

Bantams finish second, but advance to nationals

Seven-game win streak propels Stouffville to a strong effort

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The bad news is that the host Stouffville Jones Pools bantams fell two games short of climbing the mountain at the Ontario Amateur Softball Association bantam boys eliminations played in town over the weekend.

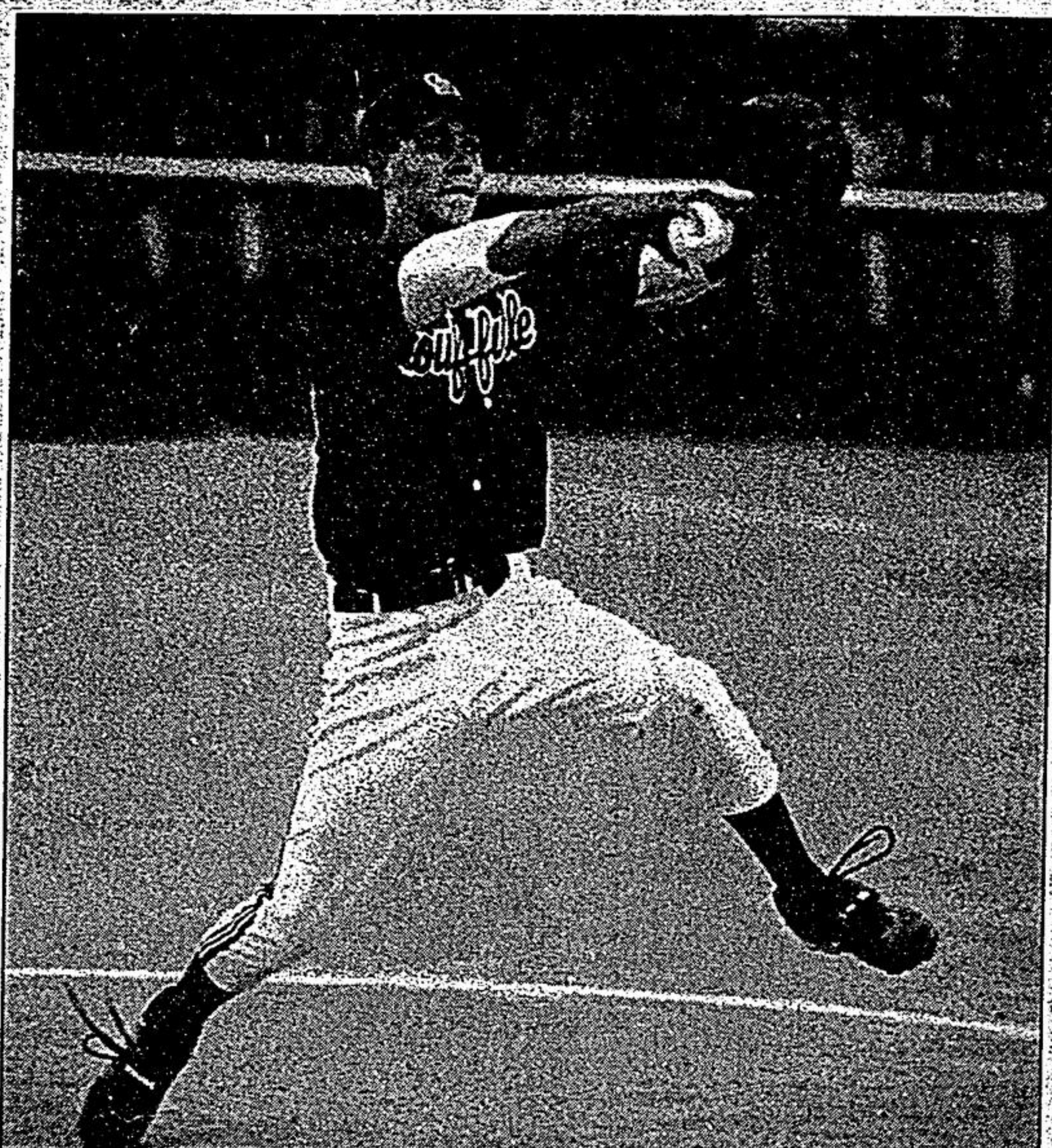
The good news is that, despite their second-place finish, the Stouffville squad is still going to the Canadian Championships in Scarborough from Aug. 9 to 13.

After suffering a 4-3 loss to the Scarborough Wolverines in Friday's opener of the double-knockout event, the Stouffville entry reeled off four straight wins Saturday, then added three more in succession Sunday before finally falling 5-2 to the Kitchener Kolts in the final round.

The win enabled Kitchener to go through the tournament undefeated. Stouffville needed two wins over the Kolts to claim the crown.

"I've never been so proud of a ball team in my entire life," Stouffville head coach Ted Assinck told his players after handing them their finalists medallions at Sunday afternoon's medal presentations. "You were on the ball field eight hours today."

Assinck also saved some praise



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Stouffville Jones Pools bantam pitcher Greg Dalgarno gets set to deliver this offering to a Scarborough Wolverines batter in Friday's contest of the OASA championships at the town park diamond. Scarborough won this game.

for the victors. "We just couldn't get anything going against you," he told the Kolts. "You earned it all the way"

Under OASA rules, the top two teams at the eliminations get to contest the national finals. The

Wolverines gain an automatic berth on the basis of their serving as hosts of the competition.

The Kolts were as rested as the Stouffville team was fatigued in Sunday's final. Kitchener started their championship run when they were awarded a 7-0 forfeit over Stratford in the opener Friday, then hammered Cambridge 15-2 the same evening. The team downed the Scarborough Royals 6-2 and the Wolverines 4-3 on Saturday, before warming up for the finals with a 5-3 win over Chepstow on Sunday.

Kitchener head coach Robin Scott acknowledged his team wasn't fatigued.

"They (Stouffville) had a tough road back after losing Friday night. That's the key to it, going undefeated. We only had to play five games."

The Kolts win helped settle a score with Stouffville. It was at the 1998 OASA Pee Wee championships that a Kitchener team, coached by Scott, fell to the Stouffville team, coached by Assinck, in a game to decide which team would advance to the final round. Stouffville finished second, then went on to take the bronze at the Eastern Canadian championships in Prince Edward Island.

The Jones Pools platoon registered victories Saturday against Innerkip 6-0, Kanata 12-1, Chesley 4-2 and the Royals 7-3. On Sunday, they downed St. Catharines 9-1 and Chepstow 10-1 before avenging Friday's loss with a 5-1 triumph over the Wolverines.

But Assinck's unit just couldn't

find the key to Kolts pitcher Ryan Shannon, who hurled every game for his team over the weekend.

Nicki Dambrosio was the only Stouffville batter to solve Shannon. Dambrosio had a single in the first inning, then socked a home run to put Stouffville on the scoreboard leading off the fourth. His sixth-inning single scored Dale Boadway with the second Stouffville run.

Assinck suggested Shannon's task was made a little easier by the weariness of his opponents.

"He kept throwing it high and we kept chasing it. That's fatigue. When you play nine games in one weekend that will happen. On a day when we faced him fresh, it might be different."

Stouffville ace pitcher Greg Dalgarno, who was touched for the first two Kitchener runs before giving way to Rod Assinck in the third inning, admitted to running out of gas after throwing 12 innings earlier in the day.

Assinck credited his entire line-up with sparking the seven-game win streak that was finally snapped by Kitchener. "We had a different hero every game. This team has no key player, they play as a team."

Assinck felt his team's runner-up status in the eliminations was a satisfactory outcome when Friday's opening loss was taken into account. "I personally have no sense of disappointment finishing second in this. Battling back from where we were was great. If we were to lose in the finals at the nationals, that would be disappointing."

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