

Sports

Stingers gain sweet revenge

SPORT NOTES



In what has to go down as one of the biggest, and one of the most exciting upsets in Stouffville softball history, the Stouffville Stingers intermediate ladies softball team stole the South Lake Simcoe Ladies League playoff championship on a recent weekend in Clarendon.

This gritty collection of veterans and up and comers fully exploited their status as long shot underdogs at the three day showdown. With a season record of just seven wins and three ties compared with 10 losses,

the Stingers surprised even themselves when they knocked off Richmond Hill, which had ended up in a tie for first place in the regular season, not once but twice to prevail in the championship round.

It was the Stouffville girls first win of the season over the Hillers, and it came just two games after the Stingers had bounced Newmarket, the other first place team, right out of the tournament.

The Stingers would appear to have had the perfect combination of talent, luck, and sheer determination on this particular weekend. They started off with a tough 9-8 extra inning loss to long time rival Uxbridge on Friday night.

But after that, lady luck slipped over to the Stingers' bench, and stayed there the rest of the weekend. In game two against Newmarket

Saturday, versatile veteran Sheila Fockler was forced to play catcher for the first time ever. She was equal to the task, guiding pitcher Tammy Wray through seven regulation innings, as well as a pair of extra frames, as Pam Evans drove home Leanna Hughes with the winning run in a dramatic 6-5 Stouffville win.

Clutch hits by Candy Brown, Fockler, and Evans had allowed the Stingers to pull even in the seventh inning.

Then it was Tammy Wray scampering home with the winner in the top of the seventh as the Stingers snuck away with a 4-3 comeback victory over East Gwillimbury a few hours later. Melissa Dawson, who played bantam rep ball in Markham this summer, came on to pitch most of the game for the Stingers, putting in a gutsy performance. She was

backed up by a game saving, bases loaded double play executed by third baseman Fockler and catcher Jennifer Gold.

The Stingers then avenged their earlier defeat to Uxbridge Sunday morning, with Dawn pitching again in another cliff hanger triumph, once again by a 4-3 count.

But the biggest challenge was yet to come. The Stingers had to go right back on the field to do battle with the mighty Richmond Hill machine, fresh from their provincial intermediate championship victory. And they'd have to beat 'em twice to lay claim to the hardware.

"Gunner" Dawson took to the mound once again, and came up with yet another stellar effort. Lisa Arsenault and Wray cracked doubles



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Putting for dough

Toronto Maple Leafs' captain Wendel Clark gets set to line up this putt at Emerald Hills Golf and Country Club on Thursday. The Leafs visited the course to take part in the club's annual charity classic tournament in support of the Bloorview Children's Hospital in Toronto.

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Buttcon eliminated from provincials

The Buttcon midget boys' rep team was tough, but the competition was tougher, as the Stouffville squad dropped two of three games played at the recent Ontario Amateur Softball Association finals.

The Buttcon crew was blanked 3-0 by Fingal to lead off the tournament, but came back to down Owen Sound 10-5 in game two as Brad Crozier homered to lead the Stouffville offence. The midgets were eliminated when Simcoe rallied in the seventh and final inning to win the third game by one run.

In a game played Aug. 17, Paul Doner drove home the winning run with a double in the bottom of the seventh as Stouffville edged the Scarborough Royals 5-4.

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