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Champs donate
winnings to
hospital fund

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The Markham Misfits swept aside all opposition, winning six straight games to claim top spot in the Strawberry Festival slo-pitch tournament Saturday at Memorial Park.

A combination of long balls and hard-hit grounders propelled the Misfits to a 16-12 victory over Stouffville Challengers in the final.

The co-ed tournament, organized by Shoeless Joe's, had six teams from Markham, Clarendon, Newmarket and Stouffville.

The winners donated the prize money to Markham Stouffville Hospital.

"This was a fine gesture," John Pelosi, Shoeless Joe's manager, said. "The whole idea was to provide entertainment for fans and enjoyment for players. It accomplished both."

Shoeless Joe's owner Mike Dimoski is hopeful the festival committee will approve a return engagement next year, but with more teams and additional days.

"We hope to make it bigger and better," he said. "Stouffville was once an excellent slo-pitch town, we want to bring the game back."



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Katie Malloy of the Stouffville Chargers takes a big swing during Strawberry Festival slo-pitch tourney action in Memorial Park Saturday.

Barbie car heads for Toronto Grand Prix

Ashley Taws was noticed for more than her pink Barbie at Wal-Mart car Saturday as she charged to a second-place finish in the 50-lap feature Ontario Sportsman Series race at Sauble Speedway.

For the 23-year-old Whitchurch-Stouffville resident, it's her best finish in only her third race in stock cars.

"The Barbie car was just hooked up, the crew did an awesome job," she said. "Bob (Wilson, chief mechanic) is really supportive and has taught me so much. And Rob (Fletcher, spotter) was just so enthusiastic on the radio, he got me really fired up. That was the most fun I've ever had racing."

Taws will compete in this weekend's Grand Prix of Toronto.

Trussell fourth in Quebec

Belinda Trussell and her mount Grand Marnier came fourth in the CDI Prix St. Georges event at the Blainville Dressage International near Montreal.

The 35-year-old Stouffville resident

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and member of the 2004 Canadian Olympic dressage team along with a 10-year-old Hannoverian gelding owned by her husband Mark Trussell, finished with a score of 67.700 per cent.

The competition was won by Jacqueline Brooks of Mount Albert and her mount Balmoral with a score of 70.950 per cent.

Perfect Storm erupts late

The Stouffville Storm bantam boys remain undefeated in Durham York Softball Association league play.

The Storm erupted for six late runs to defeat Newmarket 7-2 last week and improve its league record to 7-0.

Peter Wideman, a house league call up, ignited the rally when he led

the inning off with a triple and scored on a triple by Steven Ashbridge to tie the game. The big blow of the inning, though, was a three-run double by pitcher Caleb Bayliss.

Relieving starting pitcher Bruce Cringan, Bayliss worked the final three innings to earn the win.

Selects top consolation

The Goodwood bantam boys selects claimed third place in a tournament conducted by the Goulding Park Minor Softball Association after they defeated the Malvern Knights 5-3.

The selects recorded an opening-round victory over the Milliken Mills Mavericks 12-2 before dropping a 5-4 decision to the Knights. The selects rebounded to rout host Goulding Park 11-0 but were then edged 6-4 by the Unionville Spartans.

Players from Stouffville include pitcher Tyler Hodges and infielders Peter Wideman and Connor McDonald.

Their second tournament is July 14.

May takes less
to remain Duck

Brad May was willing to take less money to remain with the Stanley Cup champion Anaheim Ducks.

The Ducks announced Monday they signed the left winger, acquired at this year's trade deadline, to a two-year contract believed to be worth \$1.2 million.

"There were a lot of reasons I wanted to stay in Anaheim," May, who grew up in Stouffville and Markham, told reporters. "I love playing here. I turned down more money from other teams."

May is expected to bring the Stanley Cup to York Region for a celebration in August.

May was an unrestricted free agent. NHL teams began signing free agents Sunday.

May, 35, played in 24 games during the 2006-07 regular season between Anaheim and Colorado, netting four points and 21 penalty minutes.

The 6-1, 220-pound forward has appeared in 882 NHL games, scoring 276 points and accumulating 2,040 penalty minutes. He has also played in 82 career playoff games.

-Jim Mason

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