

Mennos play waiting game in men's fastball playdowns

The Stouffville Mennos won't take to the Memorial Park ball diamond this week to resume their Oshawa City and District Fastball League playoffs.

You can thank the weather, which forced a postponement in another best-of-three quarter-final series between the Markham Majors and Aurora Shoeless Joe's Monday at Markham Centennial Park.

As of press time, the Majors led the series one game to none. The series was to have resumed last night in Aurora.

Because of the delay, the playoff picture remains as clouded as the weather and the Mennos are looking at a two-week break

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between games.

The Stouffville squad, which swept the Oshawa Intermediates in the opening round, anticipate they will begin their semifinal series next Thursday at Memorial Park at 8:30 p.m. against an opponent yet to be determined.

The Mennos finished third in the regular-season standings.

In another quarter-final, the Sharon-based Lake Simcoe Lightning were swept in two straight by Toronto Celtics. The Celtics finished the series with a 7-1 win Tuesday.

Minor midgets open with another hockey title

Minor hockey is back. The Stouffville minor midget Clippers skated off with the championship from last weekend's tournament in Richmond Hill after defeating the host Stars 2-0 in the title tilt.

David Beloff and Curtis Crago scored for the Clippers, who won an Ontario Minor Hockey Association A title as bantams last spring.

Brandon Boyle, Connor Cadaret and Josh Machesney earned assists.

In reaching the final, the Clippers won their first game over the Markham Waxers 5-2.

Daniel Perry paced the Clippers' with two goals while Taylor Clifford, Joseph Palladino and Beloff added singles. Chris Smith earned one helper.

Facing the Leaside Flames in their second game, the Clippers skated off with a 4-1 win.

Cadaret deposited a pair of third-period goals for the Clippers while Machesney and Clifford added singles. Steven Tait and Matthew Miniaci each had two assists while Crago and Clifford had one each.

Buoyed by a pair of goals from Machesney, the Clippers won their third game of the tournament, a 4-1 verdict over the Mississauga Hornets.

Tait, Beloff, Kyle Raymer, Cadaret and Perry had singles. Miniaci, Beloff and Crago contributed two helpers while Tait, Raymer, and Kyle Sauro earned one apiece.

The victory enabled the Clippers to advance to the semifinals where they edged the Markham Islanders 6-5.

Beloff orchestrated the offence with a hat trick while Machesney added a pair of goals and Tait one.

Joseph Palladino, Tait, Crago and Clifford were each credited with an assist.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Vincec heads for Las Vegas, shot at national karting title

In July, Mike Vincec raced his way to the Stars of Karting East Division title.

Last weekend in Kent, Wash., the 17-year-old Stouffville resident staked his claim to the Stars of Karting West Division title.

Two, top-five placings did the trick. By finishing fourth in one race and second in the finale, Vincec was in a tie in the final points standings.

But, based on his victory at the East/West races in Shawano, Wisc., in July, Vincec was awarded the championship.

The next races in the series are Oct. 12 when the East-West finals for Stars of Karting, and a shot at the national championships, are held at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

For more information, go to: mikev.ca

Gibbons 11th, Hathaway 16th in Barrie NASCAR race

Peter Gibbons drove his Canadian Tire/Mobil Super Chevrolet to an 11th-place finish in Sunday's NASCAR Canadian Tire Series Pizza Pizza 300 race at Barrie Speedway.

The Stouffville-area resident began the race in the 16th position and completed the 300-lap event.

Also taking to the track was the Stouffville-based Team 3 Red/EHR entry

driven by Jason Hathaway, which finished 16th in the Snap-on Tools/Super 8 Dodge. Hathaway began the race in the 19th position.

Scott Steckly took the checkered flag and leads the overall series point standings with 1,824 points.

Gibbons occupies eighth place with 1,509 points and Hathaway is 10th with 1,416 points.

The next race in the series goes Sept. 20 in Antigonish, N.S., at the Riverside International Speedway.

For updates, go to: localracing.nascar.com

Mustangs edged by Wexford

The Stouffville Mustangs under-12 girls encountered difficulty scoring goals during their York Region Soccer Association match against visiting Wexford Thursday.

That proved to be costly as the Mustangs fell 2-1.

Rochelle Foo scored the lone goal for the Mustangs, who fell to 7-5-3 on the season.

The Mustangs conclude their regular season today in Oshawa.

Gajan 5th at tour championship

Gajan Sivabalasingham finished in a two-way tie for fifth place in individuals competition at the recent Golf Association of Ontario's Junior Tour Championship at Barcovan Golf Club near Carryville Place.

The 14-year-old Ballantrae resident and Mandarin Golf and Country Club member fired a one-over par 71.

Gajan finished six shots behind winner Uno Cho, 15, of Ancaster, who had a five-under par 65.

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