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Only Seniors can slow down Markham girls

With just one tournament left, the Markham District High School (MDHS) girl's handball team is pretty much guaranteed a spot in the upcoming Ontario finals.

The defending provincial champions won their third straight tourney of the season last weekend at Centennial College in Scarborough. The only loss was a 12-3 exhibition decision to the Ontario Senior squad.

"It was not too painful a loss, because there are 10 Markham grads on that team," said Brian Skyvington, who coaches the MDHS boys and girls with Jonathan Wardlaw.

Leading the way for the Seniors was Jane Robertson with a hat trick. Sandy Mitchell netted a pair, and singles came from Kim and Kathy Sulman, Les Aldcorn, Michelle Notaro, Kathy Durnan and Heather Graham.

Kim Black, Lisa Colley and Carrie Lanning scored for MDHS.

Markham opened the tourney by annihilating Whitby's Henry St. High School 14-3, on hat tricks by

Black, Colley and Katie Riddell. Sandra Mills had two goals, with one apiece coming from Melissa Joynt and Cheryl and Lynn Taylor.

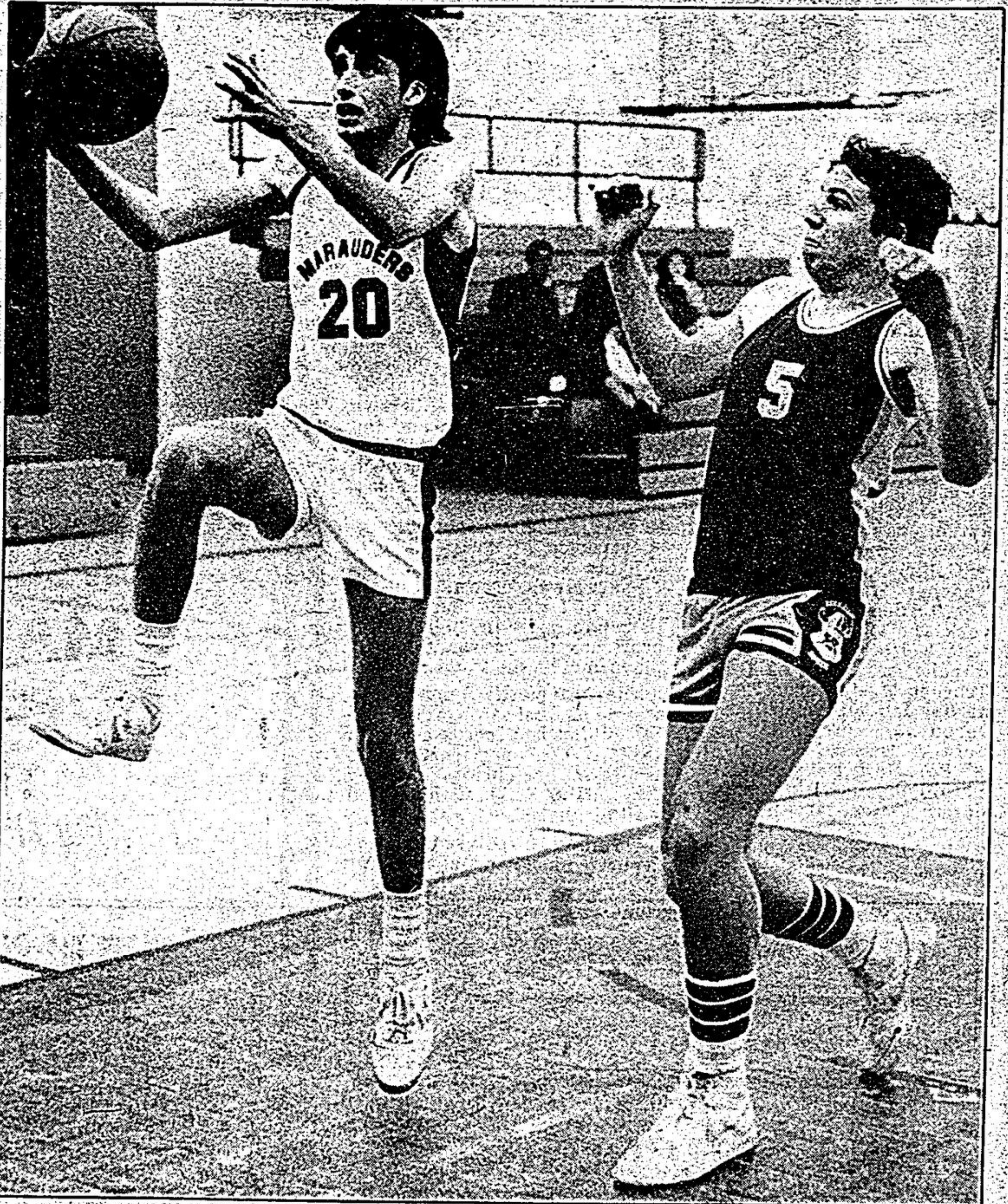
Game three was an 8-5 exhibition win over Belle River. The final score was not indicative of the game, as Skyvington sent in his bench strength after the starters built up a 7-1 lead.

One of Markham's toughest challenges ended 6-2 in its favor over Hamilton's Hill Park High School.

One factor keeping MDHS in the game was netminder Karina Watson, who has earned a spot on the national roster. She kept the half-time score at 2-2 until the locals could put together a strong second half.

Black, Lanning and Colley collected two goals apiece.

Markham completed the tourney by trampling Western Collegiate 12-1, on two-goal performances by Black, Colley, Lanning and Brooke Hewson. Mills, Riddell, Leslie Hanton and Lynn Taylor netted singles.



Up, up and away!

Markham's Dave Whitt (20) looks like he's taking off for parts unknown, while his Newmarket opponent rears back to watch. Action took place as Whitt was driving for a basket in Wednesday's Senior boys

basketball game at Markham District High School. The locals pulled out an easy 83-50 decision

— Sjoerd Witteveen

Local gymnast grabs top spot

Markham's Simone Senior showed 'em how it's done by being the only local gymnast to grab top spot at last weekend's Metro East Qualifying Meet for the provincial championships.

The meet, the first of several, saw the Markham Gym Club member earn thirds on the Argo A bar and vault, second on the beam and first on the floor. She finished in first place with 35 points.

Milliken's Cheryl Hoofat was fifth overall in the same section, with fourths on the floor and vault, third on the beam and sixth on the bars.

Danielle Leier finished ninth overall, after ninths on the bars and beam, eighth on the vault and third on the floor.

Kristen Rasmussen led the club in Jr. B competition, gaining a second overall by winning the vault routine and grabbing thirds on the bars, beam and floor.

Christine Steer was third overall with thirds on the bars and floor, second on the vault and fifth on the beam.

Kim Farwell and Leigh Smith were second and third overall, respectively, in the Jr. A division. Michelle Begay took third place in Tyro B.

Kelly Grice and Erin Fleming shared top honors in the meet for the Markham Winstonettes.

Grice finished second in Argo A, placing first on the bars, second on the vault, third on the floor and fourth on the beam.

Behind her in third was Lynsey Coughlin (first on vault and beam, fifth on bars) and Erin Egan in seventh place (fifth on beam, sixth on floor).

The other second placing went to Erin Fleming in the Tyro B division. She won the floor, finished second on the beam, third on the vault and fourth on the bars.

In the Tyro A section, Unionville's Stephanie Kruuk was eighth with fifths on the vault and bars, and sixth on the floor.

Martha Kotani was the top Winstonette in Argo C competition. She grabbed a fourth overall (out of 20 gymnasts) with a second on the vault, fifths on the bars and floor, and sixth on the beam.

Her sister Sally finished just behind in fifth place, thanks to a fourth on the floor, fifths on the beam and bars. Denise Miles was seventh overall, primarily due to a fourth on the beam.

Stouffville wins tourney

By KELLY CONNELLY
Magic posts and a headstrong Brighton goalkeeper weren't enough to cool Stouffville's Neil Patrick Novice Clippers in last weekend's Bancroft hockey tournament.

Offensive persistency paid off in a big way for the locals. They defe-

ated three opponents including Brighton to capture the "A" division championship.

Stouffville upended the Pickering Jets 2-1 and Oshawa Canadians 5-2 before peppering Brighton 4-1 for the crown.

"We were high in the dressing room before the final," recalled Clipper assistant coach Bob McKinnon. "But then Brighton scored first, and we hit the goalpost twice. Geoff Smith took a backhand and he hit the crossbar! We were starting to doubt ourselves."

McKinnon praised the undaunting efforts of his "middle players" who regrouped to set up their high-scoring teammates. Defencemen Jason Reesor, Geoff Smith, and forward John McKinnon were selected Most Valuable Players in the tourney.

Smith broke a two-period shutout against Pickering in the opener. He eluded the Jets' netminder in the third frame for a 1-0 lead. Teammate Ryan Jefferson widened the margin to 2-0 before the Jets rallied back for one with 45 seconds left on the clock.

Oshawa received shock treatment in game two when the Clippers claimed an easy victory. The Canadians had previously defeated Stouffville in exhibition tangles, and expected to win this meeting too.

Smith, captain Phil Pridham and forward Roger McMann gave their foe a rude awakening in the first period when they scored three quick goals. Oshawa's attempt at a comeback was suffocated by Jefferson's two insurance markers.

The Clippers trailed by one goal in the championship until Smith's strong solo effort tied it up. His teammates banged a couple pucks off Brighton's goalposts in the second period.

Finally, defenceman Sian Morrison set up linemate Jason Reesor for what proved to be the winner. Smith's second goal of the game and Pridham's shorthanded marker secured the title.

Prior to the tournament, Stouffville was shaved 5-4 by King City in a Friday evening exhibition match.

Stouffville is 0-3 against the King boys this season.

Volleyball girls make good

Older and more experienced competition finally did in the Markham District High School (MDHS) Junior girls' volleyball team at last weekend's Emery Collegiate tournament in Weston.

York Region's Junior age group is 15 and under, Toronto's is 16 and under, and this difference finally knocked MDHS out in the quarter-finals.

But the girls still managed to win 10 of their 12 games, over such teams as Runnymede,

Leaside and Innisdale, before losing to Gordon Graydon High School.

"In those games they just played beautifully," said coach Sandy Strachan. "They were very calm, co-ordinated, and disciplined."

Strachan admitted that "the girls did much better than I anticipated. And if the York Region age groups change next year (to match Toronto), then I'll be able to keep this group for another season."

She singled out Karen Lanning

as "just about the best Junior setter I've seen. She has a court sense, and is a real thinking player."

Anne Marie Rankin "improved drastically since last year. She has a tremendous net sense as far as tipping, hitting and blocking go."

Strachan also praised the efforts of Carrie Lanning and Katie Riddell (both splitting their duties with the MDHS handball team), Chris Newman and Kathy and Nancy Donkersley.