

Evans' 20 strikeouts wasted in Menno's loss to Oshawa

The Stouffville Menno's got the pitching they needed from Scott Evans to defeat the Oshawa Ravens in Thursday's Oshawa City and District Fastball League best-of-three semifinal opener at Memorial Park.

But their offence hit a dry spell. In the end, that cost the Menno's in a heartbreaking 1-0 eight-inning loss to the first-place Ravens.

An error by Menno's first baseman Bob McCulley enabled the Ravens to score the game's only run in the eighth inning.

The Menno's had an opportunity to win the game in the ninth inning. With one out, Shawn Boadway singled and Rich Burkholder had a bunt single. A Dale Boadway ground-out advanced the

runners to second and third base. After Byron Baraneski popped out, Evans was intentionally walked to load the bases. But Jay Nesbitt struck out to end the game.

Despite taking the loss, Evans pitched the entire eight innings for the Menno's and struck out 20 batters, including the side in five innings.

Stouffville resident and national team left hander Paul Koert worked the final three innings of relief from starter Marty Humphries to earn the win.

The series resumes Tuesday in Oshawa. A third game, if required, would be played in Oshawa Wednesday.

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Sullivan gets spot in Dallas Stars organization

Mike Sullivan was an eighth-round pick by the Los Angeles Kings in the 2003 NHL draft.

But any plans the Kings had for the 22-year-old Stouffville resident, who graduated from Clarkson University this year, went up in smoke when they didn't offer him a contract.

While disappointed with the Kings' decision, Sullivan is not without a place to play.

The former Stouffville Spirit forward was invited to the training camp of the Iowa Stars, the American Hockey League club affiliated with the Dallas Stars.

Sullivan will attend the camp, which starts Sept. 23.

While Sullivan has no guarantees in making Dallas' top farm club, he was offered a one-year contract to play with the



MIKE SULLIVAN: Stouffville product drafted by Los Angeles Kings will play in Dallas organization.

Idaho Steelheads, the Stars East Coast Hockey League affiliate

and defending league champions in Boise, Idaho.

"It's good to have something finally settled," Sullivan said. "Hopefully, I can impress in camp and stay up (in Des Moines). But you never know since it's my first professional training camp."

Sullivan hoped to be in the Kings' organization in the upcoming campaign, but he realizes there's a business side to the profession.

"It's disappointing," he said. "But it happens."

Dave Taylor, the fellow Clarkson grad who drafted Sullivan from the Spirit as the general manager in Los Angeles, was named director of player personnel with Dallas July 31.

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