

Hunger never ends

By KELLY CONNELLY
After digesting five schools en route to the championship in last weekend's Anderson Invitational Volleyball tournament, Stouffville Secondary's Senior boys squad is still hungry.

It's probably too early in the season to make predictions, but coach Jim Fletcher seems positive his Stouffville Spartans can duplicate last year's outstanding achievements over the net.

The '84 squad spiked its way to the York Region and Georgian Bay Secondary School Association (GBSSA) championships.

"I can't think of a better way to start a season off," Fletcher said. "We went to the tourney for the

practise to get us ready for the Yorks and hopefully the Georgian Bays, winning this tournament has given us the confidence we needed."

And a five game sweep is a great way to juice up that assurance.

Stouffville, led by power hitters Rob Reeser, Gary McGilvray and Mike Feasby, skinned three Oshawa schools in a row in quarter-final play. Fletcher's boys upended Clarke (15-8, 15-8), Dwyer (15-8, 8-15 split) and Eastdale Secondary (15-5, 15-10).

The Spartan's "soft touch" man Joe Risk continued to set the ball effectively during his team's triumphant semi-final routing of

Couburg West (15-8, 15-7). McGilvray's cunning serves gave his opponents "near fits all day long" recalled the elated coach.

In the final against Pickering, Stouffville's Wayne Cheng connected for a couple key hits early in game one to prime the Spartan engines. Reeser's shrewd blocking up the middle coupled with his awesome smashes put rivals in a defensive rut for most of Saturday.

Brent Brown hammered the final shot that put Pickering away. Stouffville swept the series 15-8 and 15-7.

The Spartans will attempt to soothe their hunger pains in a second tournament today at Durham College.

Powerplay boosts Waxers

The one-two punch of strong goaltending and power play work is proving to be a valuable tool for the Markham Waxers.

After losing last week, the club jumped back on the winning side with a 5-3 victory over the Richmond Hill Dynes. This puts Markham's Ontario Junior Hockey League record at 3-1.

"We just didn't quit," said coach John McDonald, who's in his second season behind the Waxer bench. "We have great leadership from Dave Forgrave and George McGinnis. They just got the guys up."

Mike Battista tallied in the first frame as the clubs skated to a 1-1 draw.

"That period was kind of bad hockey by both team," McDonald recalled. "But in the second we took command."

Peter Walsh (on a rebound from Randy Smith's shot) and McGinnis (on a power play) put the locals up 3-1. The Dynes closed the gap to one in the third period, but were stopped cold by Markham netminder Rich Tabarrachi on a game-tying penalty shot bid.

Rob Ireland (on a power play point shot) and Todd Richardson (a final-minute empty net tally) rounded out the attack.

The difference between Markham and Richmond Hill was goaltending, according to McDonald.

Waxers

"Rich is really playing well. He's only allowed nine goals in three games, and for a 16-year-old kid in junior hockey, that's tremendous."

On the other hand, what's hurting the club right now is a lack of practise time — less than three hours each week.

"This problem kind of hurts us, so we have to work all the harder in game situations," he pointed out. "But while the kids make mistakes, they're errors of enthusiasm and you don't want to come down on them, because you'll kill that enthusiasm."

2nd place finish

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George Yaworsky (a three-run effort) all stroked round-trippers against Seagrove, Sprung, Anderson and Joe Watson combined for a triple play.

In the semi-finals Unionville outlasted Scarborough 6-5 in a 16-

inning contest, with Legear driving in Redvers for the winning run.

Unionville's good fortune finally came to an end with a 7-6 loss to Oshawa in the championship. Others are on the team are Steve Ferrari, Nick Markovski and Al Saley.

Markham Rec Hockey

ALE DIVISION				
TEAM	W	L	T	P
Rep Sports	3	0	1	7
Maynard Fuels	3	1	0	6
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Golden Griddle	2	2	0	4
Conlin Motors	1	2	1	3
Omniventure Travel	1	2	1	3
Connell Real Estate	1	3	0	2
Citizen Watches	1	3	0	2
LAGER DIVISION				
Toromark Furniture	4	0	0	8
Music Stand	3	0	1	7
Family Trust	2	2	0	4
Hank's Diner	2	2	0	4

Service Tire	2	2	0	4
Sylvia Houghton	1	2	1	3
Discount R.V.	1	3	0	2
McKenzie Trailers	0	4	0	0
GAME RESULTS				
Citizen Watches 5	—	Cosburn/Griffs/Brand	0	3
Rep Sports 2	—	Conlin Motors	2	0
Service Tire 5	—	McKenzie Trailers	1	0
Golden Griddle 3	—	Omniventure Travel	0	3
Music Stand 3	—	Sylvia Houghton	3	0
Toromark 5	—	Family Trust	2	0
Hank's Diner 6	—	Discount R.V.	4	0
Maynard Fuels 5	—	Connell Real Estate	3	0

Goal-reaching for Brother Andre

If meeting goals is the name of the game, then the Junior girls' basketball team from Markham's brand-new Brother Andre Catholic High School is a flying success.

According to coach Mary Deveaux, winning games can't be expected yet. After all, she's working with a roster of all Grade 9s, most of whom have never played the game before.

That fact was clearly shown with an exhibition game against the long-established Markham District High School. Doug Zack's crew clearly dominated, taking a 66-6 decision.

"I picked the defending champions to play, so we started with the biggest and toughest in the beginning," said Deveaux. "And it was quite devastating for the girls."

From there the team set a target of cutting in half their losing margin — in effect, aiming to lose only 33-12 in the next outing.

This was easily accomplished against Woodbridge's Father Bressani Catholic High School. Brother Andre came out on the short end of a 29-15 score.

"There's an obvious improvement in the girls every single game and practice," Deveaux stated.

Right now, the squad's biggest strength is its spirit, which is helping to overcome the most yawning gaps — shooting and passing.

To keep that spirit up the player showing the best motivation is picked after each game. At season's end, the girl who's been selected most often is honored by the school.

Although we're not winning, I'm quite impressed with their spirit and hustle," she said. "I'm really looking forward to watching this team grow."

Led by the top-scoring point-guard Meagan Griffin, the squad is already starting to grow talent-wise. It put up quite an impressive showing in a Barrie tournament recently.

Game one saw Brother Andre lose by the slimmest margin of 20-15 to Barrie Eastview. It had its biggest offensive game ever against Midland, dropping a 44-21 decision.



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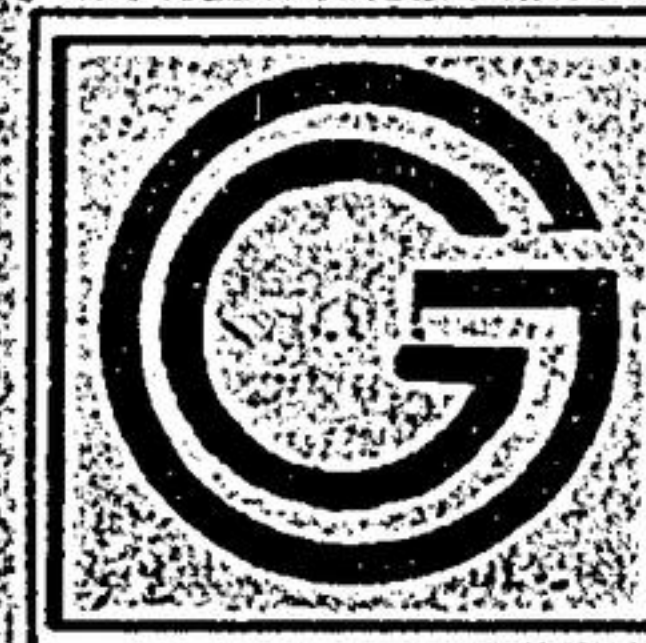
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