

SPORTS DIGEST

Raiders win opener

Geoff Dyer scored five touchdowns and Michael Freedman added three converts to stake the Markham Raiders bantams to a 45-7 win over the Pickering Dolphins in its Central Ontario Minor Football League regular season opener in Hamilton last week.



Vish Parsad and Jordan Harper added single majors. The Raiders resume league play tomorrow at Scarborough at 7 p.m.

Strikers kick up a storm...twice

The Unionville-Milliken Strikers under-16 girls put their best foot forward in two recent tournaments, defeating Newmarket in a shootout to capture the Unionville-Milliken All Girls Tournament and North York 3-0 in the finals of an event in Newmarket.

Michelle Birks, Alexandra Scavo and Melissa Stamkos each scored for the Strikers in the shootout win over Newmarket.

In the Newmarket tournament, the Strikers lost their first game to Aurora 1-0, but rallied to defeat Erin Mills 3-1 and Barrie 2-0. Scavo scored five of the eight goals and was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. Birks added two goals and Laura Caccamo, one. Brooke Aleya recorded two shutouts.

Magic in tough against U.S. opponents

The Markham Magic juvenile girls' basketball team gave a good account of itself against U.S. calibre teams at the recent Memorial Invitational Tournament in Oakland, Michigan.

In its four games, the Magic suffered losses against the North Coast Vipers (Cleveland, Ohio) 58-48, the West Side Hippos (Cleveland, Ohio) 41-40, Fox Valley Pacesetters (Rockford, Illinois) 50-43 and All-Ohio Blue (Cincinnati, Ohio) 80-55. Jodi Gram was high scorer for the Magic in its games against the Vipers with 15 points and versus the Hippos with 14. In the loss to the Pacesetters, Nicole Brugger had 13 points. Katherine Wetmore was high scorer against the Blue with 14 points.

Getting an education in the outdoors

Milne Park hosts a variety of outdoor education programs

To partake in some form of outdoor recreational activity within a relatively secluded area surrounded by hills and forests and a body of water usually requires a lengthy drive away from the boundaries of Markham.

The Town of Markham's recreational and culture department though, insists that's not necessarily the case.

Just a short drive away, the confines of Milne Park Conservation Area, located on the east side McCowan Road just south of Highway 7, provide the ideal elements required to carrying out a variety of outdoor events. And if you look carefully, there's even evidence of wildlife wandering about.

"We were setting up the ropes course and I just happened to turn around and there was a white-tailed deer staring right at me. And this is right in Markham," noted Shawn Hermans, a department spokesman.

For anyone seeking a desire to participate in some form of outdoor adventure, the department has established two programs at the park's Camp Chimo grounds.

The first program is tailored to the outdoor recreational side for individuals, families, community and school groups. Beginning in July, the activities being offered are: canoeing on the Rouge River, family camping, archery, backpacking, the survival game, tai chi



The Town of Markham's recreational and culture department offers a variety of outdoor activities at the Milne Park Conservation Area.

yoga and high ropes.

Hermans notes the demand for outdoor recreational programs is on the rise, particularly with the ever-growing elder segment.

"The population is getting older and people are looking for more outdoor-focused activities to do. Canoeing, for example, is a great activity for someone to be active in," he cited.

The second component being offered by the town is the Community Edge Program.

Now in its second year of operation, this program is what Hermans says is "a different program in itself."

Tailored for community groups and even the corporate community, the four-hour program is an adventure-based team building workshop which

focuses on experimental education, group problem solving and encouraging positive group dynamics.

The program is based on the premise that people learn best by doing. Creative problem solving, decision making, leadership and reflection are all key components of the workshop as participants engage in a variety of activities including co-operative games, trust exercises, group initiative tasks, high ropes course, camping and other outdoor pursuits.

Hermans notes this course is patterned after the world renowned Outward Bound program. Bookings for this program takes place on a year-round basis. For further information on the outdoor recreational programs, contact Hermans at 477-6410 ext. 26.

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