Mennos win Meaford division title

Stouffville fastball men home to Aurora tonight

They say defence wins games.

In the case of the Stouffville Mennos, good defence enabled them to salvage a 4-4 tie against the Oshawa Intermediates in their Oshawa City and District Fastball League tilt in Oshawa Monday.

Trailing 4-1 through six innings, the Mennos' bats came to life in the seventh when Greg Dalgarno tripled.

TIE IN OSHAWA

After Kris Burkholder and Steve Sayers struck out, Rick Burkholder, Shawn Boadway, Dale Boadway and Byron Baranieski each collected singles enabling the Mennos to tie the game at 4-4.

The Intermediates had a great opportunity to win the game in the eighth inning when their leadoff hitter tripled.

But Mennos pitcher Jay Nesbitt, who came in relief for starter Paul Boynton, struck out the next batter.

The Mennos then dodged a bullet when the next Intermediates batter hit a sinking liner to centrefield.

But centrefielder Dale Boadway made a shoestring catch that not only retired the batter as his throw to third base doubled the baserunner off the bag to end the inning.

Nesbitt returned to pitch in the ninth inning and struck out the side to help preserve the tie.

Now 7-6-2 on the season, the Mennos are scheduled to resume league play tonight when they host Aurora at Memorial Park at 8:30 p.m.

The Mennos were in Meaford last weekend, pocketing $600 by winning the B Division title in a 16-team tournament.

After losing their first game to the Mississauga Angels 6-3 last Saturday morning, the Mennos overcame a three-run deficit with four runs in the sixth inning to edge Sutherlands of the Owen Sound City League 4-3. With rain playing havoc for most of the day, the Mennos then had another close game against Dundalk and prevailed 3-2 to finish second in their four-team pool.

OUT OF RETIREMENT

Advancing to Sunday's semifinals, the Mennos received a three-run home run from Byron Baranieski to defeat the host Meaford Dooleys' 8-2.

Facing Keady in the final, the Mennos were buoyed by a solid pitching performance from Dalgarno in a 7-0 win.

Playing without the services of John Reesor and Kris Burkholder for the tournament, the Mennos picked up Brandon Park of the Oshawa Midgets, Matt DaSilva of the Oshawa Ravens and brought Paul Boynton out of retirement.

Brown finishes 25th at Atlantic golf finals

Ryan Brown finished in a five-way tie for 25th place in the junior boys division at the CN Future Links Atlantic Championship at the Eagles Glenn Golf Course in Cavendish, PEI, last Thursday.

Through three rounds, the Gormley resident finished 18-over par at 234 (77-80-77).

Ally Tidcombe of Wolfville, N.S., finished first with a one-under par 215 (72-74-69).

SPORTS BRIEFS

Still room in Gajan's golf tourney

Gajan Sivabalasingham is on a mission.

The 15-year-old Ballantrae resident wants to help raise money for the Hospital for Sick Children Foundation.

Gajan's Fourth Golf Classic will take place Aug. 24 at the Mandarin Golf and Country Club in Markham starting at 12:30 p.m.

Those wishing to take part can do so in advance by logging on to: www.gajangolf.com or by registering on the day of the event starting at 10:30 a.m.

In the three prior events Gajan has staged, close to $60,000 has been raised for the Hospital for Sick Children Foundation.

Gajan will compete in Harbor Springs, Mich. this weekend in the American Junior Golf Association Coca-Cola Junior All-Star Championship at Boyne Highlands.

Stouffville-based driver seventh at NASCAR Edmonton race

Jason Hathaway drove the Stouffville-based Team 3 Red/EHR vehicle to a seventh-place finish at the NASCAR Canadian Tire Series Canadian Tire 100 race at the Rexall Speedway in Edmonton last Saturday.

Driving the Snap-on Tools/Vortex Brake Pads Dodge, the 32-year-old Hathaway began the race in the ninth position before completing the entire 32-lap race on the 14-turn, 1.973-mile temporary road course.

Andrew Ranger took the checkered flag.

Hathaway's next race was to have taken place yesterday when the NASCAR Canadian Tire series goes to the Auto Clearing Motor Speedway in Saskatoon, Sask., for the 250-lap Velocity Prairie Thunder presented by Bayer Crop Science.

The race was to have been the first NASCAR-sanctioned event held in Saskatchewan.

For more on the Canadian circuit, go to: localracing.nascar.com

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SOCCER

Whitchurch-Stouffville Soccer Club

Rep scores for week ending July 20

UNDER 12 GIRLS: Stouffville Mustangs 1 (Vanessa Coscarella) vs North York Cosmos 1.

UNDER 13 BOYS: South Simcoe United 2 vs. Stouffville Mustangs 1 (Justin Dube).

House league for period ending July 23

BOYS UNDER 10: Sutton Group 3 (Adam Dickinson 2, Brandon Welham) vs. Schell Building Centre 3 (Zsolt Csiszer 2, Ben Partridge); Pizza Nova 3 (Benjamin Rennie, Alex Connolly, Justin Day) vs. Four Seasons Tree Care 1 (Alvin Mathew); Toshiba 5 (Aidan Aird 2, Sterling Beard 2, Nathan Hamilton) vs. Stouffville Fish and Chips 1 (Myles Craven); Rotary Club of Stouffville 7 (Luke Spagnuolo 3, Cole Sipidias 3, Rukshan Dehlwala) vs. Richardson Masonic Lodge 5 (Justin Boehernier 2, Jordan Pivato, Kirk Vogan, Nicolas Murray).

GIRLS UNDER 10: Stouffville Trophy 6 (Sydney Rutherford 3, Vanessa Virdiramo 2, Taylor Feasby) vs. Stouffville Family Footcare 3 (Kiara Pennycook 2, Alexia Raponi); The BBQ Pro 2 (Juliana Hutton, Ashleigh Boulianne) vs. Avante Property Services 2 (Maggie O'Boyle, Megan Miller); Magnum Print Management 4 (Bianco Zupo 4) vs. Dr. Genin, Dr. McDowell Optometrists 2 (Madeleine Rose 2).

BOYS UNDER 12: SJD Contractors 2 (Paul Sulcs 2) vs. The Multiverse 1 (David May); Ballantrae Lions Club 6 (Quintin Volpe 3, Sebastian Messina 2, Joel Somers) vs. Stouffville Family Dentistry 3 (Conor Mullins, Anthony Raponi, Lucas Grammenis).

GIRLS UNDER 12: Michele's Snack Bar 6 (Laura Babler 2, Emer Cummins 2, Maia Mehmeti 2) vs. Zawdu Eshetu 3 (Evelyn Wilson 2, Dawson Morris); Swiss Chalet Serving Harvey's 3 (Robyn McFee 2, Carolina Frexia) vs. Zawdu Eshetu 0.