

# Silver for Markham, Stouffville women

Julia Morton and Sherry Hartnett came home with silver medals after their Team Ontario women's field hockey team dropped a 2-0 decision to defending gold-medal champion British Columbia in last weekend's Canada Games final in London.

A resident of Markham, Morton, 20, played the centre-mid position while Hartnett, a 20-year-old resident of Stouffville, was on defence.

# Team Canada sets out to defend Ruth Eller Cup title

Top junior women golfers from Canada and Tennessee meet in two-day competition at York Downs Golf Club on Monday

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When Canadian golfing great Marlene Streit competed in U.S. Amateur Opens during the 1950s, she struck up a friendship with fellow competitor Judy Eller Street.

Although Streit hails from Tennessee and Streit resides in Stouffville, the two remain close friends today and find the time to get together once a year through a competition they've organized, the Ruth Eller Cup Matches.

Since 1996, the event pits four of the top junior female golfers from Canada against a contingent from Tennessee.

Streit noted the match's beginnings stemmed from a combination of the Marlene Streit Awards Fund, which assists four junior girls from across Canada, and Judy Street's mother's involvement in junior women's golf in Tennessee.

"Judy had heard of my fund and thought it would be nice to get something in her mother's name (Ruth Eller)," recalled Streit, who is the only golfer to have won the Canadian, U.S. British and Australian ladies amateur championships and is an inductee in the Canadian Golf Hall of Fame.

"Judy's mother started junior women's golf in Tennessee and they have a good junior girls' pro-

gram. We thought it would be nice to get something going against Tennessee and Judy set up the fund with the Tennessee Golf Foundation."

Since the event's inception the sites alternate between Canada and Tennessee.

This year's event is at Unionville's York Downs Golf Club Monday and Tuesday.

The matches are conducted using a modified Curtis Cup/Commonwealth format; two four-ball matches Monday morning, two foursome matches Monday afternoon and four singles matches on Tuesday morning.

One point is awarded for a win and a half point to each team or player for a tie after completing the 18-hole matches.

In the event of a tie in total team points scored, the defending team retains the Ruth Eller Cup. If matches are cancelled due to inclement weather, a team champion can only be declared if at least four matches have been completed.

In last year's event at The Honors Course in Ooltewah, Tennessee, the Marlene Streit Awards Fund Team Canada entry defeated the host squad 4-0 and hold a 3-2 lead in the overall series.

Streit points out the competitors are no older than 18, unless they haven't golfed at the collegiate level.

As well, the Team Canada members were chosen on their performance from the previous season.

This year's Canuck entry is entirely new: Seema Sedakar, 16; Katie Williams, 18; Lindsay McMillan, 17, and Samantha Richdale, 17.

A Stouffville resident, Sedakar was low qualifier in Rochester, New York, for the 2001 USGA Junior Girls' championship and was undefeated last year at the World Cup Championships.

Hailing from Cambridge, Williams was this year's Ontario Tournament of Champions and runner up in the Ontario Junior Championship.

For the past two seasons Richdale was runner up in the B.C. Provincial Junior Championship while McMillan was last year's Calgary Junior City Champion and Alberta Junior Champion.

The Tennessee team is led by May Wood, who has played in the Ruth Eller Cup Matches for the last three years.



SEEMA SEDAkar  
Stouffville golfer to play for Team Canada

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## Rebels and Stouffville tie one on SPORTS DIGEST

The Stouffville Mennos and Claremont Rebels concluded their Oshawa City and District Fastball League regular season schedule, Wednesday at Memorial Park by playing to a 2-2 tie.

Because the league's year-end tournament is this weekend in Oshawa, the two teams elected to play just seven innings. During that time Stouffville fielded just two pitchers and Claremont one.

Trailing 1-0 entering its half of the fourth inning, the Mennos tied the game when Rich Burkholder doubled and advanced to third on a passed ball. Chris Burkholder then hit a run-scoring sacrifice fly.

Claremont regained the lead in the fifth, but the Mennos came back to even the count in their half of the inning when Byron Baranieski walked and advanced to second on a passed ball. Rich Reesor then hit a run-scoring double.

Baranieski worked the first five innings on the rubber for Stouffville and Paul Boyington the rest. Finishing the schedule in fifth place with an 11-10-1 mark, the Mennos opened the double knockout tournament against the fourth-place Durham Bulls.

The tournament continues today and concludes Sunday with games at Durham College at 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

### Markham's Bennett steals the Thunder

Anton Bennett rushed for six touchdowns and added four two-point converts to propel the Markham Raiders atoms to a 50-13 win over the Scarborough Thunder in Central Ontario Minor Football League action last Sunday at Mount Joy field.



Jesse Lindsay added the other major for Markham, which is 1-0 on the season.

In other opening games against Scarborough that day, the Raider peewees suffered a 34-0 loss and the tykes dropped a 42-13 decision.

Markham resumes league play today when it goes on the road to face the Clarington Packers.

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