

Mennos await playoff dates

The Stouffville Mennos played their final Oshawa City and District Fastball League regular season contest Wednesday against the host Toronto Celtics with just eight players.

But it did not stop the Mennos from giving the Celtics a run for the money in a 3-1 loss.

Dale Boadway collected three hits for the Mennos, who had runners on second and third base in the seventh inning, but failed to cash them in.

Catcher Shawn Boadway reached base in three of his four trips to the plate and scored Stouffville's lone run. He also played a great game defensively, throwing out three base runners attempting to steal.

The Mennos received a stellar pitching effort from Byron Baranieski, who went the distance.

The loss dropped the Mennos' regular season mark to 8-12.

The Mennos are awaiting their playoff schedule.

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Mite boys fifth in province

The Stouffville Storm mite boys finished fifth at last weekend's Ontario Amateur Softball Association playdowns in Napanee.

After winning their opening game over Elmira 20-1, they lost to eventual gold medallist Waterloo 11-1 and silver medallist Napanee 13-0 and were eliminated from the double knockout competition.

Kevin Matthews and Jeremy Hughes

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split the pitching duties, surrendering 11 hits while fanning 26 over the three games.

Hughes collected four hits, while Matthews and Cameron Flemming collected three, Jackson Savery, Jake Stevens and Ben Welsh had two hits, and Ryan Dunlop, Brody Krabi, Joey Hutton and Josh Eizenga collected one each.

Dunlop, Flemming and Hutton contributed home runs.

Sean O'Neill, Tyler Simcoe, Jacob Rendall and Cole Gunathunge made good defensive plays to keep their team close.

The fifth-place finish bodes well for the 2008 season, as most of the players will return at the mite level.

Bell 10th at junior open

David Bell carded a two-round, 20-over par 164 (79-85) to earn a 10th-place finish Tuesday in the Canadian Junior Golf Association's Junior Open at Rolling Hills Golf Club.

Competing in the boys 17-19 age group division, the 17-year-old Stouffville resident was 14 shots off the pace set by Cody Watson of Marmora, Ont.

Among other local competitors, Stouffville's Matt Easter, 17, finished in a four-way tie for 15th place in the boys' 17-19 group after carding a 169 (83-86).



The Stouffville Storm junior mites captured the OASA title last weekend in Napanee.

Junior mites tops in Ontario

Coaching the Stouffville Storm junior mite softball team has been a rough road, Jay Meiliunas said.

He's been teaching the rudiments of the game to first-year rep players this summer.

But it's also been enjoyable. Especially last weekend's Ontario Amateur Softball Association championships in Napanee, which saw the Storm win the title over the host Express.

The Storm defeated the Elmvalle Gladiators in its open-

ing game. But after incurring a loss to the Express, the Storm rebounded to defeat the Tamworth Stingers to reach the final.

"For these kids to have the success that they did after going into the tournament considered serious underdogs by many, except for themselves and the coaching staff who believed they could do it, is truly an amazing story," Meiliunas said.

"It was a long and hard road, but worth every bit to become No. 1 as a result of having fun

and learning."

Storm players include: pitcher, second and first baseman Maverick Dent, second baseman-pitcher Austin Meiliunas, first baseman-pitcher Vaughan McCusker, catcher Anthony Rustico, third basemen Tim Barker and Daniel Wynn, short stop Rhys Barker and outfielders Cameron Ross, Tristan Meiliunas and right fielder Ben Rundle.

Also coaching the team were Steve McCusker and Kevin Dent. Tamara Meiliunas was manager.

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