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ACE! Boy, 12, hits hole-in-one at provincials

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Golfers can go an entire career without hitting a hole-in-one. Not Ben Sear.

The 12-year-old from Stouffville got his out of the way early.

And he did it under pressure, at the Golf Association of Ontario Bantam Boys Championship at Puslinch Lake Golf Course in Cambridge.

A member of the York Downs Golf and Country Club in Unionville, Ben recorded his ace on the

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retains Ontario seniors
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par-three, 163-yard eighth hole using a four iron hybrid.

"When I hit the ball off the tee I felt that I hit a good shot," he said. "But we were hitting toward a blind hole."

"When I went looking for my ball, at first I thought I hit it past the green. But my cousin (Max Sear, who was part of their three-some) looked in the hole and said 'it's in'."

"At first I thought he was joking. But when I saw it in the

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STAFF PHOTOS/SJOERD WITTEVEEN

Stouffville's James Ryan punches the ball clear during the annual Trinidad Stouffville international at the Stouffville Arena Wednesday. Trinidad's Ferdie Phillips (from left), Stouffville's Raphael Dube, Carl Milroy and James Ryan and Trinidad's Joshua Owen take cover. Stouffville won 2-1.

CARIBBEAN PLAYERS LEAVE TOWN WITH ANOTHER LOSS, NEW FRIENDS, DONATED EQUIPMENT

Trinidadian soccer exchange has legs

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The Whitchurch-Stouffville Soccer Club men's over-35 team served as goodwill ambassadors at the old Stouffville Arena pitch Wednesday.

It's a role they enjoy playing that could be shared with the club's younger players.

For the second straight year, the Stouffville team played an international friendly against The Regulars

Soccer Club, a touring men's senior team from Trinidad and Tobago.

As in last year's match, Stouffville prevailed, by an identical 2-1 count. Andrew Hamilton and Pat Turco scored for Stouffville.

Wednesday's game was the third of a five-stop GTA tour made by the Caribbean team that includes former national team players.

Oliver Dixon, player-coach for the Stouffville team, set up the rematch through contacts from his native Trinidad and Tobago.

The timing of the game allowed the visitors to enjoy Caribana festivities in Toronto this weekend.

The visitors pay their own way for the trips.

They'll return home with equipment donated to their youth teams by the Stouffville club.

Mr. Dixon is also the Stouffville club's head coach, as well as coach of an under-12 boys team.

He hopes the relationship will continue well into the future.

Dixon is optimistic a Stouffville

youth squad can make the trip to Trinidad and Tobago to play a couple of friendlies during the winter.

"They want to host one of our youth teams and we've talked about it," he said.

The over-35 team is considering an over-40 tourney in the Barbados that includes teams from the United States, England and Wales.

"I've played in this tournament with another team from Toronto (Toronto Masters) and it's a lot of fun," Mr. Dixon said.

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