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**Ozog named Seneca's top athlete**

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Stephanie Ozog, a pitcher for the Seneca College Sting women's fastball team, was selected as the Toronto school's female athlete of the year for 2004-05.

Sporting a 6-6 regular season won-loss mark in which she fanned 67 batters and recorded a 2.73 earned run average, the 23-year-old Unionville resident established an Ontario Colleges Athletic Association record for innings tossed in a season with 82.

A third-year student majoring in financial services management, Ozog helped her team win the OCAA silver medal as she tossed 26 innings and won two games while losing two, one of which was an 11-0 loss to Durham College in the final.

A graduate of Unionville High School, Ozog's performance in the playoffs enabled her to garner the OCAA championship's most valuable player award, along with a berth on the OCAA



Unionville resident Stephanie Ozog, shown here pitching for the Seneca College Sting fastball team, set an OCAA record this year for most innings tossed in one season with 82.

All-Star team and the team MVP award.

Ozog said being named the

school's athlete of the year is the highest personal honour she's attained.

"It feels pretty good," she said of earning the award. "This past season was definitely my best ever at the school."

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Making the award even more satisfying, she noted, was that the 2004 club returned just two veterans.

"That was one reason why I pitched a lot," she said.

With one more season of eligibility remaining, Ozog intends to play ball this summer in the Provincial Women's Softball Association with Aurora after playing the last two years with East York.

**Hockey prospects watch draft, attend camps**

Junior hockey isn't just a winter sport.

The major junior Ontario Hockey League holds its draft today over the Internet. Several Markham and Stouffville players born in 1989 are eligible to be picked by the 20 OHL teams. To follow the draft, log on to [www.ontariohockeyleague.com](http://www.ontariohockeyleague.com)

Some of those players will be at the Stouffville Spirit's rookie camp this weekend. More than 100 prospects are expected at the Stouffville Arena. Camp sessions run from 1 to 7 p.m. today and tomorrow. The public is welcome.

The Markham Waxers will hold their camp May 12, 14 and 15.

For more information on the camp log on to [markhamwaxers.savolainen.com](http://markhamwaxers.savolainen.com)

The Spirit and Waxers play in the Provincial Jr. A Hockey League.

**Newmarket GM leaves for new franchise**

The Provincial Jr. A league's Newmarket Hurricanes didn't take long to name a new general manager.

Nor did the search go far.

Unlike the drawn-out process to hire a new coach last off-season that extended into the late stages of the summer, the Hurricanes took only days to elevate director of player personnel Paul Dossey to the position vacated on the weekend by Mike Murrell.

Dossey, who was also general manager for the past four seasons with the Hurricanes Jr. C affiliate Bradford Bulls, becomes the third GM for the Hurricanes in as many seasons.

Team president Anthony Pietramala emphasized the organization's desire to keep the hiring internal and maintain its local connections at all levels.

Murrell announced his resignation Sunday at the team's year-end banquet to accept the general manager and head coach posts with the expansion Seguin Bruins, which will play from Humphrey Arena, near Parry Sound, starting next season.

"I get to really put some fingerprints on this team but I know I have lots of work ahead of me," said the 43-year-old Murrell, who took over as the Hurricanes general manager last May. "I know it's one big steep hill to climb."

The key for Murrell was to add the coaching position to general manager duties. That was not going to happen in Newmarket, where Jim Wells Jr. begins his second season as head coach.

Assistant general manager Greig Baxter, who was also in the running for the Newmarket position, said he will resign.

— with files from John Cudmore

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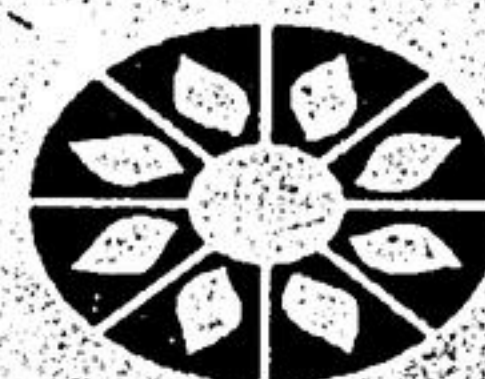
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