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Koert, Boyd and Evans shine as Rebels gain split

It didn't take long for Paul Koert and Evan Boyd to make their mark with the Claremont Rebels.

The pair, who signed on with the Rebels earlier in the week, linked up with Scott Evans to shut out Markham 6-0 in the Claremont team's Oshawa City and District Softball League home opener on Wednesday.



EVAN BOYD

Evans and Koert combined on a no-hitter, while Boyd had two hits in three at bats, including a two-run home run.

Evans pitched the first four innings, striking out nine batters while surrendering one walk.

Koert threw the final three frames, fanning seven while giving up a walk.

Cliff Herbert also knocked a two-run homer, while Jim Gloss had two hits and scored three runs for the Rebels.



PAUL KOERT

The Rebels were edged 3-1 by Aurora in their season opener in Aurora Tuesday.

Koert pitched the first three innings and was nipped for three runs, two of them unearned.

Evans finished up, striking out five in his three frames. Dale Jones sixth-inning solo home run was the Rebels' only hit.

The Rebels are at home to Aurora Wednesday at 8 p.m. at Claremont Park.

The Stouffville Menos play their home opener versus Markham Wednesday at 8 p.m. as well.



IN HOT PURSUIT: Stouffville District Secondary School's Lillian Boyd (left), tries to catch up to Brother Andre's Stephanie Lee, who boots this ball upfield to a teammate during action in Tuesday's YRAA girls' soccer contest at Stouffville District Secondary School. The visiting Cardinals won this game 6-0.

Photo by STEVE SOMERVILLE

Two provincial level softball tournaments coming to Stouffville

Stouffville's Memorial Park has been confirmed as the site of two provincial level softball tournaments this summer, while local advocates are already planning softball events for the turn of the century.

The town will host a Provincial Women's Softball Association (PWSA) Novice Girls Qualifier the weekend of July 24-26.

The Aug. 22-23 weekend will see the Ontario Amateur Softball Association (OASA) Midget A Boys Championships held at the town park.

Stouffville will have a team entered in each competition.

Looking ahead to the year 2000, an application has been made with the OASA to hold the Midget Boys Eliminations in Stouffville.

Councilor Cliff Dunkeld said the bid is part of an initiative by the town

to stage a series of major softball events to help mark the much-anticipated year.

"We're trying to have something on the calendar for every month in 2000," said Dunkeld.

An OASA executive member the past three years, Dunkeld said he thinks the chances of getting the midget tournament are good.

"There would be about 40 teams here, so I've been checking out local accommodations."

The Stouffville Community Ball Association is also looking into the possibility of having the California Cuties bring their act to Stouffville during the summer of 2000. The Cuties are made up of highly skilled male softball players who put on softball exhibitions across North America dressed as women.

Soccer Spartans dealt two setbacks

Time is running out for the Stouffville District Secondary School (SDSS) Spartans girls' soccer team.

The SDSS squad was shaded 3-2 by Markville S.S. Mavericks in a well-played York Region Athletic Association (YRAA) match Wednesday in Markham.

The slim defeat came on the heels of a 6-0 loss to a powerful Brother Andre C.H.S. Cardinals team in a game played on the SDSS pitch Tuesday.

Sherry Hartnett and Amy McElroy scored for the Spartans in their loss to Markville.

The Spartans have compiled a record of one win against two losses to this point. The team has just two games remaining in the regular season.

They host Father McGivney Academy on Tuesday and then close out the schedule with

a game against the Unionville H.S. Wolves on Thursday.

Spartans coach Heather Henrick feels her team's chances of winning their final two games to reach the 500 mark are good.

"Markville beat McGivney by a big margin, and we were close with Markville, and I think we might be able to handle Unionville," she said.

But even a sweep of the two games would likely leave the SDSS outfit out of playoff contention.

Only the top two teams within their division qualify for post-season play.

Henrick said it's always been a challenge to make the playoffs in the YRAA league.

"Most of the other schools have players who have been together on club teams for several years," she pointed out.

Ballantrae Tennis Club serves up a new season, welcomes new members

The Ballantrae Tennis Club is opening its doors to new members from Whitchurch-Stouffville and the surrounding areas.

The club, which describes itself as "small and friendly," is gearing up for another successful season.

"Players of all ages and abilities are encouraged to sign up

for a summer of fun, fitness and friends — the only requirement is a keen interest in tennis," said the club's Maggie Paterson.

Club members enjoy access to the lighted courts and clubhouse at Whitchurch Centennial Centre Park in Ballantrae.

Members of all skill levels can participate in men's,

ladies' and mixed round robins throughout the season.

There is also a ladies' competitive team.

Group and private lessons with a professional tennis instructor are also available.

Membership fees are \$30 for adults, \$20 for youths under 17, and \$10 for seniors over 60.

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