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## SPORTS

## Mennos gain split on the ball diamond

The Stouffville Mennos gained a split in two Oshawa City and District Softball League contests played this past week.

Travelling to Clarendon on Wednesday, the Mennos received some key defensive plays and capitalized on two Rebel errors to emerge with a 7-3 win.

Rino Dambrosio paced a five-hit Stouffville attack with two hits and two RBIs. Danny Deeks contributed a hit and one RBI while Byron Baranieski and Jeff Boadway also had a hit.

Boadway, Terry Reesor and Scott Eyre each fielded big defensive plays to stifle any potential Rebel uprising.

Baranieski went the full seven innings and limited the Rebels to just four hits while striking out six to earn the win.

On Thursday, the Mennos surrendered 10 runs in two innings and paid the price in an 11-7 loss to host Bradford.

Trailing 11-1 entering the sixth inning, the Mennos made the score respectable when Dambrosio led off the inning with a solo homer and Boadway delivered a three-run homer to cut the deficit to 11-5.

The Mennos then added two more runs in the seventh, but couldn't get any closer.

Eyre had two hits and two RBIs for the Mennos, now 8-3 on the season. Burkholder also had two hits and Baranieski, one hit and one RBI.

The Mennos will play at Keswick on Tuesday and return home to face Markham on Wednesday at 8:30 p.m.

## Team 3 Red races off with good and disappointing news

The Stouffville-based Team 3 Red racing team experienced some positive results when they took to the Mosport 2.5-mile track for the CASCAR Clarington 250 race last weekend.

And at the same time though, there was a bit of disappointment.

Fielding two cars in the scheduled 64-lap race, which was shortened in half due to rain on Sunday, the Team 3 Red saw their vehicles finish seventh and 31st.

Qualifying in the 18th starting position, Billy Rowse Jr. drove the #3 Snap-on Tools/Canadian Forces Monte Carlo into seventh place while teammate Chris Fowler began the race in 19th position before steering the #30 Canadian Forces/Snap on Tools Monte Carlo into 31st.

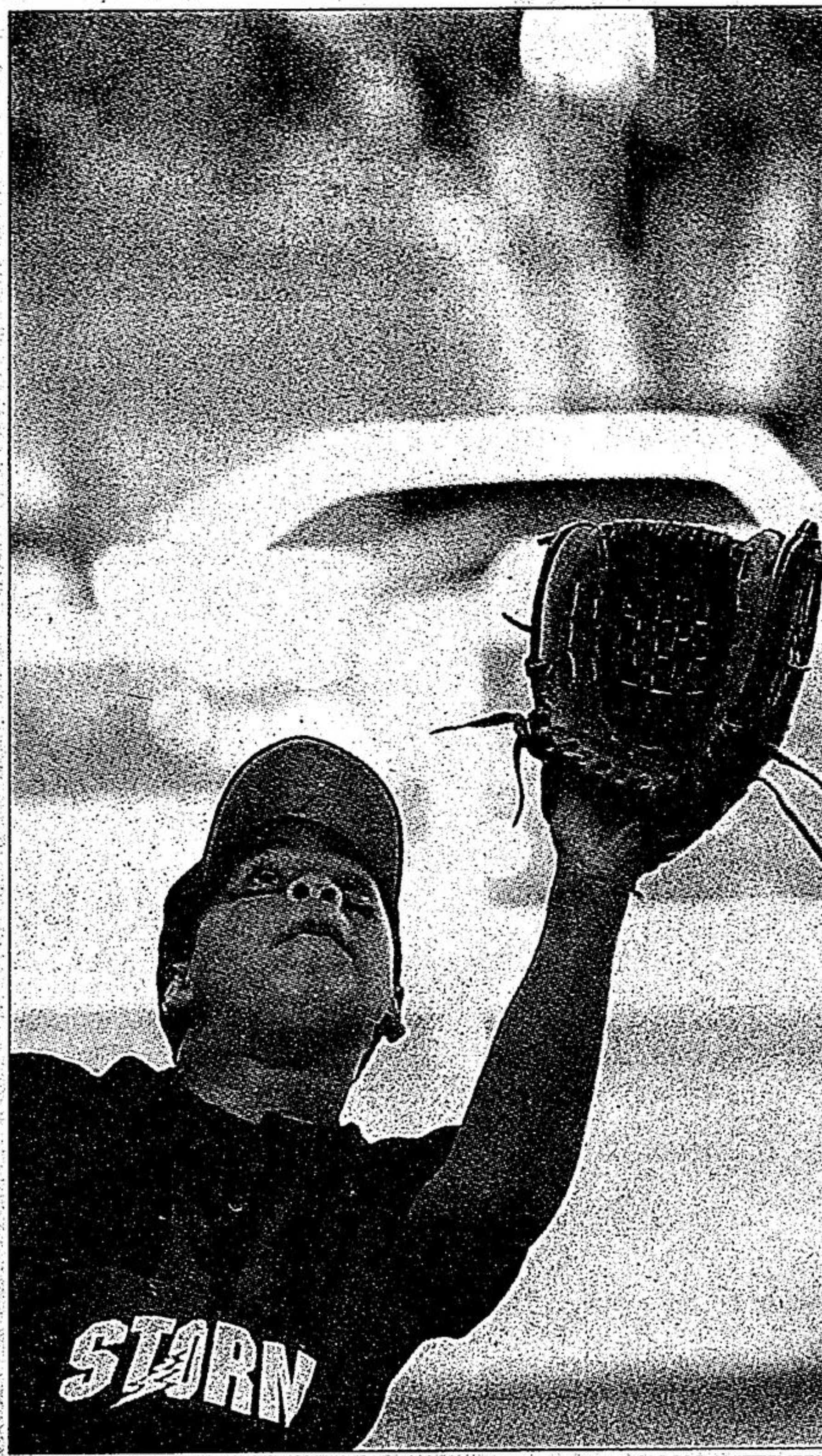
"I am really happy with our seventh place today," said Rowse Jr. "After the weekend that this team has had and the crazy weather we will take the seventh home with us. It is too bad that Chris (Fowler) didn't have as good of a weekend as we had hoped. We'll be ready for the Molson Indy Toronto with these two cars and we can go out there and have some fun!" he added.

Fowler picked up a distributor problem early and the team went to work to get him back out onto the racetrack quickly. Being scored six laps down in the shortened event, Fowler cautiously tried to make laps in the increasingly wet conditions. On lap 22, he lost control of his car in corner three of the 10-turn course and was brought onto pit road to remove body damage. He managed one more lap before retiring the car for the day in 31st place.

"We had a tough weekend and the rain really put a damper on this race," said Fowler. "The car picked up a problem and the laps down are hard to get back. We will get the cars back together and be ready for the Molson Indy Toronto. I am really looking forward to that event."

Through four events, Rowse Jr. occupies 11th place with 498 points.

The Team 3 racing entry will be at Mosport oval track tonight for the Mosport Speedway 250.



STAFF PHOTO/SJOERD WITTEVEEN

Stouffville Storm fielder Robert Kay gets under this fly ball and makes a catch to retire a Markham Meteors' batter to end the inning during Wednesday's squirt boys' softball game at Memorial Park. Markham won the game 21-10.

## Storm ties one on with Brampton

Ryan Gregory's run-scoring hit in the top of the seventh inning enabled the Stouffville Storm to earn an 8-8 tie with the host Brampton Indians in boys' squirt softball action Thursday.

Kohl McVicar, Bruce Cringan, Philip Wood and Kevin MacKay also provided timely hitting for the Storm.

Defensively, the Storm were led by some key plays from Nolan Benoit.

Cringan handled pitching duties and Brian Hector was behind the plate.

The tie earned by the Storm came on the heels of a 21-10 loss to the visiting Markham Meteors on Wednesday.

Hector, McVicar, Benoit and Wood swung hot bats for the Storm. Erick Espiritu-Santo was on the mound with Ryan Gregory behind the plate.

## Morrison auditioning for under-17 provincial team

Jordan Morrison is one of 100 minor hockey players identified as a candidate for Ontario's under-17 team at the 2003 Canada Winter Games in Bathurst, N.B. next February.

A resident of Stouffville and a centre with the Ontario AAA champion Toronto Red Wings major bantams and the Stouffville District Secondary School squad, the Uxbridge product was selected for the final under-17 camp that began Friday and concludes Tuesday at York University. Morrison, 16, was picked in the first round, 11th overall, in this year's Ontario Hockey League draft by Peterborough.

## Hewitt to take over Spartans gridiron head coaching duties

*Stouffville's physical education head is no stranger to coaching high school football*

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Jamie Hewitt says he will be fulfilling a dream come true. It's not that the Uxbridge resident is quite happy now being the head of the physical education department at Stouffville District Secondary School and coach of the Spartans senior boys' hockey and rugby and senior girls' basketball teams this past year.

But when school reconvenes this fall, Hewitt feels he will be in seventh heaven as the Spartans' new head football coach. With former head coach Heath Weir's sudden departure to become a graduate assistant football coach at the University of Memphis, Hewitt elected to pick up the pigskin and run with it.

Hewitt is no stranger to the gridiron as he was the head football coach at Sir John A. Macdonald Collegiate in Scarborough in 1995 and was an assistant at Agincourt Collegiate the following season when they lost in the Scarborough final.

"For me, (coaching football) is a dream come true," said Hewitt, who with the new responsibility, will not coach the senior girls' basketball team next year. "I love football and I missed it a lot. I'm very excited. Change is good and it was time for a change," he added.

Inheriting a second-year team, Hewitt acknowledges he will have his work cut out for him. But he cherishes the task in attempting to build on what became an enthusiastic program last year.

In succeeding Weir, whom he credited in reviving the school's football program, Hewitt's biggest chore is to replace 32 graduating seniors from a squad that won two games in their inaugural campaign.

"We've got a lot of work to do. We've got a lot of new kids coming on board. We'll be young and we might be a bit small, but the kids are excited and (the new season) is coming at us pretty fast," said Hewitt.

As the new head coach, Hewitt revealed he won't make drastic changes. But rather, he might make some minor adjustments on both sides of the ball.

"There's no sense in reinventing the wheel after just one year," said Hewitt. "We will keep the stuff that works and just do some fine tuning. New people have some new ideas."

Hewitt won't be the only new coach on staff. Rob Edmondson, a former player at Wilfrid Laurier University and assistant coach at Markham District High School, will assist with the offence. Al Young, who was with the squad last year, will remain to direct the defence, along with Andy Stoikos. Hewitt is also hoping he will receive some assistance on the sidelines from some community coaches who reside in the area.

Hewitt said the school plans on hosting at least three Friday evening games for the upcoming season. As well, he has tentatively scheduled two exhibition games prior to the season opener, which won't be announced until the start of the new school year once York Region Athletic Association schools make their declarations.



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Phys ed head takes over second-year football program.