

Ex-Spirit coach heads east with Eagles

Dan West was not on the unemployment lines long.

The former head coach of the Stouffville Spirit, fired on the team's post-season picture night this spring, was named head coach of the Bowmanville Eagles today.

Both teams have been in the elite of the Provincial Jr. A Hockey League in recent years. Mr. West replaces Curtis Hodgins.

Mr. West coached the Spirit for two seasons, win-

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ning the North Conference and North-West championships for the first time in franchise history, in 2006. This year, they went three rounds into the playoffs before being eliminated by the eventual RBC Cup

national champion Aurora Tigers.

A former minor pro player, Mr. West also played in the Ontario Hockey League for the Windsor Spitfires and Peterborough Petes. He was on the Summerside Western Capitals Jr. A Club that won the RBC Cup in 1997.

Mr. West lives in Oakwood, Ont.

Ken Burrows, fired as general manager of the Spirit this spring, was hired as GM of arch-rival Collingwood in April.

Lea golden at nationals

Lea Gucciardi was a member of the York Synchro club's tier six open entry that won a gold medal last weekend at the national synchronized swimming championships in Saint John, N.B.

The 16-year-old Cedar Valley resident is a fourth-year member of the team and attends Our Lady of the Lake Catholic High School in Keswick.

McGill makes splash

For a first-year competitor, Fiona McGill has been a splash hit in the sport of diving.

The 11-year-old Stouffville resident, who competes with the Scarborough Diving Club, took to the diving pool in four meets this past season and came home with medals in each.

Competing in the Level III-D division, McGill claimed a gold on the one-metre board in her inaugural event in Scarborough.

Travelling to Nepean for her second event, McGill finished first on the three-metre board and second on the one-metre board.

In her third competition in Burlington, McGill had a second on the one-metre board and a third on the three.

Making a return trip to Burlington for the provincial championships, McGill placed third on the one-metre board and second on the three-metre board.



Fiona McGill dove at the Ontario championships this spring.

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Mennos fall again to Bradford

What began as a two-game winning streak for the Stouffville Mennos has turned into a two-game losing streak.

The Mennos lost in Oshawa City and District Fastball League contests, 10-4 to the host Lake Simcoe Lightning Tuesday and 3-2 to the visiting Bradford Sox Thursday.

In Thursday's tilt at Memorial Park, the Sox jumped out to a 3-0 lead through five innings. The Mennos staged a comeback that fell short, after scoring a run in the sixth inning when Rich Burkholder singled, stole second and scored on a fielder's choice.

The Mennos added another run in the seventh when Bob McCulley doubled and scored on a double by Darcy Enosse. But that would be as close as the Mennos.

Jay Nesbitt tossed seven innings for the Mennos and gave up 13 hits to take the loss.

In Tuesday's game, doubles by Rich Burkholder and Dale Boadway in the first inning enabled the Mennos to take a 1-0 lead.

But the Lightning struck back in its half of the frame to take a 3-1 lead.

A solo homer by Scott Eyre enabled the Mennos to cut its deficit to 3-2.

The Mennos got another run in the fourth when Eyre walked and scored on a single by Kris Burkholder.

Byron Baranieski was tagged with the loss.

Now 2-4 on the season, the Lightning will play at Newmarket Monday.

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