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Stouffville Panthers win Sudbury crown

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The Stouffville Panthers — like Canadian snooker players — suffer from an anomaly that makes them bigger heroes in places other than their hometown.

Last weekend the Panther boys won the 5th Annual Sudbury Hawks Soccer Tournament, defeating arch-rival Nickel City 1-0 for the championship.

But instead of receiving a cool applause from the tourney hosts, Stouffville was royally praised by Sudbury fans. "They know our boys up there. I wish I had that much local support in Stouffville," quipped Panther skipper Alfons Rubbens after arriving home late Monday evening.

Since Sudbury's inaugural tournament five years ago, Stouffville has won the peewee crown every time except last year when Guelph spoiled the domination with a semifinal upset.

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So it's little surprise, Rubbens and his crew are quite an attraction in Sudbury. Nickel City — Sudbury's strongest peewee squad — has every Panther face memorized. The team has been beaten by the Black Cats by the same score — 1-0 — every year!

Stouffville's blue print for victory this time out involved a four-game sweep — Sudbury 5-0, Waterloo 6-0, Sault Ste. Marie 2-0 and Nickel City 1-0.

Stouffville's tough defence trademark — allowing no goals against — stayed intact thanks to the magnificent efforts of captain Charlie Melko, Frank Nardi and goalie Jeff Holden. Jeff's brother Rich, a centre striker, scored the winning goal in the final on a crossover pass from Guy Biadi.

ROYALS WIN 2

The Stouffville Royal bantam boys won two preliminary games in the Sudbury tourney before losing to a National Soccer League (NSL) club — Malton — in the semifinal 2-1.

The Royals, missing three key players (Jeff Carney, Joey Waldherr and Tab Lamoureux), went into the tourney with no reserves on the sideline. Malton expected an easy victory, said Royal coach Martin Johannessen.

However, Stouffville grabbed the early momentum after Tony Trentadue knocked in a crossover for a 1-0 lead. A rain delay forced both clubs off the field and Johannessen figures his boys "cooled right out" and lost the momentum.

Malton tied the game on a penalty kick two minutes before half-time and went on to score the winner in

the latter half. Still, the Malton coach — a former New York Cosmos — commended Stouffville after the game for consistently shutting down his boys at the 20-yard line.

"We were definitely an underdog in the tournament. We didn't expect to do as well as we did," added Johannessen.



Learn from a pro

Margaret Wagg of Stouffville shows Ballantrae youngster Holly Burch the proper way to release the ball during a lawn bowling demonstration July 29. Holly is enrolled in the Stouffville Sports and Leadership camp.

—Cathy Carter

Claremont Peewees prepare for battle

The Claremont Peewees face Unionville in zone play-offs starting tonight. Claremont players include: (bottom left) Mike McKenzie, Matt Davis, Darrell Vanderligt, Dwayne Vanderligt, Wayne Meredith, David

Jones, Chris Hall; (back left) coach John Vanderligt, Mike Feasby, Jason Underwood, David Martin, Bronson Lawrence, Brett Yoshida, Ron Hall.

Tiger girls take beating

The Stouffville Tigers were scoreless in a Sarnia soccer tournament last weekend and Tiger coach Steve Trentadue blames poor coaching in previous seasons for the lack-luster performance.

The all-star female squad (under 18) lost three straight games — Sault Ste. Marie 3-0, Wexford 2-0 and Sarnia 4-0 — in the Blue Water Tournament. Twenty-eight teams in total competed in various divisions.

Although some of the local girls have been playing soccer for eight years, they have not received "proper coaching," said Trentadue, in his first year as Tiger skipper.

"The offence has got to be working with more ball control, more skill. The girls are having problems with the way they approach the ball," he remarked.

Still, there was a bright spot in Sarnia — Susie Den Oudens. The Stouffville athlete who can play just about any position — midfield, defence or forward — kept the losses respectable with her strong two-way skills.

Lady-luck also played a crucial part with Stouffville. The Tigers missed five or six good chances

against Sault Ste. Marie. "The ball just wouldn't go in," lamented Trentadue.

The Tigers, sponsored by Canadian Tire, have won only one game this season, lost four and tied two. But those are just numbers, said an optimistic Trentadue. He predicts the girls will take second or third spot in the eight-team York Region league.

The coach extended his appreciation to Grant Larmer and Canadian Tire for its generous donation of a van used to transport the Stouffville players to Sarnia.

Sign up soon for minor hockey

The dates for the Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey Association's registration have been set. All players must register with the association before they try out for any representative (all-star) team.

Registration is Sept. 3, 4, 10, and 11 at 7 to 9 p.m. in Latcham Hall, Stouffville.

House league play will begin on Oct. 4 — one week earlier than last year. Referees are needed for the league. This is a paid position, but all applicants must be at least 12 years of age and attend the Level 1 referee clinic being held Sept. 27 at noon at the Recreation Centre.

For more information on registration and referees contact Morris Hamilton 640-5739 or Bob Farley 640-5525.

The association will offer individual passes for OMHA games this year. More information on passes will be available at registration.

Sideline Comment

Just sailor talk

By CATHY CARTER

SAILING: The fine art of getting wet and becoming ill while slowly going nowhere at great expense.

This definition comes from the "Sailing Dictionary" and unless you have participated in this exciting sport, you may find it rather comical. However, it's the most accurate definition I've ever heard.

Two weekends ago I had the privilege to work as a member of the race committee for the Ontario Wayfarer Championships on Lake Simcoe.

A wayfarer is a small 16-foot sailboat often referred to as a dinghy. This term confuses many people. These are not boats that you blow up with a pump. They are made of fiberglass or wood. The job of the race committee is to set up the courses, start and finish the races and assist any boats in trouble.

Being part of the committee is a cushy job compared to that of the sailors.

Completing a grueling two hour race during which the sailors must hook their feet under a strap and hang over the side of the boat or be dumped in the lake takes a great deal of strength and stamina.

This regatta demonstrated that people of all ages can compete in this sport. On one boat, the crew was a 6-year-old boy. On another, the captain was over 70 (and he placed second overall).

The captain on any boat, big or small, sail or power, blames all problems on his (or her) crew. Whether it's an "Act of God", mechanical problems or the captain's fault, **THE CREW GETS BLAMED.**

I gave up sailing a long time ago to avoid such exchanges with the ship boss. After a full weekend of racing, you begin to believe that you are all the captain says you are, and it's not good for the ego.

During the races the weather played several tricks on us. Saturday morning when we awoke it was cloudy and grey. We started the competition anyway and by noon the sun was shining and the wind blowing.

I'm not complaining but such weather, when you are trapped on the water with no shade to provide relief, makes for one bad sunburn. It is common practice in these conditions for bodies to be quickly flung overboard between races. The cool lake water provides a welcome relief.

Although I have a fair amount of sailing experience, the terminology used by sailors never ceases to confuse me. Recently I came to the conclusion that each sailor tries his or her best to top the next person's use of the language.

Listening to a group of them talk is like listening in on a foreign conversation. Here are a few simple definitions to help any of you who are baffled when a sailor begins to talk:

Bow means the pointy end of the boat or the front;
Stern is the square end or back of the boat;
Spinnaker or chute is the large colorful sail that is usually the focal point for quarrels between the captain and crew;
To turn turtle means the boat is upside down in the water.

With any luck these simple definitions will come in handy someday.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"I'm not a political animal. Maybe I don't know the proper way to play the game."

Nate Salter, president of Stouffville Motor Speedway (SMS Developments), recalls his anger and frustration after Town Council rejected his \$7 million speedway proposal in the spring.

STREET RACING: Off-roaders want track

PART TWO

BY KELLY CONNELLY
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Three weeks ago the Tribune ran a feature on Street Racing. Part two was to follow a week later, however the story was lost in a computer malfunction. The Tribune apologizes for the delay and brings you the follow-up this week.

When Stouffville Town Council slammed its 'no' gavel on the proposed Stouffville Motor Speedway (SMS) site in April, the community's sometimes not-so-discreet street racers were disappointed.

But Ballantrae resident and ATV rider Dave Bianchi says hot rodders weren't the only people disillusioned by council's rejection of the \$7 million speedway complex.

Off-road racers who drive anything from a snowmobile to a three-wheel motorcycle or 4x4 pickup weren't happy either. The motor park, destined for the Bloomington Sideroad/Hwy. 48 area, was to have an oval track, drag strip and off-road course.

The latter facility promised to alleviate a lot of headaches for Bianchi and his buddies. Too many encounters with police and irate land owners, the high cost of towing vehicles to places like Peterborough and the loss of field space to new subdivisions had all but forced the boys onto the street — a place they really don't want to be.

"I don't know anywhere you can go riding in Stouffville without worrying about being caught," says the 22-year-old resident.

Areas like Vivian Kores are off limits to off-road vehicles, but not to horses. Newly excavated subdivisions are popular ATV and motocross haunts, because of the mud and hills, says Bianchi, but nearby residents often complain about the noise.

Even farmers and corporate land owners are being less congenial.

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Lawn bowling isn't just for adults

Whitchurch-Stouffville youngsters enrolled in this summer's Sports and Leadership camp ventured over to Stouffville's greens last week for some lawn bowling lessons. Campers include: (front left) Kristina Swartz, Kevin Nichols, John Morrison, Neil Puente, Jay Geekie, Holly Burch, Jennifer McGowan; (middle left) counsellor Kim Burch;

Daniel Ferguson, Jay Scaife, Kevin Cargill, Andrea McGowan, Chris Hurtle, Jason Gray; (back left) Lee Scaife, Dean Burch, Mark Gilles, Ryan Merrill, counsellor Julie Burch, Sarah Wilson. Missing is Eli Magnate.

—Cathy Carter