



Dale Johnston has been riding motorcycles ever since he was a kid growing up in Scarborough. Today, the 21-year-old York University student is at the top of his class in the 500 cubic centimetre

class. He says he's looking forward to competing in the Canadian championships scheduled for later this summer.

Johnston top rider

Dale Johnston, a 21-year-old Ringwood resident, has been riding his motorcross bike competitively for only three years.

But, his performances on the Ontario motorcross circuit have put him in first

place in the junior loop after the first four races.

However, unlike his first two years, this time around, Johnston has a sponsor.

"We feel Dale is an up-and-coming rider," says Gary

Pike, the manager of Markham Honda, Johnston's sponsor. "Dale right now is sitting in the top three or four in Canada," Pike said.

Johnston's sponsorship includes discounts on parts, bikes, service as

well as moral support on race days. "They're really interested in the sport," Johnston says of his sponsors. "Everything's worked out well."

Like most young children, Dale's attraction to motorcycles began when he was growing up. "My parents bought me a mini-bike," he said.

But little did his parents know that eventually their son would race competitively. "My mom doesn't go (to events) because she's afraid," says Johnston. "But, it's only as dangerous as the guy on the bike."

Soccer club gets ready for season

Despite their lack of field time, the Whitechurch Stouffville Soccer Club continues to prepare for their upcoming season.

All of the teams continued with their exhibition schedules on the weekend.

The Stouffville Panthers, under the direction of Alfons Rubbens, played to a 0-0 draw with the powerful Wexford squad from Scarborough.

"I was quite happy with their

performance," said coach Rubbens adding that he did quite a bit of line juggling.

These exhibition games gave me tremendous insight into the players," he said. "It was a very, very tense game."

Earlier in the day, the Royals played host to the Sudbury Hawks and won the contest easily by a 5-1 count. According to Rubbens, the Royals played superbly. They seem to be getting better and better."

Ball tourney

The third-annual Stouffville Raiders slo-pitch tournament is all set for this Victoria Day long weekend.

All that organizer Paul Murray is hoping for now is cooperation from good ol' Mother Nature. "I can only hope we have good weather," said Murray. "We don't want to get wiped out by rain."

Although Murray had hoped to attract 32 men's teams and 16 women's squads,

to date, only 25 men's and 8 ladies clubs are slated to compete in the three-day tourney.

"I shot for 16, but I got eight," said Murray of his efforts to attract the ladies. "But I can't really argue with that."

With the official cut-off date set for this evening, Murray is hoping that more teams step forward to enter the tournament.

From Stouffville alone, 12 men's teams are entered.

Murray said he expects the com-

petition to be stiff and predicts that any team could walk away with the title.

All games are slated for Stouffville Memorial Park and the men's teams will vie for \$1,000 in prize money.

Regular season begins in York

The York-Durham Men's Slo-Pitch League will open their regular season this week.

Aside from several increased rosters, the league is primarily the same as last year.

The league's executive is hoping the larger rosters will lend a bit more competition to the games.

The teams competing this year are the Ballantrae Blazers, the Claremont Bricks, Goodwood Eagles and the Stouffville Raiders, Saints, Trappers and Villagers.

The league will play games in Stouffville on Monday and Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m. and on Thursdays at 7 and 9 p.m. Games are also scheduled for Goodwood on Thursdays at 8:30 p.m. and in Claremont Mondays at 9 p.m.



Plenty of YBC bowlers collected some impressive hardware at their annual awards banquet. The high single winners were front row: Michelle MacAlony, Mark Rennie and Jeff Dickson. Back row: Darlene Gottschalk, Cheryl Oldham and Leah Collett.



The high average winner for this past season were front row: Mike McCool, Christine Lane and Tammy Grove. Back row: Tina Hie, Mark Conway, Glenn Jackson and Robyn Grove.

YBC honors its bowlers

The YBC held their annual banquet at Latham Hall on Friday night where the league handed out this year's hardware.

This year's bantam play-off championship team consisted of Dean Cottage, Brenda Bowman, Shawn McKinnon, Andrea Rennie and Darren Bartha.

The junior champs were Mark Palmer, Trevor Wise, Shannon Spice and Jeanette Peak. The senior champs were Tina Hie, Mark Conway, Lorraine Humphrey, John Watters, Greg Vliek and Cynthia Gleave.

The High Double Flat went to peewees Allison MacDonald and Cory Goertzen and bantams Janet Flewell and Steven Tait.

Sandy Vallee and Darren McCool had the High Triple Flat for the juniors while Lorraine Humphrey and Scott Couperthwaite had the seniors high triple.

The High Triple with handicap went to juniors Tracy Lehman and Randy Flewell.

The year's high singles went to Michelle MacAlony and Jeff Dickson from the peewees, bantams Darlene Gottschalk and Mark Rennie, juniors Leah Collett and Mark Palmer and seniors Cheryl Oldham and Greg Vliek.

Peewees Jenny Carpenter and Brian Watson had the high singles with handicap while bantams Andrea Rennie and Chris Brent and juniors Jeni Barker and Chris Watters did likewise.

High Average awards went to peewees Christine Lane and Tim MacDonald, bantams Tammy Grove and Mike McCool, juniors Robyn Grove and Glenn Jackson and seniors Tina Hie and Mark Conway.

Also the following bowlers were honored for the high games: Darlene Gottschalk 280, Leah Collett and Mark Palmer 295 and Greg Vliek 281.

On a similar note, Billy Wray and Steven Tait both captured first place in a recent tournament held in Markham.

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