

# stouffville sports



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## Zeroing in on goal

Stouffville defender Richard Mulder (far left) was a little late in getting to this Uxbridge player (centre), who eventually put the puck past goalkeeper Adam Christensen during

action in Friday's Ontario Minor Hockey Association novice playoff game at the Stouffville Rec Centre. Uxbridge won the game 3-0.

## Stouffville youths kick up a storm against Markham

Marcus D'Annunzio booted home three goals to help propel the Stouffville Under 10 squad to a 5-2 victory over Markham in an indoor soccer game played in the Stouffville District Secondary School gymnasium Friday.

The Stouffville outfit was forced to come from behind twice in the first half before taking control of

the game in the second.

Stephen Locksley and Paul Kokkinis also scored for Stouffville.

Charles Guarino set up two goals with his pin point passing.

The Markham team is to return this Friday evening for a rematch.

## Abbot directs Canada to softball title

Bob Abbot has landed another international softball crown for Canada. Abbot, who resides in Siloam and has helped coach the Stouffville Stingers Intermediate ladies' softball team the past four years, was the manager and team leader of the Canadian team which captured the World Junior Men's Softball Championships in Auckland, New Zealand Sunday.

It was the first ever world crown for a Canadian Junior men's team, and it came on the heels of last March's victory by the Canadian team in the Men's World Championships in Manila. Abbot, who is head of national teams for Softball Canada, was also involved with the men's title winning squad.

The Canadian Junior men's outfit won its crown in dramatic style, defeating the host New Zealand team 4-3 in extra innings in the final. The Canadians took a 2-0 lead into the seventh and final regulation inning.

New Zealand went ahead with a three run rally in the top of the seventh, only to see Canada tie it up in the bottom of the inning, then win it with a run in the eighth inning.

Abbot said his team deserved to be champions.

"When you consider there were 10,000 New Zealand fans cheering on their team, and how we tied it up and then won it in extra innings, that takes a lot of character."

The Canadian team had finished second behind New Zealand with a record of nine wins and three losses in the double round robin which opened the nine day tournament.

The Canadians, who had split their two round robin games with New Zealand, dropped their playoff round opener 4-1 to the host squad.

Canada then bounced back to defeat Japan 3-2 in the semi-finals.

Abbot, who is also president of the Ontario Amateur Softball Association (OASA), returned home Monday.

## Stingers look for players

The Stouffville Stingers Intermediate ladies' rep softball team is getting ready to start swinging the bats.

Team officials are looking for new talent, with females 16 and over asked to contact Deanna Evans at 649-2438 for further information.

The Stingers are scheduled to begin tryouts sometime in mid to late March.

The team is particularly anxious to attract new pitchers.

## Some girls just want to have fun

Calling all lady soccer enthusiasts!

Whitchurch-Stouffville Soccer Club (WSSC) seniors division officials report there have been several inquiries regarding the formation of a senior ladies recreational over 18 team in Stouffville.

Similar squads have already been formed in such towns as Uxbridge, Richmond Hill, Newmarket, Markham, and Aurora.

Vicki Devenport, the Musselman's Lake goaltender who became the first ever female to play in Newmarket and District Soccer League games last season, is one of the ladies looking to get the team going.

She helped guide the Uxbridge over 18 females crew to their league championship last summer.

Caroline Campbell, who recently moved to Stouffville from Halifax, is another proven performer who is interested. Campbell played right wing for the Mt. St. Vincent University (Halifax) team which won the Nova Scotia College Conference

three years in a row from 1986 through '89, going undefeated the whole time.

As a member of the Halifax Resolutes senior women's team, she helped her squad to victory in both the Atlantic Provinces finals, as well as the Eastern Canadian championships.

The team was finally stopped at the Canadian Nationals in Saskatoon, Sask.

Campbell has already taken on the coaching job of the club's under 10 girls team.

The team began regular indoor practices last Monday evening at St. Mark's Catholic School. Campbell noted only four girls showed up, so there are plenty of openings, girls.

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The WSSC February newsletter reported the club will fall into line with FIFA (the world governing body) with regards to age divisions this season.

Consequently, the new age qualifying date has been changed from Jan. 1 to Aug. 1. Apparently, all 157 FIFA member countries use Aug. 1 as their

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starting date for age qualifying. Canada was one of the last countries to conform.

The WSSC still has painful memories dating back to 1982 when it played host to a Mexican Under 10 team which came to participate in the well known Robbie Tournament in Scarborough.

Upon registering for the tourney, the Mexican coach was told five of his players were too old to play in the Under 10 division.

The team ended up playing in the Under 12 division, and, predictably, were soundly defeated.

The WSSC helped the Mexicans salvage something from their long trip by arranging an exhibition game here in town with the club's

own Under 10 Stouffville Panthers team.

The Mexicans managed a 2-1 win, and returned home proudly clutching the medals they were presented with by the WSSC.

WSSC officials feel the new arrangement will forever eliminate the possibility of similar international misunderstandings.

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The soccer club's senior division is still in limbo as far as the issue of users' fees past and future is concerned.

The club's senior executives met recently and decided not to pay last year's outstanding fees, which, the club still maintains, was never properly billed for.

Club officials are still holding to the opinion that while they were told users' fees were coming, they weren't invoiced until this past January for last year's fee of \$2,000.

This makes it much too late to collect the money from 1992 registration fees.

The club claims it's still not sure what this year's fees will be, although seniors division official

Alfons Rubbens said the club is building in an amount in its adult registration in anticipation of another \$2,000.

Where the confusion seems to enter into it is the seeming uncertainty as to just how the users' fees are to be assessed - by the head or by flat rate.

Apparently, the town has told the club it will be forced to pay 15 per cent interest on last year's outstanding fee if it wasn't submitted by Monday of this week.

A meeting of several WSSC executive members and the town's facilities supervisor John Crawley Monday morning resulted in the club's being told they could now have to cough up users' fees for the youth as well as the adults.

This could prove difficult for the club, as registrations are almost finished for the upcoming season.

Crawley agreed the adult users' fee issue hadn't been handled as well as it could have by the town, and told the club to write Council with the purpose of setting up a meeting to clear the air.