

SPORTS



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KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE BALL

Unionville resident David Stone, 12, eyes his drive at Bradford Highlands Gold Course during the Us Kids All Star Series event on Monday. Stone fired a two-round total of 85 and was tied for seventh in the boys' 11-12 division. Gajan Sivabalingham of Markham won the boys' eight and under division with a nine-hole total of 32.

Herder karts off with more racing hardware

Stouffville resident hopes to motor his way into auto racing

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Kyle Herder is living a dream. And he's fulfilling his father's dream.

The 19-year-old Stouffville-area resident recently won the Canadian Grand Nationals, hosted by the Ontario Kart Racing Association at Shannonville's Motorsports Park near Belleville.

Although this marks the third time Herder has accomplished this feat, it's the first time he's won in three different classes.

Formerly of Markham, Herder was first introduced to the sport at Goodwood Kartways only a short distance from where he now lives. He was only six at the time.

His father, once a co-owner of the Goodwood track and a kart enthusiast himself, now operates his own karting business.

"At first it was just fun," the junior Herder explains, "but now I



Shown here leading the pack in a race earlier this year, Stouffville's Kyle Herder has grown up with the sport as his father once owned Goodwood Kartways and his younger brother, Pearce, is also a kart-race enthusiast.

drive to win."

He progressed through competitive ranks, first as a novice, then a junior and now a senior. He races almost every weekend during the summer in Ontario and throughout the United States in

the winter. At age 16, following the receipt of a scholarship, he spent a year with the Formula Renault Campus in France.

His ultimate goal is Formula One, a competition he describes as "the elite in the racing world."

At the Grand Nationals, Herder was part of a 15-member "Gold Team", that included his 12-year-old brother Pearce, also a kart-race enthusiast.

Herder operates two machines, one weighing 310 pounds and the other 335 lbs. Both can reach speeds on the straightaway of 120 kilometres per hour.

The hazards are minimal, Herder says, with injuries restricted to bumps and bruises. Seat belts and roll bars are not required but helmets are mandatory.

Herder admits when first bitten by the karting bug, he never dreamed he would go this far.

"Everything's fallen into place," he says, "it's what I love doing. I want to make it a career."

He credits support of his parents with helping him reach this level. He now has his own manager and hopes to race in Formula Renault in Europe.

Herder claims most top-flight race drivers today commenced their careers on kart tracks like the one at Goodwood.

Herder has come a long way since then, with a room full of trophies to prove it.

Peewees break streaks to capture York-Simcoe

The Markham Mariner peewees could not have found a more auspicious occasion to get an old monkey off their backs.

In downing perennial powerhouse Barrie 3-0 last Sunday, the Mariners not only won their first York Simcoe championship, but in so doing defeated their northern rivals for the first time in five seasons.

The Mariners combined clutch pitching from Jeff Belgue and Andy Gray with some outstanding plays by Mike Belgue, Seb Ricupero, T.J. Graham and Matt Easter to keep Barrie off the scoresheet.

With the score tied 0-0 entering the seventh inning, the Mariners broke through for three runs thanks to some timely hitting from Tyler Mische and Ricupero, and then managed to withstand a late Barrie rally to preserve the victory.



Mariners manager Don Easter, a Stouffville resident, saw the win as a turning point in what has been a somewhat frustrating year for this team which finished the regular season in third place.

"We had an unbelievable series of injuries," said Easter. "This was the first time since our season opener that we had all 12 players in uniform and what a difference that makes. Every one of those 12 players made a contribution this past weekend."

The Mariners opened the championship tournament with a 7-4 victory over Newmarket #1 with strong relief efforts from Jeff Bassett, Blake Vaisanen and Gray.

Suffering an 11-0 loss to Barrie, the Mariners then recovered to defeat Newmarket #2 8-5 behind the five-hit pitching of Bassett, Easter and Graham.

Mische's three-run triple in the sixth inning proved to be the deciding factor allowing Markham to advance to the final.

Solid contributions were also given by Michael Esterbauer, Zach Greenwald and Adam Jefferson.

SPORTSBOARD

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BASEBALL

Markham District

STANDINGS OF AUG. 24

TEAM	T-BALL			
	W	L	T	P
Ringwood Heating	8	4	1	17
Markville Ford Lincoln	6	6	0	12
Greenpoint Laser	6	6	0	12
Backstage Hair	5	7	1	11

TEAM	ROOKIE			
	W	L	T	P
Ross Dixon	13	4	1	27
Jocoy Designs	10	5	3	23
Markville Ford Lincoln	8	7	2	18
Dixon Garland	6	10	1	13

TEAM	MOSQUITO			
	W	L	T	P
Markville Ford Lincoln	14	4	0	28
Village Nissan	10	5	3	23
Ambassador Ch. Cuisine	9	8	1	19
Mkm Outdoor Power	7	9	2	16
Markham Fair	7	10	1	15
Ringwood Heating	3	14	1	7

TEAM	PEEWEE			
	W	L	T	P
Celestial Ct. Cuisine	11	7	3	25
High Five Photography	11	7	2	24
Markville Ford Lincoln	10	8	2	22
Don Moir Enterprises	5	15	1	11

TEAM	CANADIAN TIRE			
	W	L	T	P
Play It Again Sports	9	6	4	22
Markville Ford Lincoln	8	8	2	18
Unionville Motors	7	10	2	16

TEAM	MIDGET			
	W	L	T	P
Markville Ford Lincoln	11	4	1	23
Prestige Trophy	10	5	1	21
Markville Toyota	8	8	0	16
Elite Cresting	5	10	1	11
Chinese Cuisine	4	11	1	9

BANTAM SELECT PLAYOFFS				
AUG. 23 Richmond Hill	10	vs.	Markham	0
AUG. 24 Markham	8	vs.	Newmarket	6

MOSQUITO SELECT SOBA TOURNAMENT				
AUG. 17 Barrie	10	vs.	Markham	8
AUG. 17 Hamilton	9	vs.	Markham	8
AUG. 17 Markham	23	vs.	Cambridge	4
AUG. 17 Brampton	21	vs.	Markham	12

LACROSSE

Markham Thunder

NOVICE REP PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT
 Markham 9 (Jamie Kendra 4 goals, 1 assist; Patrick McRae 4 goals; Sam Carrick 1 goal; David Mandzy, Ryan Beattie, Matt Botnick, Chris Porter, Michael Hergott, Josh Oliver 1 assist each) vs. Fort Erie 5.
 Cornwall 8 vs. Markham 7 (Jamie Kendra 4 goals; Sam Carrick 2 goals; Braedon Goebel 1 goal, 1 assist; Patrick McRae 2 assists; Matt Zanardo, Ryan Beattie, Matt Botnick, Chris Porter 1 assist each).
 Markham 12 (Jamie Kendra 5 goals; Sam Carrick 4 goals; Daniel Williams 2 goals; Patrick McRae 1 goal; Matt Botnick 3 assists; David Mandzy 2 assists; David McGarry, Braedon

Goebel, and Josh King 1 assist each) vs. Orangeville 1.
 Markham 11 (Sam Carrick 4 goals, 3 assists; Matt Zanardo 4 goals; Jamie Kendra 2 goals, 3 assists; Michael Duncan 1 goal; Patrick McRae 5 assists; Ryan Beattie and David McGarry 2 assists each; David Mandzy, Chris Porter, and Daniel Williams 1 assist each) vs. Mimico 10.
 Markham 10 (Matt Zanardo and Sam Carrick 3 goals, 1 assist each; Jamie Kendra 2 goals; Patrick McRae 1 goal, 1 assist; Chris Porter 1 goal; David Mandzy and Matt Botnick 1 assist each) vs. Wallaceburg 6.
 Samia 6 vs. Markham 4 (Jamie Kendra 1 goal, 1 assist; Michael Duncan, Braedon Goebel, and Matt Zanardo 1 goal each; Patrick McRae 2 assists; David Mandzy, Michael Hergott, and Ryan Beattie 1 assist each).
 Samia advances to Final Four.