Stouffville's Cameron Smith and Jacob Rapp team up to halt Cobourg's Hart Maclin during junior mite provincials in Stouffville Saturday.



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## Stouffville Sun-Tribune SPORTS

## Young junior mite squad reaches Ontario title game

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The Stouffville Storm advanced to the final of the 2011 Junior Mite boys provincial softball tournament before coming out on the short end of a 14-1 decision against Belleville in Stouffville Memorial Park Sunday.

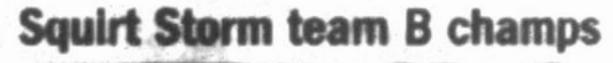
Returning just one player from last year's

team, the Storm lost their opening game to Cobourg 17-11 Saturday before rebounding to edge Napanee 11-8.

Returning to the ball diamond the following day, the Storm battled Belleville to an 11-11 draw.

That enabled the Storm to advance to the gold-medal game.

Cobourg claimed the bronze medal.



A weekend excursion to Niagara-onthe-Lake turned out to be a memorable outing for the Stouffville Storm squirt softball team.

Taking to the ball diamond for the Ontario Amateur Softball Association tournament, the Storm captured the B title after downing Springbrook 11-7 in Sunday's championship final.

Nic Fadden ignited the Storm offence with a home run and single while Tyler Ribi contributed a triple and single.

Anthony Messina and Jake Dilley each belted triples.

Matt Eizenga and Chandler Gloyns each contributed two singles while Brent Menzies and Jordan Stewart-Kuppek had one apiece.

Also handling starting pitching duties, Eizenga surrendered six hits and three walks while striking out seven batters to earn the win.

Catcher Brent Menzies was awarded the game ball for his continuing excellence in defense play.

The Storm advanced to the final after mercying host Niagara-on-the-Lake 13-3 after five innings.

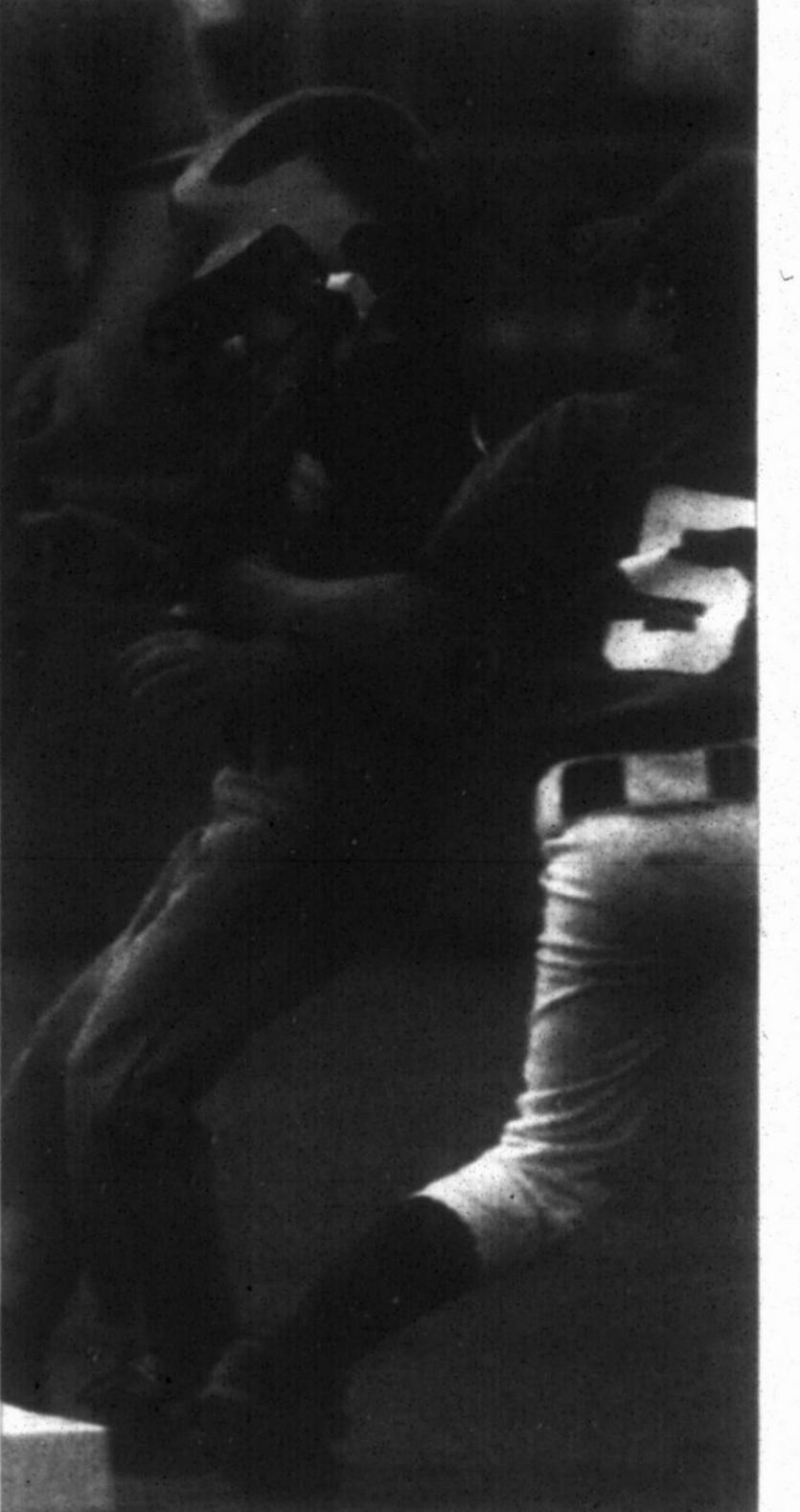
In qualifying for the B side bracket, the Storm opened the tournament with tough losses against Caledonia 4-1 and New Hamburg 4-3.

Coached by Terry Eizenga, Davis Fisico and Josh Eizenga, other team members included Jackson Brandon, Laird Douglas, Emilio Francella, Skylar Girard and Daniel Wynn.

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Stouffville's Matt Luff is safe at second in action against Cobourg's Isaac MacLeod in Memorial Park Saturday.



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