Gibbons races off with best-ever finish in CASCAR Toronto Indy event

Peter Gibbons had his best finish at the CASCAR Super Series ATTO 100 event at last weekend's Toronto Molson Indy after driving his Canadian Tire Chevy Monte Carlo to a second-place finish on the 1.72-mile, 11-turn Exhibition Place road course.

"We had a good car today, but at the start of the race, I got run over and it knocked the front end out and pushed the fender in. I was lucky not to cut down a tire. From there, the game plan was to take care of the car and be there at the end," the Stouffville-area resident said. "We are really happy about finishing second at Toronto, which is a track that usually gets the better of us."

Kerry Micks took the checkered flag.

Among other local entrants, the Stouffville-based Team 3 Red Snap-On Tools Dodge driven by Stu Robinson Jr. finished 31st.

Through five events of the 12-race series, Gibbons occupies fourth place overall in the unofficial point standings with 743. Thompson Jr. leads the series with 806.

The CASCAR Super Series resumes July 23 in Calgary.

SPORTS DIGEST

Rugby men tie one on

Colin Campbell Jr. recorded two tries and two converts while James Doorenspleet and Brian Glenn each had a try to help the Markham Rugby Football Club men's seconds earn a 24-24 tie against the Aurora Barbarians in Ontario Rugby Union action last Saturday at Fletcher's Field.

The tie improved Markham's record to 1-4-1.

In other games that day, the Markham thirds received four tries from Brogan Taylor and six converts from Luke Racine to defeat the Barbarians 42-31.

Chris Mandville and J.P. Booth each added tries for Markham, now 2-4.

The Markham men will resume league play July 23 against the Toronto Irish at Fletcher's Field starting at noon.

The Markham ladies received three tries from Michelle Burks and two tries and four converts from Anne Capra and a try from Katie Loveland in a 38-10 win over Brock.

The victory improved the ladies' record to 3-1-1.

In junior action, the Markham under-12s captured a tournament in Barrie after posting wins over Balmy Beach, Aurora and the Niagara Wasps.

Top scorers for Markham were: Kurt Batty, Kevin Stevens and Cody Mckenzie.

The Markham under-12 co-ed flag team finished second after defeating Barrie and Aurora while losing to two other Barrie entries.

Laura Monk and Angus Martin scored tries for Markham.

Runners are on time

Several local runners made their presence felt at the Canadian Outdoor Track and Field Championships at York University.

Markham resident John DeFinney, 50, was first to cross the finish line in the 1,500 metres in the 55 to 59 age group with a time of 4:48.

Competing in the 50 to 54 age group in the 5,000m, Markham resident Jerry Kooymans, 50, won the event in a time of 15:47.

This was just five seconds off the Canadian record.

Also in the 50 to 54 age group division, Stouffville resident Fred Robbins, 50, was the first Canadian runner to finish in the 1,500m with a time of 4:46.

Eagles ground Raiders

The York Region Raiders let a nine-point halftime lead evaporate as the host Etobicoke Eagles rallied in the second half to emerge with a 48-37 win Sunday in Ontario Varsity Junior Football League action.

Kamar Anglin and Saxon Lindsey each had two majors for the Raiders, who led 21-12 at the half. Kyle Ptolemy added a second-half major while Jesse Halonen booted all five converts and Matt Blum added a safety.

Now 1-5 in the OVFL's Central Division, the Raiders will host the Metro Toronto Wildcats, 3-3, today at Mount Joy field at 7 p.m.

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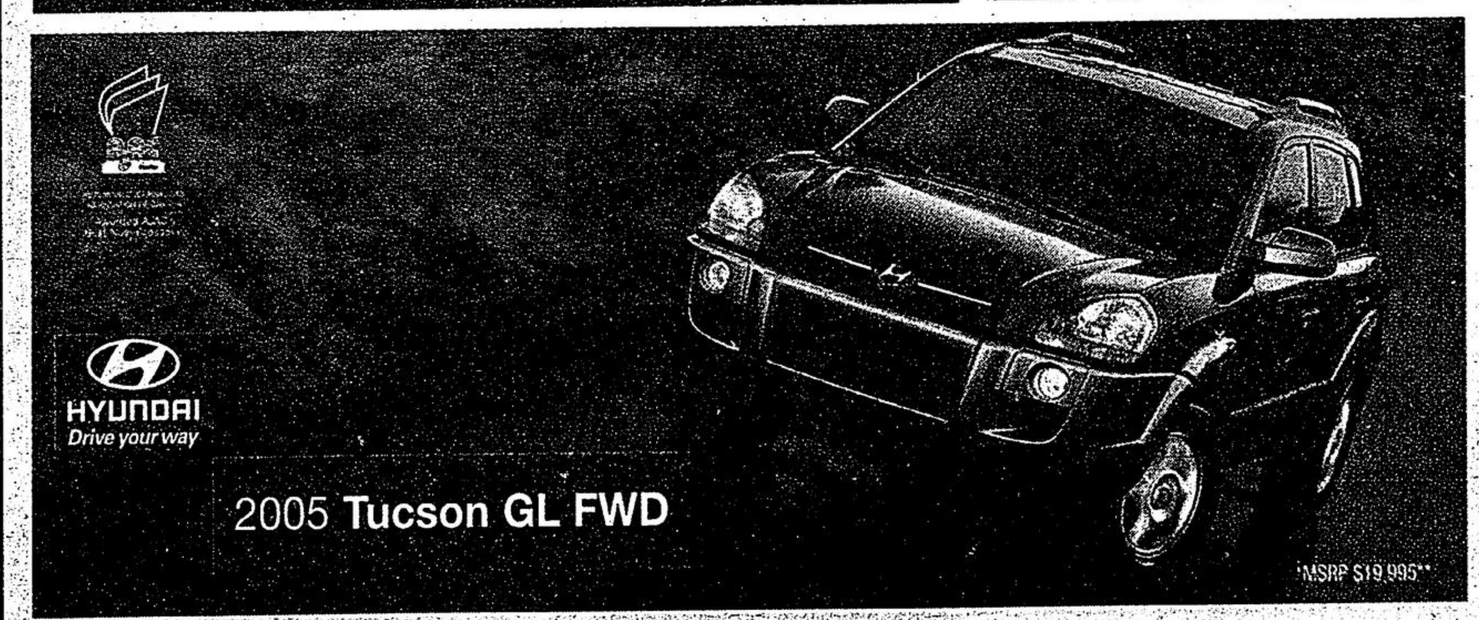

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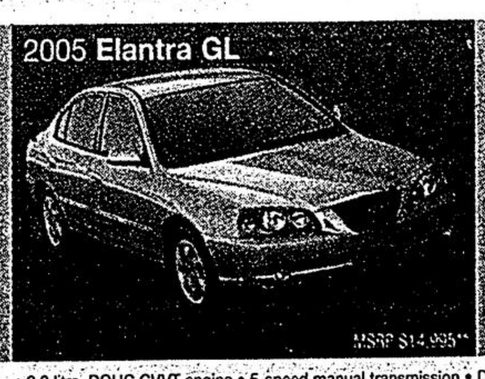

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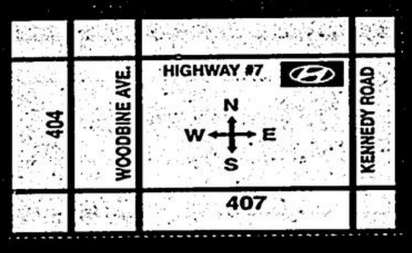

Notice of Application for Noise By-Law Exemption

The organizers of the Darknights Nationals Event have applied to the Town of Markham for an exemption to Noise By-Law 2003-137.

The event is an automotive car show being held at the Markham Fairgrounds, located at 10801 McCowan Avenue.

The exemption is required to allow for use of sound systems and the playing of amplified music beyond 5:00 p.m. each day

The exemption period applied for is from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m .Saturday, July 23rd and from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 24th.

To obtain further information or express concerns regarding the exemptions, you may contact:

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Call 905-640-4440 to reservations.