

70 teams here for girls' tourney

Hockey teams from across Southern Ontario and one from Buffalo, N.Y. will converge on Markham and Stouffville when the sixth annual Markham Stouffville Starsfest Girls Hockey Tournament takes place this weekend.

A total of 70 teams are scheduled to take to the ice for three-day competition which commences Friday and concludes Sunday.

Participating teams will be competing in six age group divisions including: Novice A, B and C; Atom, Peewee and Midget C, B BB, A and AA; Intermediate A and Senior A and BB.

Seven playing facilities will be utilized for the event including the Stouffville Arena, Stouffville Clippers Sports Complex, Angus Glen Community Centre, Crosby Memorial Arena, Milliken Arena, Markham Centennial, Mount Joy and Markham Village.

For further tournament information, log on to: www.smgha.com or www.sportacularelvent.com

Hat trick for baseball all-star

They say that good things come in threes. In the case of Paul Xenophontos, that recently came in the form of making the cut in being a part of the York Simcoe Baseball Association's peewee all-star team for the third year in a row.

In procuring a spot on the roster, the 12-year-old Stouffville resident will take to the ball diamond in the 2016 Peewee All-Star Tournament to be held in Newmarket this weekend.

A member of the Markham Mariners AAA peewee team this past season, Xenophontos toiled as a pitcher and third baseman.

Attending the recent all-star team tryouts, which were also held in Newmarket and conducted over a few days, Xenophontos was among a number of rep players hailing from York Region and Simcoe that were in attendance.

What Xenophontos did with his glove, throwing ability and at the plate caught the attention of the coaching staff who eventually

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included him on their roster.

A Grade 8 student at Park Avenue Public School, Xenophontos was elated to be a part of this year's contest.

"I'm honoured and excited to be on the team and to represent the York Simcoe Baseball Association and to play against other great teams from all across Ontario," he said.

Clipper squad wins Cobourg tourney

The Stouffville minor midget AE Clippers got their season off on a positive note after they skated off with the championship from the Justin Williams Tournament that culminated with a 4-3 shootout win over Whitby in Cobourg last weekend.

In round-robin play, Stouffville battled Whitby to a 2-2 tie and followed that with a 5-4 win over Peterborough and 4-4 tie versus Ajax.

Advancing to the semifinals, the Clippers were buoyed by a solid effort from goalie Juan Rivera to blank Peterborough 3-0.

Facing Whitby in the final and with both clubs battling to a 3-3 tie through regulation time, each club scored once during the initial three-player shootout including one from Stouffville's Andrew Levesque.

With Rivera stopping the next seven Whitby shots, the Clippers won the title on a goal from Jacob Turney.

Coached by Corrado Messina, Craig Macinnis, Pete Hary and Mark Turney, other team players contributing to the Clippers' win included: Jack Valleau, Franco Minaudo, Liam MacInnis, Ryan Cusack, Robert Hume, Michael Hary, Tim Arnold, Jordan Lewis, Liam Clements, Sam Roy, Nathan Tratnick, Michael Messina, Mark Assal and Sam Luff. Brian Arnold served as team trainer.

— Michael Hayakawa



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