

# Sports

## Briefs

### Uxbridge

#### Slim pickin's

It was slim pickings for the two Uxbridge teams entered in the CD division of last weekend's annual A&S Raiders slo-pitch tournament at Stouffville's Memorial Park.

The Royals started strong, besting the North York Nomads 13-7 Friday night.

But they fell 13-4 to the eventual semifinalist Stouffville Red Sox Saturday, then were eliminated from further play as the Nomads came back to edge them 18-17 later in the day.

Uxbridge's Public Enemy squad dropped their opener 9-8 to the Red Sox, before being ousted 12-7 by the Nomads.

### Stouffville

#### Vaughan blanked

Brad Johnston and Bob Lewis combined for a no-hitter Wednesday as the Stouffville Choko Design Squirts blanked Vaughan 22-0 at Stouffville's Memorial Park Wednesday.

Dan Tardella bashed a pair of home runs for Choko with solo round trippers coming off the bats of Kevin Hackert, Ryan King, and Rob Spytz.

Carmen Auciello had a triple, while Billy Wray stroked four singles for Stouffville.

Lewis racked up a total of eight strikeouts in his four innings pitched for Choko.

Johnston threw three innings.

The Stouffville squad takes on Pickering at Stouffville's diamond 2 this Wednesday, May 29 at 6:30 p.m.

#### Horse show

The Boots 'N' Saddle Western Horse Club will be hosting a show on Sunday, June 2 at Pinedale Quarter Horse Farm, Ninth Line north of the Aurora Sideroad.

There will be a full lineup of English, western and speed event classes.

The show begins at 9 a.m. For further info, call Diane Ferguson, 887-9843 or Susan Miles 852-9532.

#### Open bowling

It will be open bowling at the Stouffville Lawn Bowling Club for two weeks as the club tries to interest newcomers in trying the sport.

First-time bowlers are invited to check out the facilities and try their luck on the greens starting May 27 and running through June 8.

The open house will run May 27-31, afternoons and evenings; June 1-2 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.; June 3-7 afternoons and evenings (not including June 5); and June 4 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Interested parties are asked to call 640-3272 or 640-1669.



Photo: STEVE SOMERVILLE

Stouffville Stingers' base runner Nicole Ellis bowls over Stouffville Angies Sophomores catcher Stacie Patten in a Wednesday night game between the Intermediate Stingers and their junior counterparts at Memorial Park. Ellis and Debbie Gold hit a home run apiece for the Stingers.

## Stingers trounce Mt. Albert in home opener

The Stouffville Stingers got a little carried away as they kicked off their South Lake Simcoe Ladies Softball League home schedule at Stouffville's Memorial Park last Thursday night.

Debbie Gold smacked a grand slam home run, and her offence-happy team mates combined for several touch downs, as the Stouffville Stingers trounced Mt. Albert 38-15.

The defending league champion Stingers had opened up their season three days earlier with a narrow 9-8 loss to Scarborough.

In another opening week contest, the 1990 playoff

finalist Uxbridge Precision Auto Refinishing squad dropped a 5-1 decision to Richmond Hill on Wednesday.

Sheila Fockler pitched five innings to earn the win in the Stingers' victory, with Candy Brown coming on to pitch the last two innings.

Leana Boyd stroked a double and contributed a solid defensive effort for the Stouffville crew in the loss to Scarborough.

A triple by Lori Nicolai drove home Lisa Risebrough with Uxbridge's only run in their game with Richmond Hill.

## Home-run fest in ladies slo-pitch

It was a home-run derby in Tuesday Night Ladies Slo-Pitch League action this week at Stouffville's Memorial Park.

Kelly Faulkner of Phil Faulkner Auctions cleared the bases with a grand slam in the early going of her team's game with Taylor

Christmas Trees, but Joan Hewlett came back with a trio of round trippers to lead the Taylor troupe to a 19-14 victory.

Jamie Norton and Karen Ippett also counted a four-bagger each for the winners, while Jennifer Gray socked a pair of homers for Taylor

In the other match-up, Karen Adair stroked two home runs, but it wasn't enough as Colley, Borland, and Vale snuck past her, Bangay Construction crew 15-14.

Tracey Pollard's homer helped Colley and Co. to their narrow decision.

## Merchants lose one by a hair

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Darren Crawford found the home run to be double edged sword Wednesday night at Stouffville's Memorial Park.

Crawford's two round trippers, along with a double, had contributed to his Stouffville Merchants Juniors 5-4 fourth-inning lead in their Oshawa and District Men's Fastball League contest with the Oshawa Navy Club.

But Crawford, taking over the pitching assignment from Merchants' starter Bryon Baranieski, surrendered a three-run homer in the fifth to enable the visitors to sneak away with a 7-6 victory.

The loss was the first of the new season for the defending Ontario Junior Champion Merchants.

The Stouffville outfit had bested Brooklin 9-2 in their season opener the previous Wednesday, as Glen Cole blasted a pair of four-baggers.

Craig Crawford's homer was the big blow in a 4-0 whitewash job of Port Perry the next night.

The Merchants had taken nine innings to overcome the Oshawa Juniors 8-5 in a game played Monday of this week, as Rob Parcells hit safely in four of his five trips to the plate to lead a 14-hit Stouffville attack.

Baranieski, Darren Crawford, and Cole combined on the pitching assignments in all three victories for the Merchants.

But the string was snapped Wednesday against the Navy Club, despite a determined Stouffville effort.

The Merchants had trailed 2-1, then 4-3, before taking the lead in the fourth when player-coach Howard Burkholder scampered home on a wild pitch.

Steve Cooper sliced a drive down the left field line for a home run in the seventh and final inning to bring Stouffville to within a run, but it was all the Merchants could muster.

The Stouffville crew takes to the field again this coming Wednesday, May 29, when they entertain Port Perry.

Game time is 8:30 at the main diamond.

## New members on bowling league board

Four new board members were named to the Uxbridge Valley Five Pin Bowlers Association at the group's annual meeting May 14.

League president Don Chase welcomed aboard Irene Hollingshead, Sharon Paradine, and Mike Davies for three-year terms, with past board member Alex Barber being elected to a one-year term.

Other board members are Chase, Donna Beardon, Carol Rowe, Kushal Davis and Sue Kelso.

Outgoing board members Al and Wendy Dingman were thanked for their contribution to the association, as were Uxbridge Bowling proprietors Sharon Wannamaker and Don Woodrow.

The association executive will hold its next meeting Aug. 20 at 7 p.m. at Uxbridge Bowling.