

# Underdog Stouffville peewees bronzed at provincials

## SPORTS DIGEST

The Stouffville Birkett and Hassard Insurance Brokers-Dr. Paul Stratas Dentistry peewee boys came home with the bronze medal from the "A" Provincial Fastball Championships last weekend in Orleans.

Entering the tournament ranked seventh out of an eight-team field, Stouffville lost their first game in the double knock-out event to the eventual gold medalist Oshawa Stingers 10-6.

With only one life left, Stouffville regrouped to take their next three outings against the Vaughan Vipers 22-8, Napanee Express 6-5 and Waterloo 8-0 to advance to the silver medal game.

Stouffville's run for gold came up short when they came out on the short end of a 14-4 decision against Newmarket.

Comprised mainly of first year players, the Stouffville team received strong pitching from Jordan Underwood, Keith Hughes and Graham Wilson. Kyle Miller and Matt Martiniello shared the catching duties. Ailan McGrath and Nick Stratas secured the middle infield, while Sam O'Farrell and Brandon Jupp manned the corners.

Jesse Miller and Ryne Parsons shared the centre field responsibilities while left and right field were patrolled by Fred Bell, Wes Wittenbols, Mitchell Raithby and Lenny Wood.

Ron Wilson and Tom Miller handled coaching duties.

### Rugby teams get tackled by Yeomen

The Markham Rugby Club firsts and seconds went down to defeat at the hands of the host York Yeomen last Saturday in Ontario Rugby Union action.

Neil Doctorow scored a penalty try and convert to account for the Markham firsts' lone points in a 32-7 loss.

In the seconds match, Markham received a try from Trevor Koukoulos and Doug Seed and a penalty goal from Josh Singer in a 27-13 loss to the Yeomen.

The week before, Markham had a successful week on the pitch against Burlington as all three clubs recorded victories.

The Markham firsts defeated Burlington 17-7 while the seconds edged Burlington 14-13 and the thirds romped to a 53-31 win.

The Markham teams will travel to Fergus today to face the Highlands Rugby Club.



### Lightning boys put best foot forward in Minnesota

They didn't return with any hardware, but the Markham Eurovision Toshiba Lightning under-11 boys soccer team gave a good account of themselves at the recent USA Cup international tournament in Blaine, Minnesota.

Competing in the Cup Round which is the highest division in the tournament, the Lightning lost their first game to a competitive team from Guadalajara, Mexico 2-0.

However, they rebounded to win their second game 4-0 over Lakeville, Minnesota.

Matt Kotsopoulos booted home two goals while Michael Holder and Jeffrey Skinner added singles. Wesley Clark and Gino Mauro split goaltending duties.

The Lightning then battled a team from Cleveland, Ohio, which eventually won the tournament, to a scoreless draw.

Clark recorded the shutout.

In its final preliminary game, the Lightning received two goals apiece from Holder, Mauro, Skinner and Kenny Vassilakakos to blank White Bear Lake, Minnesota 9-0.

Kotsopoulos added the other goal while Clark and Mauro teamed up to post the shutout.

The team's respectable finish in preliminary action advanced them to the Cup quarter-final where they lost a well-fought match 3-1 to the Dixie Blue Devils.

Kotsopoulos scored the lone goal for the Lightning.

Strong defensive play by Alex Culp, Daniel Hnatko, Dean Lawrence, Jordan Mustard and Lewis Zolis contributed to the three shutouts in five games and midfielders Anthony Giorgio, Craig O'Connor and Thomas Zolis contributed to the team's defence and goal scoring.

### Dragons slain in tournament final

The Unionville-Milliken Soccer Club under-14 boys 88 Dragons advanced to the final of the recent Sunoco 2002 International Challenge Cup in Thornhill before bowing out with a heartbreaking 2-1 loss to Brampton-East on penalty



kicks.

Anthony Bahadur scored the lone goal for the Dragons in regulation time.

In reaching the final, the Dragons pasted host Thornhill 7-0 in their semi-final encounter.

Joseph Lacava scored twice while singles went to Steven Davis, Bahadur, Kareem Williams, Michael Valentine and Carmen Visconti. Zachary Godwin and David Tripodi split net-minding duties.

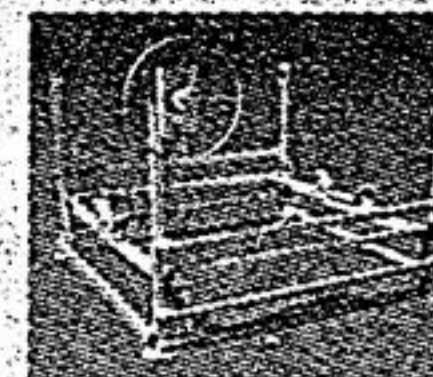
Steven Williams was named the team's Most Valuable Player in the tournament.

Other team members that contributed to the effort included: Matthew Pontin, Steven Massad, Nicolas Frisoni, Danny Kobourtsis, Mark Pereira, Timothy Trines, Peter Bechtel, Ivan Mak and Woo Hyun Kim.

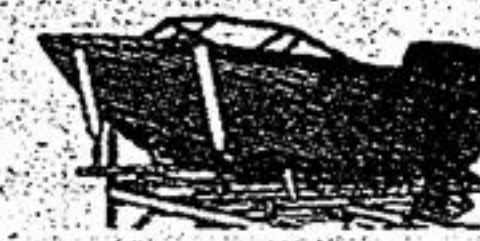
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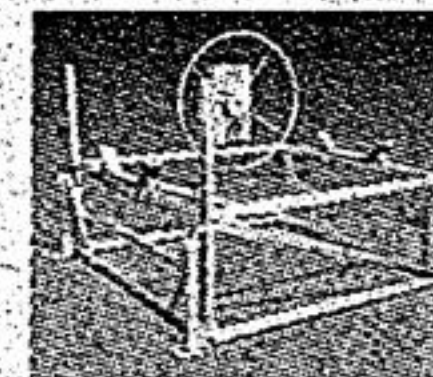


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