

Knox invited to national hockey team's camp

Stouffville resident Liz Knox was one of 109 players from across Canada who received an invitation from Hockey Canada to attend a strength and conditioning camp for potential national team players at the University of Calgary from May 25 to 30.

A fourth-year goalkeeper with the Wilfrid Laurier University Golden Hawks team this past season, Knox was named the Canadian Interuniversity Sport Player of the Year and first-team All Canadian in women's hockey.

In addition, the Stouffville District Secondary School graduate was named the Ontario University Athletics' Women's Hockey Player of the Year and was a first team all-star.

Invitations to the camp were made based on evaluations done throughout the 2009-10 season by Hockey Canada's regional scouts and the coaching staffs of Canada's national women's team, national women's under-22 team and national women's under-18 team.

Those who were chosen to attend the off-ice camp were evaluated while they played with their club teams in-season, as well as at various national camps and events.

Swimmers Ducky in Caledon pool

Several members of the Stouffville Ducks Swim Club made big waves last Saturday at the Dorado Stars Swim Meet in Caledon.

In the girls' 14-year-old and over group, Cassie Beach was first in the 100-metre butterfly, 200m freestyle and 100m individual medley.

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Ravine Pinter won the 50m freestyle and 50m breaststroke races.

Mackenzie Moyer was first to touch the wall in the 100m backstroke and 100m freestyle races.

In the girls' 10-11 year-old division, Grace Harris won the 50m backstroke and placed second in the 100m backstroke and was third 100m freestyle.

Kristen Douglas had four first-place results and did so in personal best times in the 50m freestyle, 100m backstroke, 50m butterfly and 100m individual medley.

In the boys' nine and under group, Laird Douglas claimed five races including the 50m freestyle, 50m breaststroke, 100m backstroke, 50m butterfly and 100m individual medley.

Grand opener for squirts, Savery

The Stouffville Storm squirt boys team opened their York Durham Softball League season with a 10-8 victory over Port Perry at Memorial Park Wednesday.

Jackson Savery ignited the Storm offence with a grand slam home run, two singles and six RBI.

Ryan Dunlop, Jake Stevens and Jake Dilley had hits.

Dunlop, Kevin Matthews and Vaughn McCusker each scored two runs, while Savery, Stevens, Mason Empringham and Quintino Zarlenga had one apiece.

Dunlop, Stevens, Daniel Wynn and Thomas Kroupis each drove in a run while Josh Eizenga provided a key sacrifice bunt.

Matthews went the distance scattering four hits and striking out nine to pick up the win.

The Storm resume league play against Ennismore in Bethany Tuesday.

Rockstar joins Stouffville race team

When the Ed Hakonson Racing/Team 3 Red team sends its Snap-on Dodge Avenger onto the track for the 2010 NASCAR Canadian Tire Series, it hopes new support will fuel its hopes.

The Stouffville-based team announced the addition of a new major affiliated sponsor in Rockstar Energy Drink Thursday.

"This deal is a multi-faceted agreement that will give Rockstar Energy Drinks a firm place and belonging within the Canadian Motorsports industry, while furthering the growth of our team and sport," said team manager Jamie Hakonson.

Dave Giancoulis, Rockstar Energy Drinks in Canada vice-president, is elated, too.

"The sport of NASCAR has brought a strong identity to Canadian Motorsports. We are excited to join forces with Ed Hakonson, a prominent figure head in Canadian Motorsports. This is the perfect platform for

Rockstar which we feel reflects our brand's personality and speaks to our core consumers," Giancoulis said.

The 2010 NASCAR Canadian Tire Series is scheduled to begin June 5 with the Delaware 200 event at Delaware Speedway.

Jones Pools crew loses opener, Mennos rained out again

Mother Nature appears to have a disliking for the Stouffville Mennos.

At least at the start of the Oshawa City and District Fastball League season.

The Mennos had their scheduled home opening game against the Oshawa Pops midgets postponed due to inclement weather Thursday.

This marked the second time in as many games the Mennos had a scheduled game put on hold.

The first took place Tuesday when the Mennos were to have faced Scarborough in their regular season opener.

Art Burkholder, Mennos manager, said no makeup date has been set as of press deadline for Thursday's contest.

In other league action, the Stouffville Jones Pools team made their debut against the defending league champion Aurora Shoeless Joe's and suffered a 7-0 road loss Wednesday.

Paul Koert was the losing pitcher.

Jones Pools is scheduled to resume action on the road against the Oshawa Pops Midgets Wednesday.



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