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Sports

Has made plans to move to Kingston

Decision yet to be made on Evans

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Will it be the Stouffville Merchants or the Inverary Indians for Scott Evans?

The 18-year-old softball pitcher, who played for both the provincial and national select youth fastball teams last summer, says he wants to play for the Indians of the Kingston Intermediate League.

But a Softball Ontario ruling states the Stouffville resident must get a release from his local softball organization, the Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Softball Association (WSMSA), before he can sign on with the Tribe.

"Back in February, before Stouffville announced they were going to have a Junior team, (the Indians) gave me an offer I couldn't refuse, with a lot of great bonuses whereby they'd cover all my expenses and get me a summer job," said Evans.

"But now that Stouffville is planning to have a Junior team, I'm going to need a release (from the WSMSA) to play there."

Evans says he has already made plans to move to Kingston, a 10 minute drive from Inverary, for the summer.

"As of right now, I'm moving down there. I have already signed a Kingston Junior card. But it will be up to Kingston and Stouffville to work it out. If they want me down there (Inverary), then they'll have to arrange it."

Evans said that while the Indians represent a better career opportunity for him, he wouldn't be disappointed if he had to stay in Stouffville.

"The Indians are probably one of the top three or four Junior teams in Ontario, and they have a chance of going to the All-Canadian championships. Plus, they have four tournaments lined up for the United States, and I want to play some ball there."

"But I don't mind staying here. There's no bad blood. I had made my decision (to play for the Indians) before there was even a team in Stouffville. If I stay here, I've got my men's team in Richmond Hill (the Richmond Hill Merchants), and I could play for the Stouffville team as well, but I'd have to give priority to the men's team."

Evans says his ultimate aspiration is to play Senior A ball.

"I hope to keep moving up. Once you reach Senior A, they pay as much as \$20,000 a summer, and it's lots of fun. That's the elite of fastball."

Stouffville men set for adult soccer

Adult soccer comes to Stouffville this season as the Stouffville Town Spurs Senior Men's team prepares to kick off its inaugural campaign.

The Spurs, who will compete in the Newmarket and District Soccer League (NDSL), are the brainchild of Bill Perrie, an ex-Stouffville now living in Aurora.

Perrie, who is also the Vice-President of the NDSL, founded the team after being approached by several Stouffville area people who wanted to see an adult team in their town.

The team has been working out indoors in the gymnasium of Stouffville District Secondary School since January, in preparation for the season which is to begin the third week in May. The Stouffville squad will play its home games on the SDSS soccer patch.

The Spurs will see their first competition, however, at the Canadian National Indoor Soccer Tournament in Ottawa Apr. 28 to 29, an event which will include 120 teams from across Canada.

Perrie says he's pleased with the interest that has been shown in his team so far, and expects a full contingent of players once outdoor practices begin.

"We've been practising Friday nights at the high school gym because it's the only time they could fit us in, and that has hurt the turnout of players," said Perrie.

"We've had from 12 to 16 players out most nights, but should have another 10 or so when we can go outside and practice at other times."

Perrie said his players range in age from 17 to 40, and that there should be a strong nucleus of Stouffville based players on the team. "We've got about nine or 10 Stouffville fellows now, but we're expecting more. Some are coming back to play in Stouffville after playing in Markham and elsewhere for several years due to their being no men's soccer here."

"Hopefully, we'll be made up entirely of Stouffville players eventually, but at first we'll have to use a few imports."

Perrie, who said he will probably end up as player-coach of the Spurs, said his roster will include at least two members of the now defunct Stouffville Royals, John and Fred Klein.

There will also be players who have played with other York Region Soccer Association teams.

The Spurs, who have been led in practice by their no-nonsense trainer, Dave Webb, a newcomer to Stouffville, should be in good shape to start the season, said Perrie.

"I think we'll be ready," he said. "Dave's been putting them through their paces. We've been doing a lot of work in the gym."

Dickson Hill takes Area F volleyball title

Dickson Hill Public School captured the Area F North Mixed Junior Volleyball championship in a four team tournament at Summitview Public School last Wednesday. The Dickson Hill squad, below, is coached by Don Forbes, and went undefeated, racking up six points in the round robin event, which saw schools play each other once. Ballantrae Public School finished second with four points, Summitview third with two points, and Orchard Park fourth with zero points. In photo at right, a Summitview player stretches to make a play. Members of the championship Dickson Hill squad are coach Forbes, Angela Farkas, Lisa Fleishman, Sonny Acosta, Peter Hall, Diethra Seymour, Damian Pieri, Melissa Rochon, Marijke McLean, Matthew Oceau, Lisa Kennedy, Brad Wood, Nadine Parris, Ian Lau and Richard Thompson.

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Stouffville Oldtimers take title at Over-35 tourney

The Stouffville-Markham Oldtimers ended up winning their own indoor soccer tournament last weekend, as they captured the Stouffville-Markham Over 35 Invitational at the Mount Joy Arena in Markham.

The team, which consists mainly of Stouffville area players, bested eight other entries from across Ontario.

The winners went undefeated in four games, outscoring their opponents 7-3.

Casey Spoorenburg and Lee Kea scored in the Stouffville-Markham team's 2-1 opening round win over Georgina.

Spoorenburg netted the only goal in his club's 1-

0 shutout victory against Scarborough.

In the semifinal, it was Bill Neville with a pair, and Ken Shaw adding a single, in a 3-2 triumph over the Friday Nighters of Markham.

The Stouffville-Markham squad prevailed in the title match, forging a 1-0 win over Malton on Neville's third goal of the tournament.

Team spokesman Lee Kea felt his team had worked hard for their crown, and that they had taken pride in their accomplishment.

"We're pretty proud of what we've done. We've represented Stouffville well, and the players really like playing here."