

Evans' return lifts Mennos to win

Scott Evans' debut this season with the Stouffville Menos in Thursday's Oshawa City and District Fastball League game with Lake Simcoe at Memorial Park was a hit.

The veteran pitcher, whose return was delayed due to back spasms caused by a pinched nerve, fanned 12 batters in five innings while surrendering just two hits to ignite the Mennos to a 3-0 victory.

The Mennos host the Markham Majors Thursday at Memorial Park at 8:30 p.m.

Bobby's nephew to Germany

A former member of the Stouffville Spirit will be playing professionally in Germany next season.

Doug Orr, a forward with the Spirit in 1999-2000 and 2000-2001, signed with EC Peiting, a third-division team in the German Oberliga.

The 26-year-old Newmarket native, who is the nephew of former National Hockey League great Bobby Orr, played with McGill University in Montreal for four seasons after Stouffville and served as an alternate captain in his senior year, in 2005-06.

This past season, he toiled in the Central Hockey League with three clubs including the Rio Grande Valley Killer Bees (five goals, five assists in 16 games played), Arizona Sundogs (two goals, two assists in five games) and Youngstown Steelhounds (three goals, no assists in 12 games).

Peiting is in the Bavarian Alps, 48 kilometres north of Garmisch-Partenkirchen.

Brooks rides to first

Erin Brooks rode tall in the saddle when she competed at the first Cadara Caledon Trillium Dressage show at the Orangeville Fair Grounds June 9.

Brooks, who works and rides at Pause Awhile Equestrian Centre in Lemonville, competed in the Adult Amateur, Level One along with her horse Dominika and claimed first place after recording scores of 67.7 per

cent and 66.7 per cent in the two tests she was required to take.

Gibbons on the move

While Peter Gibbons did not make a trip to the victory podium in Sunday's The Dickies 200 presented by Canadian Shield NASCAR Canadian Tire race at the Mosport International Speedway near Bowmanville, it did help him in the long run.

After driving his Canadian Tire Chevrolet Monte Carlo to a fourth-place finish in Sunday's 51-lap race on the 2.459-mile road course, the 44-year-old Stouffville native moved up in the overall series standings into second place through the first two events of this season.

Gibbons has 330 points and trails leader Andrew Ranger by just 15 with 10 more events to go this season.

The Stouffville-based Team 3 Red/EHR entry driven by Jason Hathaway finished 15th. Hathaway is in ninth place in the standings with 274 points.

The next event in the series takes place July 1 at the Barrie Speedway.

For more go to: www.nascartocalracing.com

Softball returns to festival

BY JIM THOMAS

After an absence of several years, softball will return as part of Whitchurch-Stouffville's Strawberry Festival.

A six-team co-ed tournament, sponsored by Shoeless Joe's, is set for June 30 at Memorial Park.

Stouffville and Newmarket will each field two clubs with single entries from Clarendon and Aurora.

Competition begins at 9 a.m. At the tournament's conclusion, all players are invited to Shoeless Joe's for refreshments.

The entry fee is \$100 per club with net proceeds going to Markham-Stouffville Hospital.


Tournament organizers Mike Dimoski and John Pelosi praised co-operation received from Sue Sherban of the festival committee and Al Piette of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Softball Association.

"We were hoping for a charity game," Mr. Pelosi said, "but Ms. Sherban urged us to make it a full-fledged tournament, so that's what we have."

"It's all for fun," Mr. Pelosi said, "a mom and dad's game with their children as spectators."

The Stouffville Buttermakers tournament, which pre-dates the festival, was a Canada Day weekend staple in Stouffville for many years.

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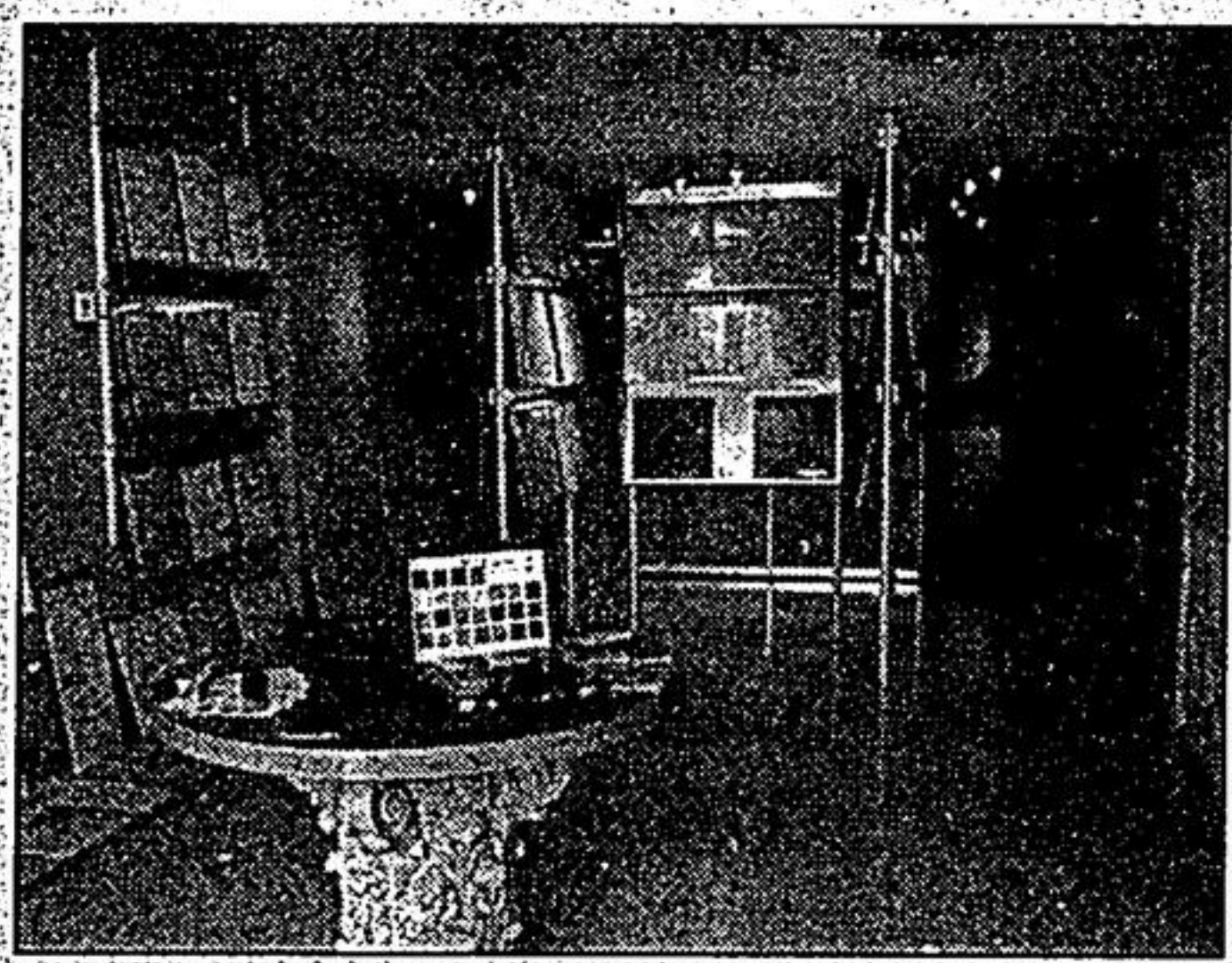
Chris Frymar knows that some of the greatest building products available are not manufactured - they are formed in the natural factory of the earth's crust. Natural stone tiles are quickly becoming the No. 1 choice when it comes to flooring in washrooms, kitchens, hallways, foyers and other busy areas in homes and commercial establishments.

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"With natural stone, no two pieces are exactly alike. That's what gives stone tiles their distinctive appearance," says Chris. "They are beautiful and, of course, very durable."

The great appeal of stone tiles is that they are comprised mainly of basic materials found in the earth and they have greater sustainability. Many other cultures in Europe, Asia and the Middle East have been using stone for years in applications where Canadians typically would not use these materials. Most of the baths, kitchens and foyers in these cultures are tiled from floor to ceiling, whereas here it may be limited to just the floors and base or used in wet areas.

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