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# SPORTS

## Taws makes her mark on Trois Rivieres race course

Ashley Taws became the first female Canadian Formula Ford driver to reach the victory podium in the 37-year history of the Grand Prix de Trois Rivieres last Saturday after driving her Be Anything With Barbie car to third place.



**ASHLEY TAWS:** First female Canadian Formula Ford driver to reach podium in Quebec race.

Competing in just her second race since recovering from an off-season road crash, the 19-year-old from Whitchurch Stouffville was elated with her performance and was quick to credit her racing team.

"The AIM Autosport crew had the Barbie car hooked up really well today. I had a good start and a good race," she said.

Starting fifth, Taws got off to a quick start and vaulted into third as the pack reached the first turn.

Taws spent the early laps in trying to maintain her third place position with Francois Bellemare while Olivier

down, Lambert held a convincing lead while Taws closed in on second-place Bellemare but couldn't overtake her rival.

Taws conceded fatigue had set in as the race was winding down.

"I was done at the end," said Taws who is still working to rebuild her endurance. "I couldn't even pick up my water bottle after the race."

With the series resuming Sunday, Taws was placed in a deep hole when she qualified 10th for the 25-lap feature. But she once again had a good start and moved up to seventh before finishing ninth.

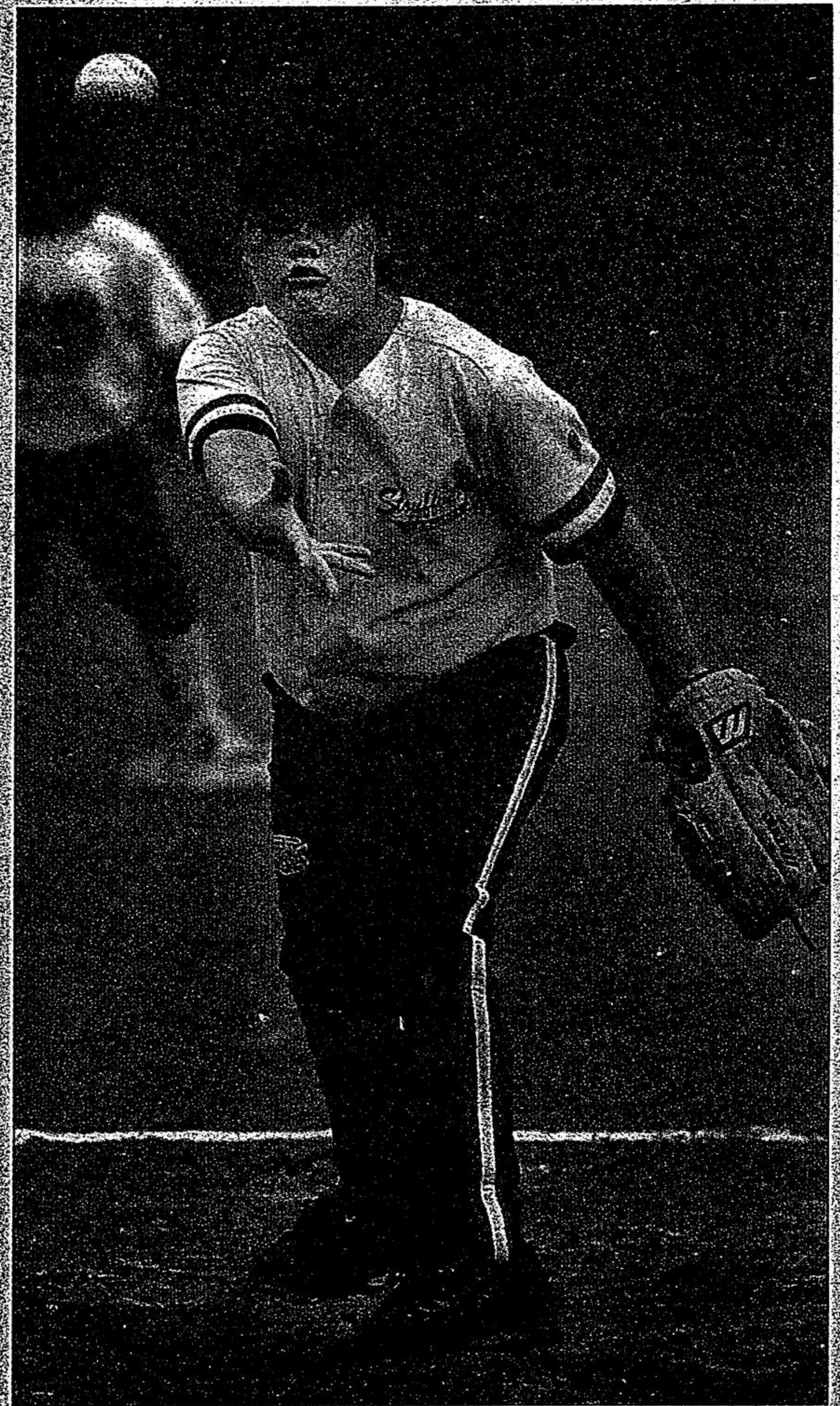
"I had a good start, but by the fourth lap I was already starting to feel tired," she said.

Taws resumes racing Aug. 15-16 when the Canadian Formula Ford Championship takes place at Mosport.

Lambert and Didier Schraenen fought for the lead.

As the 25-lap race reached the halfway point, Taws took over third place after passing Schraenen.

With the race winding



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### A special offering

Stouffville Savages pitcher Brahm Vanzeeland, 12, unleashes this offering to a Maryvale (Scarborough) batter during last weekend's Whitchurch-Stouffville squirt select softball tournament at Memorial Park. Stouffville won its first two games over Newmarket and Port Perry and were leading Maryvale before rain forced the end of the tournament. Guildwood won the six-team event on a tiebreaker rule while Stouffville finished second.

## Sheffield duo earns provincial honours

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Steven and Aartje Sheffield, chief instructors at Stouffville's Sheffield Judo Club, were honoured recently by Judo Ontario.

At a ceremony in Guelph, Judo Ontario president Duncan Vignali presented Steven and Aartje with sixth and fifth degree black belts respectively.

Steven is one of the youngest judo competitors in Canada to achieve this level of excellence.

"Only nine other Canadians have attained Aartje's grading."

The husband/wife team has headed up the Sheffield Judo Club 10 years. Members

ranging in age from five to 60, now total almost 80 with four classes for children and two for adults.

Both Steven, 40, and Aartje, 36, are members of the provincial judo grading board. They have two daughters, Lea, 10, and Tressa, 9, both judo enthusiasts. Lea holds a green belt and Tressa an orange.

### TEN BLACK BELTS

Ten club members hold black belts.

Aartje says judo involvement teaches discipline, confidence and basic skills of self defence. While action is physical, no injuries in children's classes have been recorded.

Over the past 10 years, one adult has suffered a broken arm and another a dislocated elbow.

A club membership of \$45 a month is charged. There is also a Judo Ontario membership fee.

On a separate note, three members of the Sheffield Judo Club brought home bronze medals from the Canadian junior championships in North York.

Placing third were Kyle Chee-a-tow in the under-60 kilos class, Dustin Chee-a-tow, under-66 kilos class and Seiji Ishiguro, under-81 kilos class.

Kerry Lynne Hulshof placed fifth in under-52 kilos.

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