

Sports

Soccer Spurs solid in Hellenics match

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The Stouffville Town Spurs had nothing to lose when they took on the York Region Hellenics in an exhibition soccer game at the Rec Centre field Tuesday evening.

And when the fast-paced, hard fought game was over, the Spurs had convinced themselves and their fans that they are able to play with the best.

The Hellenics, who currently occupy fifth place in the 11 team First Division of the Newmarket and District Soccer League, hung on to nip the Spurs 2-1.

The Spurs, who are in second spot in the Newmarket league's Second Division, could have just as easily walked away with a tie or a win, according to co-coach Alfons Rubbens.

"It was a close, well played game," said Rubbens. "It could have gone either way."

The visitors scored the first two goals of the game before Tony Pearce cut the lead in half for the Spurs.

What pleased Rubbens the most was how his team looked as if they belonged on the field with the higher ranked Hellenics.

"The players were up for the game. They all think we should try to arrange more games with the First Division teams. It's a good way to improve."

The game marked the debut of Spurs goalie Ross Devenport, the Musselman's Lake resident acquired by the team from the Toronto Soccer League last week.

Devenport, who's arrival has allowed the Spurs' former goalie Ziggy Reiter to return to his preferred wing position, performed capably in net against the Hellenics.

"Ross looked like a pro out there," said an obviously impressed Rubbens.

"He's going to make a big difference for us. And Ziggy is looking forward to playing forward again after his injury (bone chip in his elbow) heals."

The Spurs now enter the second half of their season schedule, which runs through early October.

They travel to Orangeville for a game today, before returning to Stouffville for a match up with the Aurora Rovers next Thursday.



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Having some kicks

A member of the Stouffville Royals under-9 rep soccer team, at right, takes a kick at the ball during action against Aurora Wednesday night. The game ended in a 3-3 tie.

Stouffville Pee Wees fall to Port Perry

The breaks went one way and the Dean Myers Pee Wees went the other last week, as the Stouffville rep softball squad dropped a league game, and fell just short at a tournament in Springbrook.

The Pee Wees were downed 13-7 by Port Perry in their regular season contest, despite Mike Underwood's home run and perfect day at the plate.

Adam Crowder and Tim Smart also had multiple hit games for the Myers outfit.

Stouffville took two of their three games played in the opening round robin at the Springbrook tourney, but were edged 10-9 by Central Frontenac in the competition's 'B' championship match up.

The Stouffville squad started with a 4-3 win over league rival Stittsville, with pitcher Paul

Koert striking out seven and allowing only four singles.

Underwood stroked a run scoring triple, then came home on a single by Grahame Crowder, to lead the offence.

The Pee Wees were blanked 2-0 by Cobourg in game two, but came alive in their next outing as they downed Amherstview by a 10-3 count.

Underwood led the attack with three each of hits, runs, and

RBI's.

Evan Boyd, Grahame Crowder, Koert, Brad Hackert, and Norm Davis all had more than one hit, with Davis smacking a home run which travelled over the outfield fence.

Underwood and Koert looked after the pitching assignment in the win, which qualified the team for the tournament's 'B' title match up with Central Frontenac.

Stouffville fell into an early

hole in the game, as they trailed 4-0 after the first inning.

The team rallied, taking a one run lead into the final frame, but couldn't hold on.

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The Pee Wees were to begin their Ontario Amateur Softball Association (OASA) qualifying series of games with a match up with East Gwillimbury this past week.

Pair of championship tourneys set for Stouffville ball diamonds

Stouffville becomes the baseball and softball centre of the region this weekend, with two championship tournaments scheduled for the diamonds at Memorial Park.

The Ontario Sophomore Ladies Softball Championships are being played on diamonds one and two throughout the weekend, while the Stouffville Indians Pee Wee rep hardball team is hosting their Ontario Baseball Association (OBA) divisional finals on diamonds three and four.

While the ladies' competition is made up of seven out of town teams, the hardball tourney is made up of the eight outfits from the York Simcoe League in which the Indians play.

The Stouffville squad will be going up against crews from Uxbridge, Midland, Bracebridge, Vaughan, Keswick and a pair of teams from Woodbridge.

Some of the games may have to be played in

Uxbridge, according to Indians manager Dave Wood, who cited the limitations brought on by playing two tourneys in one weekend as limiting diamond access in Stouffville.

The winner of Sunday afternoon's championship match will go on to contest the Ontario title over the Labor Day weekend in St. Thomas.

The Indians prepared for the OBA event by blanking Midland 8-0 at the town park Sunday. Doug Frew was the big story for the Stouffville crew, as he pitched a no-hitter and helped his own cause by clouting a three run homer.

The Indians had topped Midland 3-1 and dropped a 2-1 decision to Tottenham, the previous week.

The York Simcoe League playoffs begin in two weeks.

Tourneys seek volunteers

Two upcoming charity golf tournaments in the Stouffville area require volunteer support.

Organizers of the annual Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) Golf Tournament, to be held at Spring Lakes Golf Club Aug. 29 and the Multiple Sclerosis Golf Tournament, set for Aug. 26 at the Maples of Ballantrae, are looking for people to assist with both events.

Golfers are also being encouraged to register for both tournaments.

Volunteers for tournament days, as well as people to help with tasks prior to the events, are asked to contact Volunteer Bureau Markham at 471-1620.