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\$50,000 OFFER Goodwood player couldn't refuse

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Signing with an NHL team is a rare thing for most junior players, but Goodwood's Shane Redshaw is half way there.

The 20-year-old forward with the Mike Bossy magic in front of the net is now a Western Michigan Bronco. He turned down five other American colleges to accept a four-year scholarship worth over \$50,000 (US).

The *Tribune* talked with Redshaw at his dorm in Western Michigan last Thursday. The newest Bronco had just begun an intensive two-week land training program with his team and attended first day of classes. He's majoring in physical education and biology.

Western Michigan, which lost to Ohio State in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA) quarter-finals last season, has high hopes for its Canadian import.

BIG SHOES TO FILL

Rather than retire ex-Bronco sensation Dan Dorion's sweater, the team decided to let Redshaw wear the much lauded number 17. Dorion is now a New Jersey Devil.

"I think they were going to retire Dan's sweater. It's pretty great they gave it to me. I hope it gives me luck," said the former Uxbridge Bruin who paced Pickering to the Metro Junior B Championship last year.

Pickering's leading scorer with 62 goals and rated the Most Valuable Player during the playoffs, a modest Redshaw reflected "I guess I get in the right place at the right time and I've always had good wingers and centres to help me out."

In 1984-85 the 170-lb left winger — he plays right wing oddly enough — was the top goal-getter on Markham Travelways Junior B franchise.

Prior to that, he won just about every scoring title on his minor hockey teams. Seventy-five goals in one season was not unusual for the small guy — a late bloomer who grew to 6'1" in the last year.

Almost 10 years ago, Redshaw beat out the finest shooters in the Metro Toronto Hockey League (MTHL) at a pressure-packed Showdown event for atom-aged players and appeared on Hockey Night in Canada's intermission.

"He was always a hell of a skater. He spent a lot of hours roller skating in our basement and he was playing novice when he was

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SHANE
REDSHAW

Soggy finish for Stingers

Pitcher Candy Brown's "gut feeling" that her team would win its series with Zephyr was a false alarm.

The Stouffville Stingers, defending league and 1985 provincial champions, were eliminated in a rain-soaked playoff semifinal 8-7 last Thursday night.

Zephyr now advances to the Lake Simcoe Ladies Fastball championship round against Bradford.

Both Stouffville coach Bob Gold and manager Ted Lowery warned early in the best-of-five series that anything could happen when Zephyr is the opposition.

Both clubs interlocked in tight games all season, so it was no surprise when this latest series went the distance. But it was game four's incredibly lopsided score — Zephyr annihilated the Stingers 10-0 to tie the showdown and force a fifth game — that put the series in doubt for Stouffville.

"Nine girls were off their game. We had a bad third inning... a really off night," summed up Gold, whose players could have wrapped up the series then and there.

The Stingers had originally wanted to play that game a few days earlier, but Zephyr refused. In retrospect, it proved smart strategy for the eventual victor. The Stingers were missing back-catcher Deb Gold, who left for university, for the final two games.

The vacancy forced Stouffville to juggle its lineup, something it couldn't afford to do against Zephyr. With veteran Sheila Fockler moved to back-catcher, the outfield wasn't as strong it could have been, said coach Gold.

In the final game, the score was tied 2-2 at the end of two innings. Allison Lowery tripled home Brown and Liz Leman scored Lowery.

Stouffville broke loose for five runs in the third and appeared to be on its way to victory. Brown, Cathy Carr, Leman, Lowery and Alison Ashton all crossed homeplate.

After a rain delay, two miscues in the final innings cost the Stingers the game. Two Stouffville runners were caught doubled up in the seventh inning with bases loaded and runners were stranded in the bottom of the eighth.

"The rain just gave the girls something else to be concerned about. Our outfielders couldn't change direction fast enough," Gold admitted.

The rain appeared to affect pitcher Liz Crittenden's windmill technique more than it did Zephyr's pitcher Jackie Dempster, who delivers conventional style (no windmill).

On a bright note, ex-Stingers Dee Keith and Jannine Ferguson are expected to return to the club next year if it moves to intermediate from sophomore.

"It depends on what the girls want to do," said Gold. "They can be pretty proud of what they accomplished this year."

Stouffville lawn bowlers win tourneys

Stouffville's lawn bowling rinks did well in tournaments last month.

The town had two entries in an Uxbridge tourney Aug. 9. Eylmer Farthing (skip), Doris Farthing (vice) and Marg L. Wagg (lead) won the high for two games. Dawes Hare (skip), Eleanor Crossen (vice) and Meryln Baker (lead) won high for one game.

To Stouffville's disadvantage, both rinks ended up playing each other in the event. "It sometimes happens... one kind of robs the other," said a Stouffville Lawn Bowling Club spokesman.

On Aug. 25, Stouffville also entered a rink in a Newmarket tourney. Crossen (skip), Edna Mashinter (vice) and Maud Erwin (lead) collected the high two-game win.

On Aug. 30, Hare (skip); Crossen (vice) and Mashinter (lead) won high three games in another Uxbridge competition.

On Saturday, Stouffville Lawn Bowling Club will host the first annual McNeil Pharmaceutical tournament. Various entries from out-of-town are expected to converge on Stouffville's greens. The town will enter four or five rinks. Individual trophies are up for grabs.

Coach says European tour next stop for Jr C Bruins

The Uxbridge Bruins may be going international this year.

Second-year coach Randy Hall said he plans to take the junior C hockey squad on a European tour at Christmas. The two-week trip would include five or six exhibition games with stops in France, England, West Germany, Austria and possibly Italy.

"Last year we decided to do something a little different this season," explained Hall. "The guys are up for it. We've had a team meeting and we've made contacts to set up the trip."

Hall himself is no stranger to

European hockey tours. In 1982 he played for a senior select team in Toronto which travelled to England and Scotland. It was a great experience, he recalled.

"Last year was my first year coaching the Bruins. I just wanted to coach the team and get my feet wet," Hall did more than get his feet wet. The Bruins went from a basement franchise to a top contender in the Ontario Hockey League.

He suggested the Europe excursion couldn't happen at a better time and it will be an incentive for players wishing to tryout or re-

turn to the club.

Stouffville centre Jeff Christensen and defenceman Eric Beam are expected to attend training camp. Local boys Lee Brown and Ken Burrows will likely return to the lineup.

The Bruins hope to raise \$15,000 for the trip through various fundraising drives. Players will be selling Christmas trees at Farmer Jacks and Uxbridge will host a hockey tournament in October.

TRYOUTS: Last opportunity to tryout for the Bruins is Saturday, Sept. 13, 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Slo-pitch playoff update

It's that time of year again.

The York-Durham and York Major men's slo pitch squads get down to business — playoff business.

Note these important game dates to be played at Stouffville Park:

YORK MAJOR

Sept. 16 (7:00 p.m.) — Betz Pools vs Buttermakers; Sept. 17 (8:30 p.m.) — Kerry Industries vs Buttermakers; Sept. 25 (7:00 p.m.) — Buttermakers vs Kerry Industries.

Games in Markham include: Sept. 10 (8:30 p.m.) — Buttermakers vs Tacs; Sept. 24 (8:30 p.m.) — Buttermakers vs Mothers.

Fathers is the automatic league champion with 18-0 unblemished record.

YORK-DURHAM

The York-Durham Men's Slo Pitch League has scheduled a round-robin playoff tournament for Sept. 27-28 in Stouffville. The new format is an alternative to last year's best-of-three and five series which were dragged out and bogged down in rainouts and cold weather.

The league consists of seven squads: Trappers, Blazers, A & S Raiders, Merchants, Villagers, Saints and Claremont. The strong Raiders club will likely get a bye in the first playoff round.

YORK MAJOR STANDINGS

TEAM	RECORD
Fathers	18-0
Tacs	13-11
Betz	13-8
Buttermakers	9-11
Kerry	5-16
Mothers	6-18

Ex-Saint selected top batter

Stouffville softball players Catherine Dunkeld, Lynda Belisle and Shawn Morrison — now with Markham Bantams — placed fifth in the Provincial Grand Championships two weekends ago.

Morrison, a designated hitter, was selected Top Batter for the tournament with a .545 average.

Ontario's top 10 bantam teams participated in the double knockout playdowns. Grantham (suburb of St. Catharines) won the championship followed by Stratford and Newmarket.

Markham won its opener against Don Victoria 7-6 in extra innings. Dunkeld was four for four at the plate. Stratford handed the club its first loss in game two with a 1-0 decision.

Newmarket eliminated Markham 6-4 in the next match. Both Dunkeld and Morrison had RBI'd what looked to be winning runs in the seventh and eighth innings before Newmarket scored two in the ninth.

Dunkeld and Belisle had .400-plus batting averages for the tourney.

Catholic youth soccer players make Stouffville skipper proud

Stouffville's Frank Fiore is one proud soccer coach.

His atom team — St. Francis D'Assisi — in only its first season in the competitive Catholic Youth Organization (league), was runner-up in the playoff championship last weekend.

Played at Keele'sdale Park in Toronto, the final game was a 5-0 romp for Greek club and six year veterans Yiannoulis. Although Fiore's team was shut out, the squad's impressive 13-2-2 season record softened the final blow.

"I never expected we'd finish in

second place. We're only a first season club while Yiannoulis has been in the league the last six years," he explained.

However, Yiannoulis apparently recruited new players for its lineup on Saturday which upset Fiore. "We beat them twice and tied them once this season. On Saturday we didn't recognize the kids on their team any more. I'm sad about this, but it's too late to protest."

Eight Stouffville boys play on the St. Francis squad. They include: captain John Fiore, Dean Hynes, Paul DiLucia, Mike Cardilla,

Stephen D'Annunzio, Paul Zoffranieri, Angelo Cairo and Scott Hynes. All attend St. Marks School in Stouffville.

"Most of the players when they joined didn't know much about soccer. I'm very proud of the kids and the way they picked it up," said Fiore, who was assisted by Gabe Guadagno. He noted that many opponents were impressed with his team's winning record.

The black and white striped squad will be back next year and may even do some travelling out of the province and country, hinted the coach.



Catholic youth team learns quickly

Not bad for a first season! Eight Stouffville players helped St. Francis D'Assisi to a second place finish in the 10 team Catholic Youth Organization playoffs last Saturday. Back row Stouffville players (left) — Paul Zoffranieri, Scott Forsythe, Mike Cardillo,

Steve DiNunzio, Angelo Cairo, John Fiore, Paul DiLucia, Dean Hynes; front row — Jorge Almeida, Carmine Lombardo, Frank Milioti, Angelo Fazari, Vince Fazari.

— Kelly Connelly

Sideline Comment

Wrong buzz word

BY KELLY CONNELLY

Stand too close to a startline were 20 motocross racers are about to take off and your eardrums go numb. With your eyes closed it's easy to mistaken the roar of dirtbike engines for chainsaws.

The announcer at last Monday's Supercross in Markham compared the sound to a swarm of "killer bees". A cute buzz phrase (no pun intended), but I question the use of the adjective "killer".

"Here they come, the killer bees!" he exclaimed, as the pack of racers whipped around the first turn in front of the main stands. "Killer" in his context meant aggressive, gutsy athletes riding loud vehicles. No problem there.

But I still think the adjective "killer" carries connotations that no sport — except maybe rollerball — wants to be associated with.

A program handed out at Markham's Supercross included an interesting anatomy of a motocross racer in the preface and I quote:

"Forget all the hoopla about which is the world's toughest sport. To a motocrosser it doesn't matter that soccer demands a cardiovascular phenomenon, a triathlon requires multiple physical talents, and boxing takes an iron jaw. A motocrosser has a good proportion of all these talents, but none of those other guys has to barrel pell-mell into a first turn with 39 over-ambitious motocross racers.

"Motocross racers are as tough and fit as they come. They have the nerve to leave the gas on after their brain screams 'shut it off'... They have the aerial agility and bravery to fly higher, sky longer and aril farther than any trapeze artist ever dared. Motocrosser! They aren't just the kids next door, they are the SUPERMEN next door."

A dramatic photo on the front page of The Markham Economist & Sun's sports section last week caught Bolton motocrosser Rick Pacey flipping over the front of his bike in a nasty spill off the Trailer Jump. Luckily he walked away from the crash, which leads me to suspect the superman superlative isn't that far off.

Bolton's Rick Pacey flips

—Bill Lanning

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The problem is we're talking horsepower and not horses." Gord Hooper, strong supporter for a speedway facility to be strategically located outside the Toronto area, discusses the rural biases of some northern communities.