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Nothing succeeds like success.

Nothing succeeds like success. Panther team captain John Humphries, receives the Stouffville Cup from Mayor Eldred King after his team defeated Guildwood 2-0 in the soccer final, Sunday. It was the Panthers' third tournament win of the season, which gives coach Alfons Rubbens, (left), good reason to smile. —Jim Holt

Panthers win Stouffville Cup

The Stouffville Cup Soccer Tournament never fails to produce drama and excitement and, as expected, last weekend was no exception. Twelve highly-competitive teams entered for a crack at winning the prestigious silver bowl and, after the din and dust of battle had settled, the Stouffville Panthers emerged champions. It was the second time in three years that the talented Mosquito squad had won their own tourney.

The Panthers were sluggish in their opener against Woodbridge and were lucky to emerge 2-1 winners. Striker Drae Glover put the home side on the board with a nice 20 yard lob over the goalkeepers head, followed by Woodbridge tying it up minutes later.

The winning goal came from Gilles Francis during a scuffle in front of the Woodbridge goalmouth. Francis proved the most outstanding striker of the tourney.

Following their weak performance against Woodbridge, the Panthers hand-

ed North York Cosmos an 8-0 drubbing, one of their biggest defeats this year.

Whitby was next to fall, giving the home side a 4-0 win and clearing the way for entry into the semi-finals. The Panther defence took no chances in this one and the midfielders and strikers made the most of the opportunities handed to them.

Having won their division with 14 goals for and only 1 against, the Panthers faced Agincourt in the semi-finals. The well-rested Agincourt squad tended to take the Panthers just a little too lightly and paid for their over confidence by getting blanked 7-0.

Gilles Francis led the Panthers with a hat trick, the explosive, hard-working striker earning every goal that came his way. Jamie Grist twice found the net, with Drea Glover and Jeff Hedde rounding out the score. It was the easiest win of the tourney.

Guildwood, who defeated last year's champions, Ajax, in their semi-final, took on the Panthers in the

final, and what a great game it was.

The Panther defence clamped down hard on two dangerous breakthroughs by Agincourt, and again it was Francis who created the openings and excitement around the opposition net. His efforts were rewarded with a fine goal in the first half.

Travis White, the Panther's super playmaker, followed by unleashing a 30 yard shot into the top of the net to wrap it up.

The Panthers, currently rated as being in the top ten in Ontario in their division, will be off to try their luck in the Calgary International Tournament on Sept. 1-3. Members are (Defence): Gary Bodimeade, Ernie Sluga, Jason Melko, Wes Barbour and Jason Underwood. (Midfielders): Frank Nardi, Travis White, John Humphries, Guy Biade and Aaron Massey. (Strikers): Ben Lavoie, Drae Glover, Jamie Grist, Steven Bishop, Gilles Francis. (Goal-tender): Jeff Hedde. Team coach is Alfons Rubbens.

Graham and Lowery win singles

Top tennis at Ballantrae club

The Ballantrae Tennis Club held its annual junior singles and doubles tournament on Sunday. The event produced some excellent performances in the finals, with last years winner of the ladies singles, Carolyn Bachand, finally succumbing to the relentless lobbing and passing shots of Cathy Graham. Graham won the first game, a 7-6 tie-breaker, only to lose the second 3-6, by which time Bachand, who was visibly tired and had fallen twice at the net, had given her best; she went down 6-2 in the third game.

Graham, still lively and full of sparkle after the two hour dual, was delighted with her win. It was the first time she had ever beaten Bachand, a formidable net-player who cuts off anything and everything within reach.

Graham confessed that she could not have hoped to beat Bachand at the net, relying mainly on lobs and passing shots to pick up points.

The mixed doubles match stretched to a three hour marathon, Bachand and Brent Lowery teamed to defeat Graham and Sean Wynn 6-4, 6-4, after losing the opening set 6-4.

In the men's singles it was Lowery and Wynn in a drawn out game that had Lowery emerge the winner. Wynn, a good tactical player, was at a distinct disadvantage against the much taller Lowery, who has a first serve that could tear holes in a net. Wynn dropped his first game 6-1 but came back strongly for a hard-fought 7-5 win in the second set. He faltered in the third set when leading 5-3, allowing Lowery to win

the next four games and his second title of the day.

Singles Consolation winners were Shauna Archibald and Danny Wilson. Mixed Doubles Consolation winners were the team of Marc Edwards and Lisa Jackson.

In the under 12 yrs category, Gold Medal winners were: Danny Wilson (Singles) Danny Wilson and Julie Coleman (Mixed doubles). Silver medalists were Debbie Kerr (Singles) Marc Edwards and Alana O'Donnell (Mixed doubles).

Other junior members to be recognized by the club were: Mathew Tinker (Best house-league attendance), Shauna Archibald (Most Improved Player), Cathy Graham (Most Sportsmanlike Player) and Darren Gornall, who received the Joe Boy award for his untiring efforts on and off court.



Two titles for junior player

Ballantrae Tennis Clubs' junior tournament singles winners, Brent Lowery and Cathy Graham, receive the President's Plaque from club president Margaret Patterson.

Brent also partnered last years women's junior singles champion, Carolyn Bachand, to capture the junior doubles title.

Easy win for Sophomore gals

The expected ding-dong battle between Stouffville's Sophomore Credit Union gals and league leaders St Rose on Thursday night never materialised. The game turned into a six innings 20-4 route by the home side.

With no pitching staff available - both pitchers were out with injuries - the visitors lost the game on the mound. Bases on balls produced 8 unearned Union runs and erratic pitching

got them 9 free passes with no strikeouts.

Julie Thompson cleared the Union bases with a mighty four run grand slam in the 6th. Shelley Ferguson doubled in the 2nd for two RBI's, while Terri Piette and Lorna Tapscott both poked out singles to bring runners across the plate. Other singles came from Cathy King and Allison Lowery.

St Rose opened with a pair of runs in the first, but from

then on it was no contest. Union Pitcher Julie Thompson had little trouble controlling the opposition bats and was ably supported by Piette at 1st base; Piette tagged four runners in rapid succession.

Candy Brown and Sheila Fockler pulled off a sharp double play in the 5th, the only excitement of the game.

St Rose squeezed a pair of token runs in the 6th but their cause had been long lost.

Pewee Saints wrap up season

The novice girl Saints finished the season with a league tournament at Scarborough over the weekend.

Opening on Friday night, the Stouffville gals beat Aurora in a close fought game that saw Kelly Watling hit a home run and Stacey Evans fire a two-run double for the game winning R.B.I's.

Against Newmarket (first place team in the Northern

division) on Saturday, the Saints held the champs to six innings before going down in the seventh. Lynda Belisle hit a homer in this one.

The Saints lost out 8-6 to Markham in the double knock-out tourney, Shawn Morrison getting the only home run.

Sponsored by Spademan Disposal, the fledgling team

has done well in their first season. Their record stands at 9 wins, 6 losses and 1 tie, to finish third in the Northern division.

The players would like to thank coaches Terri Surman and Bob Belisle for their time and interest in getting the team started, also a big thank you for the end-of-season get together for parents and team, given by Mr and Mrs Evans.

York-Durham				
Standings in the York-Durham Mens' Slowpitch League for the week ending Aug. 19 are as follows:				
	W	L	T	PTS
Eagles	16	2	0	32
Raiders	14	6	0	28
Villagers	10	7	2	22
Trappers	9	11	1	19
Claremont	7	10	3	17
Blazers	4	13	3	11
Woodchuckers	3	14	3	9

Senior squad posts 3-2 win

Following directly on the heels of the Mosquito Panthers win on Sunday evening, Stouffville's senior squad could hardly come up with anything less than a win, especially as the Panthers were still on sidelines receiving their trophy as the game progressed.

The seniors, missing a number of experienced players, were forced into playing a mainly defensive game against the Newmarket visitors. Mike Grist, his first time in net, came up with some fine saves to keep Stouffville in the game.

The home side took a 1-0 lead when Dan Lamless passed to Hank Benders from a free kick; Benders 'rose' to the occasion with a well directed header into the net.

On one of the few infrequent breakaways into the Newmarket end, Dan and Lukas Lamless combined

accurate passing to give Lukas free passage to hammer in a low shot to end the first half 2-0.

A penalty goal early in the second half brought Newmarket back into the game, but from then on in they had difficulty in finding the range; Gil Francis, Gavin Smith and Benders along with rightback Chris Goodyear, closed ranks and smothered any attempts by Newmarket to penetrate the defence.

What proved to be the winning goal came with 10 minutes left to play. Gavin Smith, taking a free kick outside Newmarket's 18 yard line, sent the ball through to Benders who only had the goaltender to beat.

Young riders championships

The American Continental Young Riders Championships will be held at the International Equestrian Sport Centre, Cedar Valley from August 22 to 26.

The five day event will feature some of the finest young riders in North America, with entries coming from 6 Canadian provinces, 10 U.S. regions, Bermuda, Ecuador and Puerto Rico.

Opening ceremonies are at 12 noon on Wednesday

Aug. 22. Classes include Dressage, Three-Day Eventing and Jumping (individual and team).

It is expected that over 200 riders and their horses will have to be boarded locally for the five days of competition.

The opening ceremonies will be conducted by the Hon. Reuben Baetz (Ontario Minister of Tourism and Recreation). Representatives of national governments will also be in attendance.

Hockey update

At a recent meeting of the Minor Hockey Association, several items of interest to the general membership were discussed.

A level 1 coaches clinic will be held on Oct. 3 at Latcham Hall. Cost is \$10 and all coaches of Rep-teams are reminded that this clinic is a requirement in order to sign with the OMHA. Contact Glenn or Judy at 640-4230 to register.

An Intermediate Club will be formed for the coming season. Age group is 18 to 25 inclusive and registration is \$175. Team tryouts will take place during the first week in October. Watch THE

TRIBUNE for tryout times.

Hockey jackets will be available for purchase during registration. Price is \$80 and delivery before Christmas is assured. Jackets will also be available through the Skate-a-Thon, which will be held the first Saturday in November. However, jackets ordered then will not be available until the end of January.

The second Annual Peeewe Tournament will be held Dec. 1.

The hockey season is expected to open the first week in October, with house league starting on Sat., Oct. 13.