out nine hits for a 4-3 triumph over Ohio's Miami

Express to start the second day of competition.

Higgins scattered 10 hits to pick up the win.

MACKENZIE FOILS BATTERS

Mackenzie was sharp in a 3-2 Stouffville win over Virginia Sports Plus later that day, giving up just three hits while striking out four batters.

The Stingers were stopped 4-3 by the Ohio Pride in a game decided by tiebreaker rules to begin the final day of the tournament. Dubkowski and Mackenzie combined on an eight hitter.

Higgins limited Michigan's Oakland Storm to seven safeties, while the Stingers picked up nine hits in a 6-4 triumph in their next outing.

Mackenzie was the benefactor as the Stingers pounded out 18 hits to rout Illinois' McLean Stars 14-6 in a mercy-shortened contest.

The Stingers exploded again against Indiana's Bloomington Purple Haze, rapping out 11 hits on their way to a 9-1 win.

Dubkowski threw a five-hitter to prevail in the game, which was once again stopped by the mercy ruling.

The Stingers were finally stopped 6-2 by Utah's Mony squad in its final match.

Stingers' representative Kathy Harnett said the team benefited from a total effort

"Of particular gratification to the coaching staff was the fact that all 15 players who participated in this tournament contributed to the team's success against a fairly high calibre of competition."

Harnett added that head coach Mary Deveaux and her assistants were impressed by the way the players carried themselves both on and off the field.

"Numerous coaches, officials and spectators remarked at what a pleasure it was to see the energy, enthusiasm and skill level we brought to the game," said Harnett. "The Stouffville team proved to be an excellent ambassador, as the sole representative from Canada."

Back home, the Stingers fell short in their bid to advance to the Provincial Women's Softball Association's (PWSA) championships at the PWSA Tier 1 Midget Girls Qualifier held over the Aug. 1 weekend in Markham.

In its North York Women's Softball League game against Cable Tech Tier Two Stingers at the Town Park on Aug. 20, the Tier One Stingers scored twice in the final inning to shade the Cable Tech crew 2-1.

The game featured a classic pitching match up between Dubkowski and Cable Tech's Amanda Crowder.

Local players help Angels win provincial gold

Marlee Johnson and Jacky Derasmo will be on their way to Nova Scotia.

The Stouffville minor softball products helped the Port Perry Angels take the gold medal at the recent Provincial Women's Softball Association Tier One Bantam Championships in Guelph.

The tournament was part of the Ontario Summer Games staged in that town.

The Angels won all four games played as they swept to the crown.

Johnson contributed by pitching the team to a 3-1 win over Brampton in their second game.

The Angels defeated the same Brampton squad in Sunday's champi-

onship final.

Derasmo's biggest contribution came in the Angels' win over a second Brampton entry when the right fielder made a diving catch to end a potential rally.

The Angels go on to contest the Eastern Canadian Championships to be played this weekend in Dartmouth, N.S.

Johnson and Derasmo, along with Angels player Renee Ansell of Pickering, were teammates on the 1996 provincial championship-winning Stouffville novice team.

Marlee's father, Bill, who was the coach of the 1996 Stouffville novice outfit, is also a coach with the Port Perry entry.

Hockey auditions set to get under way

Rep. tryouts get into full swing this week as the Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey Association (WSMHA) sets for the 1998-99 season.

The novice, minor atom and minor peewees take their first skate Sunday.



The bantams and midgets begin Sept. 1 and 2, respectively.

The atom Clippers took to the ice

on Aug. 17 and juveniles, Aug. 22.

The minor bantam Clippers have announced a change in the date of their initial tryout session advertised in the Tribune last week. The date of Sept. 10 has been changed to Sept. 9 at 9:30 p.m. on pad B.

The coach in the minor bantam Clippers is Trevor Zimmermann (649-6065).

Please consult the ad in the Aug. 18 Tribune for details and coaches phone numbers.

Rotary club to honour Trempe in ball tournament

The Stouffville Rotary Club is to award a trophy in Courtney Trempe's name at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Softball Association's (WSSA) season-opening T-ball and Five Pitch house league tournament at the town park Saturday.

The Courtney Trempe Memorial Trophy is to be given to a player at the Five Pitch Advanced player who exemplifies a high degree of sportsmanship.

Trempe, the eight-year-old Stouffville resident who was killed in a

dog attack this spring, played in the WSSA Five Pitch Advanced league last summer.

The special cup is to be presented at noon on diamond one by Rotary president John Pollard and the club's Mary-Francis Juk.

Donna Trempe, Courtney's mother, is scheduled to be on hand at the ceremony.

The WSSA will hold its mite through midget level house league tournament the weekend of Sept. 12 at the town park.

Ladies' hockey sign up time

It's sign up time for women looking to play recreational level hockey this coming season.

Stouffville Ladies Beginner Hockey

will hold its registration tonight in the rec centre lobby, starting at 6:30 p.m. For further information contact Anne Salvagna at 640-7089.