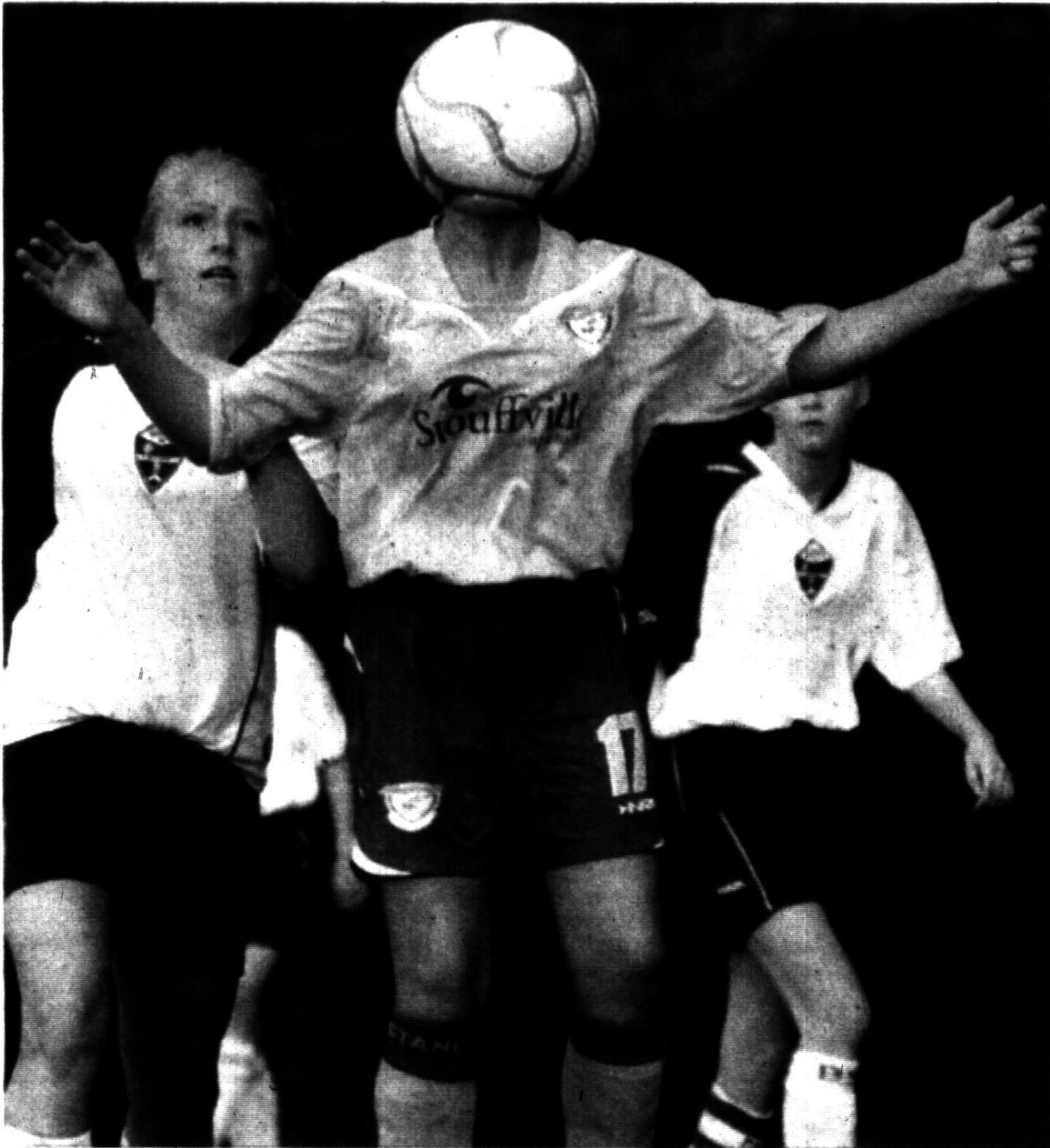


Having a ball in Ballantrae

Whitchurch-Stouffville Mustang Emma Panacci is hidden by the ball during U-13 girls soccer action at the Ballantrae Soccer fields, Thursday. Stouffville won 3-2 to advance to the finals of the McGarrigle Cup Aug. 17 in Georgina. Below, the Mustangs celebrate a goal.



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Steinberg 33rd at Amateur

Ivy Steinberg finished in a four-way tie in 33rd place at the Golf Association of Ontario Investors Group Women's Amateur Championship at Woodington Lake Golf Club in Tottenham Thursday.

The 56-year-old Stouffville resident, who golfs out of the Granite Golf Club, finished 31 over par through the three-round event at 247 (86-82-79).

Robyn Doig of Seaforth won the event after going one-over par at 217.

For more on the championships, log on to: www.gao.ca

Gurdyal 5th in age group

Alex Gurdyal earned a fifth-place finish in his age group division at the Canadian Junior Golf Association's Ontario Junior Linkster Series event at Bathurst Glen Golf Course in Richmond Hill Thursday.

The Stouffville resident, who was entered in the boys 9-10 division, finished the 18-hole event at six-over par at 72. Gurdyal was four shots behind winner Jeffrey Fang of Richmond Hill.

Fang won the competition in a playoff over Eric Jung of Thornhill.

For more on the Canadian Junior Golf Association, log on to: www.cjga.com

Sharks hope to repeat at home this weekend

The Stouffville Sharks squirts ran the table to capture a softball tournament in Unionville after defeating Topham Park 7-6 in extra innings last weekend.

Entering the tournament final after winning all three of their preliminary matches, the Sharks spotted Topham Park a 3-0 lead after a half inning.

But the Sharks responded with a pair of runs in their half of the first inning to cut their deficit to 3-2.

After Topham Park struck for two more runs over the next three innings, the Sharks erupted with three runs in the bottom of the fourth to tie the game at 5-5.

Fuelled by that outburst, the Sharks scored a run in the fifth to take their first lead of the game.

Entering the sixth and final inning, Topham Park countered with a pair of runs to regain the upper hand at 6-5.

The Sharks though, received some clutch hits and ran the bases to perfection to manufacture the game-tying run in their half of the sixth inning to force extra innings.

Playing the international tie breaker rule, which has the team at bat place a runner at second base, the Sharks received a timely double play to send Topham Park down in order.

That set the stage for the Sharks to win the game when their base runner at second advanced on a passed ball and scored on a two-strike hit.

Coached by Steve Hopkins, Elaine Often, Tom Brandon, Mike Farrell and Mike Clements, team players included: Robbie Harder, Aidan Kilpatrick, Aidan Hopkins, Sam Roy, Jack Smalley, Micheal Creegan, Liam Clements, Nick Brandon, Mathew Often, Evan Farrell and Josh Rundel.

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Softball Association will be hosting its second annual Stouffville Sharks Summer Slam at Bethesda, Ballantrae and Memorial Park ball diamonds today starting at 8:30 a.m.

The tournament will include divisions for squirts and peewees.

Felix shines on rugby pitch for Canada against USA

Tony Felix played an integral role in helping the Canada Wolverines defeat the 12th ranked United States 36-20 in Canada Rugby League Colonial Cup action played before some 7,200 spectators at Lamport Stadium in Toronto last Saturday.

The Stouffville resident was named the Macron First Star Player

after scoring two tries for Canada, who overcame a 16-10 halftime deficit.

Felix scored Canada's first points in the opening half.

In the second half, he recorded his second try, enabling Canada to tie the match at 20-20.

With the victory, Canada is up 1-0 in the series with game two scheduled for Aug. 24 in the USA before game 3 returns to Lamport Stadium Sept. 28.

Canada's next challenge comes today when they take on Jamaica at Lamport Stadium.

Hathaway returns to podium

Jason Hathaway won't complain any time he can reach the podium.

But Stouffville-based EHR/Team 3 Red team driver was a little disappointed after steering his Snap-On Tools/Rockstar Energy Drink Dodge to a third-place finish at the NASCAR Canadian Tire Velocity Prairie Thunder 250 presented by Bayer CropScience race at the Auto Clearing Motor Speedway in Saskatoon Wednesday.

Especially since he held the lead in the 250-lap race for 47 laps.

Hathaway's performance came on the heels of a second-place effort in the prior race held in Vernon, B.C.

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