

## Tiebreaker rule proves costly to peewees

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The Stouffville peewee boys fastpitch team won two of three games played at a tournament hosted by the Whitchurch-Stouffville Softball Association on Saturday at the town park.

But the host squad fell victim to the tournament's tiebreaker rules, ending up odd man out after finishing the preliminary round in a three-way tie for first place in their

division.

The Stouffville boys started out the competition with a come-from-behind 8-4 victory over Willowdale Saturday morning.

Michael Cornacchia and Norm Fretz came off the bench to stroke key hits to give their team the win.

The host outfit then returned to the diamond to record a well-deserved 5-4 triumph over a highly rated Scarborough team.

But the Stouffville crew were overwhelmed 12-2 by their Napanee rivals in game three.

Stouffville, Scarborough and Napanee ended up tied for first place, with Scarborough getting the nod due to their better plus-minus record in terms of runs scored and allowed.

### VAUGHAN WINS TOURNEY

Scarborough fell to Vaughan in the championship contest.

Chepstow defeated Napanee in the consolation match.

Stouffville coach Ted Assinck said he was pleased with how his boys performed against such top rate com-

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petition.

"The entire team played well," said Assinck. "It seemed it wouldn't have mattered what we threw at the Napanee hitters, they were going to hit it."

Nicki D'Ambrosio led the Stouffville offence with a pair of home runs. Mike Wilson and Andrew Frank also contributed at the plate.

Pitchers Rod Assinck and Greg Delgarno were solid throughout for the host team.

The peewees have five returning players from the 1997 season, with Assinck, D'Ambrosio, Delgarno, Lucas Hunter and Dale Boadway providing the veteran presence. Wilson has returned from a year playing rep ball in Markham.

The peewees are gearing up for the Ontario Amateur Softball Association (OASA) Eastern Canadian Championships qualifier the weekend of June 27 in Kitchener.

Assinck said the weekend tourney at the town park was a good test for the Kitchener competition.

"The top six teams in Eastern Ontario were in Stouffville Saturday. That's the best field we're going to see until the eliminations."

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begin, we can give our cats and dogs a jump on good health and a comfortable summer," said Dr. Bruce Kilmer, technical services.

### Fleas:

Can cause Flea Allergy Dermatitis - a painful skin irritation resulting from a pet's allergy to flea saliva following a bite.

Can cause secondary skin irritations and infections caused by the animal scratching to relieve flea bite itchiness.

Can cause anemia following a severe infestation.

Can transmit tapeworms, as fleas are the intermediate hosts for tapeworm between animals including humans.

### Flea Facts

The female cat flea (Ctenocephalides felis) consumes 15 times her body weight in blood daily.

Just four female cat fleas feeding four times a day for 100 days will bite your pet 1,600 times.

Some fleas can jump 150 times their own length. That compares to a human jumping as high as the CN Tower!

Female fleas begin to lay eggs within 36 to 48 hours after their first blood meal.

While there are more than 2,000 known species and sub-species of fleas, the cat flea is most commonly found on dogs and cats in Canada.

When you see a flea, chances are more than 100 are lurking nearby in furniture, corners, cracks and carpeting.

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