## **Stouffville resident blanks Mennos** to keep Scarborough undefeated

The Stouffville Mennos' road game against the Scarborough Athletics did not last long Tuesday.

In fact, it went just five innings as the Mennos suffered a 10-3 mercy-shortened loss against the Oshawa City and District Fastball League-leading Athletics.

Now 7-0 on the season, the Athletics jumped on Mennos' starting pitcher Byron Baranieski by scoring six runs in the first inning.

Jay Nesbitt relieved Baranieski and went four innings, surrendering four runs in the fifth inning including. Two of which, were unearned.

Nesbitt also had one of the Mennos' four hits and drove in one run.

Stouffville resident Andy Skelton worked four innings for the Athletics and struck out seven batters to earn the win.

Now 2-5 on the season, the Mennos are scheduled to host the Oshwa Double B Juniors at Memorial Park at 8:30 p.m. today.

For more on the league, go to ocdfl.ca - Michael Hayakawa

## Pierson hopes win in Florida gets him UFC fight back home

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Sean Pierson's performance in the octagon as a part of the UFC FX3 under card caught the attention of the judges as he won a unanimous decision in his welterweight match against Jake Hecht of the United States in Sunrise, Fla. Friday.

The 36-year-old Stouffville resident, who sported a few cuts on the top of his forehead courtesy of some elbow strikes from Hecht, was awarded the fight after earning three decisions by identical 29-28 scores

For Pierson, the victory enabled him to even his UFC record to 2-2 and snap a two-fight losing streak

Overall, Pierson improved his record to 12-6 in mixed martial arts matches that he's been a part of.

"It was a great victory," Pierson said on the UFC website. "Jake was a real tough guy. He's an explosive fighter. He was a better wrestler than what I had thought."

"I thought I was doing great in the first round and in the second round I was going well again, but in the beginning of the third he caught me with a high kick. I couldn't judge distance and I couldn't engage. I was trying to survive."

What Pierson felt helped him overcome the adversity he faced was his jiujitsu skills.

"But by the end of the round I thought I was ahead of the scorecard so I didn't have a rush to finish him

"I put my best effort out there. I wasn't about to lay down and give up."

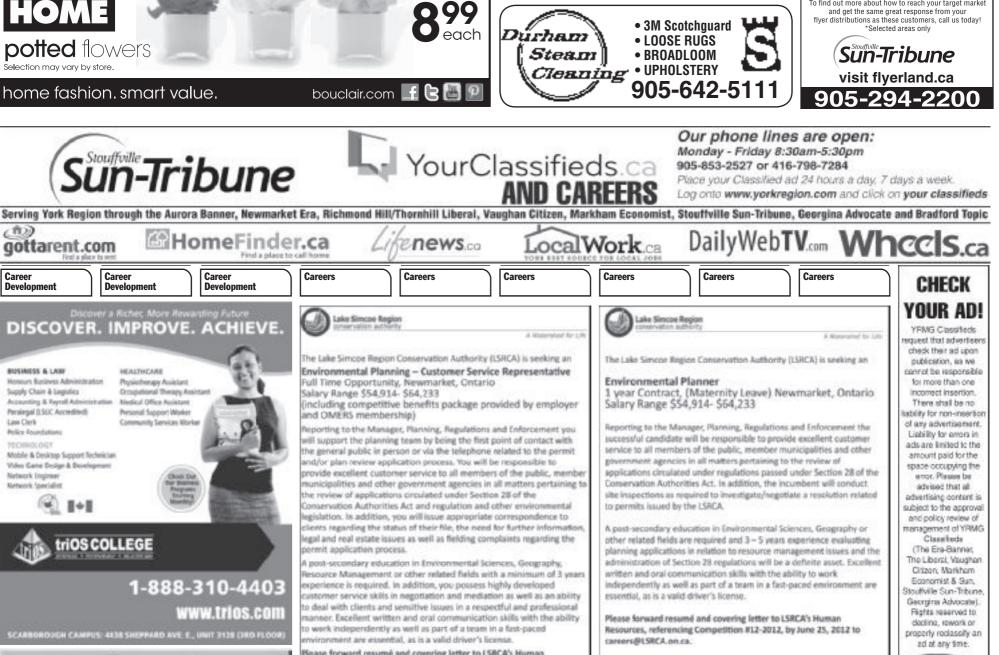
As for his next fight, Pierson said he will plead with UFC president Dana White to be on the next card to be held in Canada, whether it be in Toronto or Montreal.

"I need to be on the Toronto card," Pierson said. "Toronto is my home town but Montreal is my home away from home because I train there at Tristars. I'll beg and plead to get on one of those cards.'

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