

**SPORTS:** The Spirit of Stouffville junior A hockey club will play its first home preseason game tonight at 7:30 p.m.



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### TAG, YOU'RE OUT!

Stouffville third baseman Michelle Gray applies a tag on this Cobourg baserunner, who was called out during action in Wednesday's novice girls' rep softball game at the town park diamond. Cobourg won the game 10-7.

## Peewee boys field provincial silver medal

The Stouffville peewee boys' rep softball team tuned up for this weekend's Eastern Canadian finals by taking the silver at the recent Ontario Amateur Softball Association championship in Cobourg.

The Stouffville squad, which left for Kensington, P.E.I., on Wednesday in preparation for Friday's opener of the Eastern Canadian Peewee Boys Fastball Championships, won four of its six games to finish second.

Stouffville was stopped by Waterford in the championship round. Waterford entered the finals undefeated, having handed Stouffville its only loss in the round robin. Needing to down the Waterford crew twice to take the provincial crown, Stouffville took the first game 8-7. But they were subdued 11-6 in the deciding match.

The Stouffville unit began the tournament with a 4-3 win over Napanee as Mike Scott drove in Lucas Hunter in the first extra inning. Rod Assinck was the

winning pitcher.

Stouffville edged Chesley by the same score in its second outing. Assinck was the offensive hero, scoring once and collecting two runs batted in with a double. Greg Dalgarno handled the pitching assignment.

In its third game, Stouffville fell 11-4 to Waterford. Dale Broadway had two hits and scored a run. Nick Dambrosio tripled to drive in a run and scored.

Assinck pitched and hit his team to an 8-4 triumph over Napanee in game four. He drove in three runs and scored once. Dambrosio had two runs scored and a pair of RBIs.

In Stouffville's one-run win over Waterford in the first game of the final round, Kevin Hayward, Assinck and Dalgarno each had two RBIs. Dalgarno was the winning pitcher. Mike Wilson picked up three hits in three at bats in the deciding contest with Waterford. Mike Scott drove in two runs and scored once.

## Rebels down Aurora

The Claremont Rebels said goodbye to the hometown faithful with a flair Wednesday at Claremont Park.

The Rebels closed out the regular home schedule with a 5-3 come-from-behind win over the Aurora Mud Hens in an Oshawa City and District Softball League game.

The Rebels, who trailed 3-2 after four innings, rallied for a pair of runs in the fifth to go ahead. Greg Horne started the comeback with a bunt down the first base line. Scott Evans then lofted a fly ball that was misplayed by the Mud Hens' centre fielder, after which Dave Jones singled home both base runners.

The Rebels added an insurance run in the sixth when Evans' sacrifice fly scored Evan Boyd, who had singled, then advanced on a single by Jim Closs and a hit batsman.

The Mud Hens opened the scoring with a run in the third, then added a pair in the fourth.

Boyd cracked a two-run homer to cut the lead to 3-2 in the fourth.

Paul Koert pitched the first five innings for the Rebels, striking out five batters. Evans took over in the fourth, fanning eight in his four innings of work.

### DON VALLEY NORTH LEXUS - TOYOTA ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



**ANDREA HILL**

Andrea Hill went prospecting for gold and struck it rich when she took part in the recent Ontario Summer Games in Guelph.

The 16-year-old Markham native was first to cross the finish line in the girls' 17-and-under 3,000-metre race.

The University of Toronto Track Club member won the race, which was held under rainy and windy conditions, in a time of 10:57.

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## Spirit take to the ice tonight

Home fans can get a sneak preview of the 1998-99 Spirit of Stouffville tonight.

The Spirit will host the defending Ontario Hockey Association Provincial Junior A Hockey League champion Milton Merchants at the rec centre at 7:30 p.m.

The game is the second of a home-and-home set between the two clubs, which were scheduled to face off last night in Milton.

Spirit head coach Brian Perrin said his players will be playing for jobs against the Merchants.

"There's going to be a lot of guys trying to make the hockey team out there on the ice against

Milton," he said.

With 30 players still in training camp, the coach said he would dress a core of 15 skaters for each of the two games against Milton, with several players dressing for both matches.

Perrin said it's now up to the players to show what they can do in real game action after several weeks of scrimmaging in camp.

"We want to see who's going to step up in the exhibition games and show what they can really do."

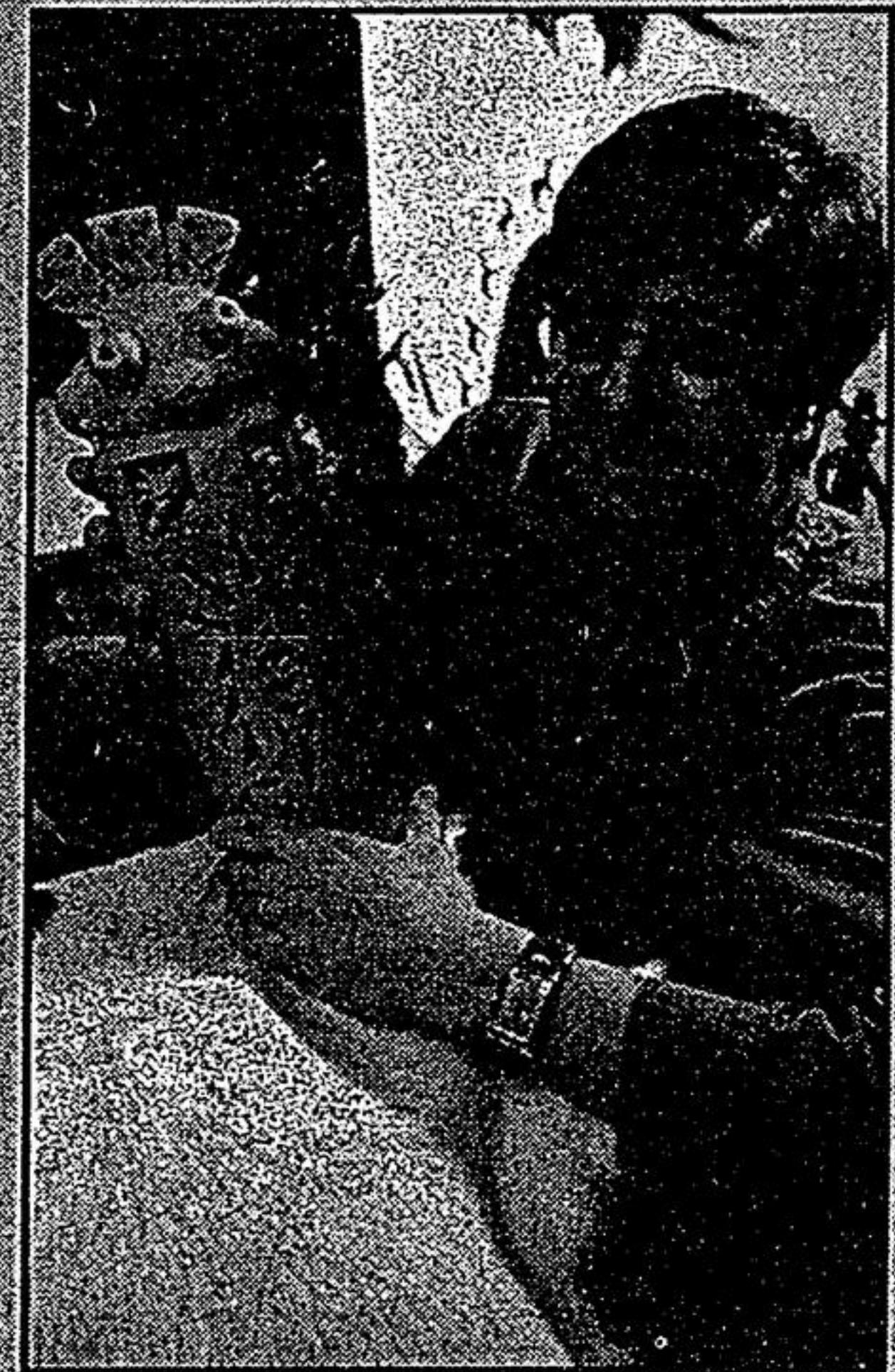
He said there's a spot for any player who shows he's capable of doing the job.

The Spirit travel to Vaughan to play the Vipers on Wednesday, with the two teams returning to the rec centre for a second game on Sept. 10 at 7:30 p.m.



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