

Stock-car racing

Looking to next year

For 25-year-old Fred Jordan, Burkholder Street, Stouffville, the stock-car racing season is over. However, before the dust settled, he was already thinking about next year.

He's switching from endura-racing to regular stock-car competition. He's building a new entry "from the ground up", a chore that will occupy much of his spare time this winter.

Fred and his companions, Ron Greenwood and Clint Bourne of Stouffville and

Larry Mullen of Pickering, compete at Sunset Speedway, north of Bradford.

Their final meet was Sunday, a 300-lap race involving more than 80 cars.

"It's a lot of fun," Fred says, "and chance of injury is slight."

Their investment, he says, represents about \$300. They recently had to replace a motor. The last one "blew" on the 75th lap.

Out of 80 cars entered in an endura-race, not more

than 15 will finish. It's permissible to make a pit stop for repairs, then re-enter the race when the work is complete. This can cost a driver valuable time, however, he points out. On such occasions, their team usually switches personnel.

The prize money is good, Fred says, if the entry is successful. It's not unusual to host crowds of over 2,000.

Patricia Davis of Cedar Valley, Fred's girlfriend, is the team's scorer. She's

satisfied with this role, he says, and shows no desire to climb behind the wheel.

Safety requirements are strict, he maintains, lessening the chance of injury. He recalls how one car burst into flames but the driver escaped.

Helmets are mandatory as well as double restraint belts.

Fred and the boys are looking forward to next year when they'll put their new machine to the test.



For endura-racers (left to right) Ron Greenwood, Clint Bourne and Fred Jordan, all of Stouffville, the season ended Sunday at Sunset Speedway, north of Bradford. The three men, along with Larry Mullen of Pickering, are already preparing for stock car competitions next year.

—Jim Thomas

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Stouffville Panthers win cup with a 1-0 victory in Calgary

The Stouffville Panthers recently became only the second team from Ontario to ever win the prestigious Calgary International Cup.

The Panthers won the title in dramatic fashion defeating the Spokane Sky Hawks from Washington 1-0 — scoring on a penalty kick from captain Jason Melko during the final game of the 1984 International Soccer Championships in Calgary.

The Mosquito club, coached by Alfons Rubbens, were undefeated in the tournament winning five shutout games. (Led by strong defense and goal-tending, the team didn't allow any goals against.) Entering the tournament

with two of his regular players missing, coach Rubbens admitted he did not expect to go all the way. Rookie Aaron Massey played superb soccer while defender Jason Underwood was a tower of strength, he said.

"The depth of the team is what makes these tournament victories possible," Rubbens said.

In their opening game against Thorncliffe, Calgary, the Panthers were forced to start without Travis White, who was recovering from a stomach flu. Ernie Sluga took the midfield under control and the Panther strikers showed their shooting power leading the club to a 6-0 victory.

The Stouffville Panthers downed Medicine Hat, Alberta, 4-0 in their second outing. Striker Jamie Grist rose to the occasion scoring a pair of goals, while defender Richard Altman played one of his best games.

Following this, the Panthers met St. Albert, Alberta. With strong passing and excellent execution, the Stouffville team won 7-0. And although the St. Albert club became a little chippy in the second half, the Panthers were able to maintain their own style of play. Jason Melko dominated the

midfield forcing St. Albert to back off. Geoff Heddle stopped a penalty shot and made two other great saves to earn the shutout.

The fourth game of the playoffs was against Canyon Meadows, who had also won their first three games. The Calgary league champions started with an enormous drive towards the Panther goal, but were unable to penetrate the Stouffville defense.

Speedy sweeper Wes Barbour was able to hang on long enough for his defenders to return to their nor-

mal play. Centre striker Drea Glover, who played a strong exhibition game against the Calgary selects, was given little space. Drea, however, managed to fool his markers by feeding his wing strikers Jamie Grist, Gilles Francis and Ben Lavoie perfect passes. The team went on to win 2-0.

At this point, the Stouffville club was the only team with no goals against, and more importantly, the only team in the under 12-year-old division to be undefeated. The team's remarkable performance moved

them to the final, while the other division winners met in semi-final action.

The final game against the Spokane Sky Hawks was a nail-biter. The Sky Hawks tried to break through, but Jason Melko and Wes Barbour stopped them cold. The most dangerous Sky Hawk was marked by Guy Biadi, who played a tremendous defensive game.

"Guy never let him go more than three feet. He was absolutely brilliant in defense," explained Rubbens.

Meanwhile the midfield-

ers slowly took over the game. Travis White continued to press his opponent, but the Spokane goalkeeper was one of the best the Stouffville team had met. And then Travis was tripped in the goal area leading to a penalty kick by captain Jason Melko. Jason delivered a booming shot to lead the Panthers to a 1-0 victory. Jason Underwood made several good saves in goal to keep the Sky Hawks off the score sheet.

The Stouffville Panthers have now won gold in Waterloo, Sudbury, Stouffville and Calgary.

Western trip rates thrill of a lifetime

"The biggest thrill of my life." That's how twelve-year-old Ernie Sluga described his feelings after Whitchurch-Stouffville's victory at the International Soccer Cup Tournament in Calgary.

The Grade 7 St. Mark's student praised Jason Melko for his accuracy in scoring on a penalty shot to give the Panthers a 1-0 victory over Spokane, Washington in the finals. In addition to the trophy, each player received a gold medal.

Whitchurch-Stouffville's Peewee entry, coached by Martin Johannessen, captured the bronze.

"He (Jason) sure knows how to pick the corners," Ernie said. The penalty shot was called, Ernie explained, when Travis White was tripped from behind. Centre forward Drea Glover of Church Street North described Spokane as "a good team."

"I was nervous before the game but not after it started," he said. At the conclusion, he said "we were all very happy."

While a win at that level of competition is very acceptable, being so far away from home made it better still, Drea said. He's a Grade 6 student at St. Mark's Separate School.

Although understandably disappointed at losing, he said the Spokane players shook hands at the end.

"Is soccer your favorite sport?" Drea was asked. "When I play soccer, I like it the best and when I play hockey, I like it the best," the young eleven-year-old athlete replied tactfully.

Stouffville Seniors lose 2-0

Despite a strong defensive game, the Stouffville Seniors were skunked 2-0 in soccer action in Bradford last week.

A two-week layoff between games did nothing to enhance an otherwise sluggish team. The one bright spot was the return of Kees Spoorenburg and Martin Johannessen from the injury list.

As in previous games where the Seniors have been slightly undermanned, the game was primarily played in either the Stouffville end or at centre forcing the defense to bare the blunt of the game.

Gil Francis had a tremendous game at left back, while Charles Parker and Jim Currie also played

a strong part in keeping Bradford off the score sheet in the first half.

John Klein, playing in goal for the first time in two seasons, showed some of his old style. He made a number of good saves that would

have otherwise found the mark.

In the second half, the Seniors generated several good scoring chances, particularly from Mike Grist and Wolfgang Bopp. Hank Benders also posed a threat in the Bradford goal mouth,

especially on the high cross balls.

Midway through the second half, Bradford opened the scoring on a high shot to the corner. They sealed the game with their second goal with just five minutes remaining.

Goodwood vs. Claremont

Semi-finals underway

It's Goodwood vs. Claremont in league fast-ball semi-finals. The first game was scheduled for Claremont, Tuesday, with game two at Goodwood, Wednesday, (to-night). Time of the contest is 8:30 p.m.

"I think we can hold their bats," George Harris, Goodwood short-stop and team manager told The Tribune. "It'll be a case of our club getting some hits." Harris claims Claremont pitcher Darrell Norton is

the best hurler in the league. To reach the semi-finals, Goodwood disposed of Brougham in two straight games, 7-1 and 8-4. Russ Hyde and Dave Jackson shared the mound chores with Ray Hamlin back of the plate.

Goodwood finished third in regular league competition. Against Claremont, they chalked up a 2-0 victory and lost 4-1.

"We'll have to play 100 per cent to beat them," Harris said, with reference to

the Claremont series.

The Goodwood lineup includes: Russ Hyde and Dave Jackson, pitchers; Ray Hamlin, catcher; Adam Young and Cam Stewart, first base; Barry Ferguson, second base; Steve Yake, third base; George Harris, short stop; Don Ferguson, left field; Bruce Williamson, centre field; Ron McDonald, right field; Mike Roberts and Larry Gilroy, utility outfielders; Butch Metherall, coach; George Harris, manager.

Diamond space given at special meeting

The Community Ball Association is holding a special meeting, Thurs., Oct. 4 at 7:30 p.m., in the Parks and Recreation Office, Stouffville.

Purpose of the gathering is to allocate diamond space for the 1985 season.

A representative from each league should attend, Paul Murray of the York-

Durham Slow-Pitch organization told The Tribune. "We don't want teams coming to us later and saying they weren't told."

The Parks and Recreation Department is located in the basement of the Silver Jubilee Club, with the entrance from Market Street, south of Main.

\$5,000 raised at golf tourney

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Rec. Centre Fund is richer by \$5,000 thanks to an extremely successful Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament, Friday, that attracted 140 entries.

The tourney, largest on record, was co-hosted by the management of Sleepy Hollow, a site 'donation' to the Chamber valued at \$2,500.

Chamber president and master of ceremonies Ged Stonehouse, praised the various sponsors of the event including the donors of low gross, and low net gifts. He also thanked Ted Maude for his co-operation and the Sleepy Hollow managers for their assistance.

The low gross cham-

pion on the day was Peter Bullus of Mississauga. He was the winner of the Chamber of Commerce Challenge Trophy donated by the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. He had a 70.

The low net winner was Don Norris of Blake Street, Stouffville, with a 69.

The Trip-For-Two to Florida was won by Bob Barry.

Other award recipients in the low gross category were: Bob Barry, Bob Doerner, John Meekes, Holly Howell, Mike Morrison, Bob Slack, Jay Reid, Tom Wood, Tom Cunningham, Don Kimura, Keith Acton, Ken Laushway,

Norm Dunn and Bob Goy.

In the low net category, other winners were: Tom Grist, Ted Lowery, Ian Morrison, Betty Cowan, Larry Naccaroto, Gary Williams, Andy Caramanico, Sandy Ewen, Polly Minton, John Flynn, John Campbell, Ged Stonehouse, Rob Timbers and Holly Howell.

The low gross champion for the ladies was Peggy Glencross with a 93 with Chris Rickaby the runner-up.

Tops for the ladies in the low net category were: Pat Evans, Marg Curtis and Madeline Magnus.

Pat Byer was honored as the day's Most Honest Golfer.



Wayne Head, Asst. Pro at Emerald Hills Golf and Country Club, R.R. 4, Stouffville, shows good form at the Chamber of Commerce Tournament, Friday, at Sleepy Hollow.

—Sjoerd Witteveen



Hockey pro Keith Acton of the Minnesota North Stars, blasts his way out of a sand trap. Despite problems here, he still finished among the top ten.

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