

# Weekender Sports

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This bunch of Markham Novice players look pretty happy, and why not? They just won their first hockey tournament, held last weekend in Orangeville. They are (back, left to right) Coach Martin Van Egmond, Trainer Sam Gellard, Assistant Coach Don Taylor, (middle) Zachary

Spain, Paul Franklin, Stevie Taylor, Scott Keeling, Jason Neal, Ian DeCastris, Todd McLeish, Trevor Van Egmond, (front) Jason Chartier, Brent Hughes, Mark Petrou, Geoff Doherty, Mike Gellard, Doug Maybury, Errol Borden Rick Donahoe and Greg Virgin.

## Stouffville, Unionville battle in volleyball

By KELLY CONNELLY and FRANK KING

Stouffville and Unionville will be the premier combatants at the Durham-York Secondary School Association (DYSSA) junior volleyball finals this Tuesday.

That prediction didn't need much coaxing from Stouffville Secondary's confident junior coach Jim Fletcher. Both schools met recently in the York Regional championship.

Unionville walked away with the crown after winning two out of three games 15-7, 2-15, 15-8.

However, Stouffville beat the same foe in a preliminary match, taking two of three games. Statistically, that means both clubs are even in wins with three apiece — though Rob Thomas's crew won the games that counted most.

"We were up 16 points in total out of the six games," boasted Fletcher. "They've won three games and we've won three. It's going to be a showdown between us and Unionville."

As for winning the York crown, Thomas admitted that "Stouffville's an excellent team. We had to play our best game to beat them, and we did."

The strange score (a lopsided Stouffville win between two Unionville triumphs) can be explained with the psychological nature of the game.

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## Markham Novices win title

It was their first hockey tournament win, but the Markham Rotary Club Novices showed they were the best thing going at an Orangeville competition last weekend.

Netminder Todd McLeish earned a shutout and the team outscored its opposition 20-4 in three straight victories.

Game one saw Markham destroy Midland 10-2. Geoff Doherty pumped home a pair and Errol Borden added a single as the locals grabbed a 3-0 first-period lead.

Midland hit the scoresheet late in the middle frame, only to have Doherty and Brent Hughes tally before period's end.

Hughes completed his hat trick, Jason Chartier notched a pair and Doug Maybury scored once in the third frame.

Mark Petrou led the assist-getters with four, while Hughes earned two and singles went to Borden, Scott Keeling, Greg Virgin and Maybury.

Markham's second outing was a 4-0 win over Aurora, with Maybury & Chartier connecting in the first period, and Virgin & Petrou in the second. Virgin, Hughes and Virgin collected the set-ups.

West Hill hit the scoresheet first in the championship and held onto a 1-0 lead until late in the second period.

Then Doherty, Petrou, Gellard

and Chartier scored to wipe out the deficit. Hughes counted twice in the final frame, to give Markham the title with a 6-2 win.

Petrou had three assists, with singles going to Hughes, Chartier, Virgin, Jason Neal and Ian DeCastris.

## Markham Hockey

**MINOR NOVICE**  
 SPEEDY MUFFLER 2 — GEORGE'S AUTO 2. Speedy: Michael Neilson; Travis Hale. George's: Boyd Major (2). ENTRUST FINANCIAL 2 — BRODIE'S 0. Entrust: Ernesto Capone (2). VIP INSURANCE 2 — SPARK STEEL 2. VIP: Jeff Loblacio, Mitchel Freeman. Spark: Kevin Seon, Jason Cigan.  
**MINOR ATOM**  
 CONLIN MOTORS 7 — MAYFAIR POOLS 3. Conlin: Mike Griffiths, Paul Maloney, Todd Burrell (3), Jeff Brand (2). Mayfair: Brad Deane (2), Trevor O'Neil. TOWNE OPTICAL 3 — MARKHAM SUNOCO 6. Towne: Jonathan Mott, Peter Morra, Mike O'Brien, Sunoco: Ryan White (2), Robert Spataro (2), Scott Reny, Kevin Rayner. PIZZA PIZZA 4 — PRONTO RAD 1. Pizza: Derek Kelly (2), Patrick Labelle, Sean Murphy. Rad: Alan Lever.  
**ATOM**  
 CROTHER'S PHARMACY 3 — CENTURY 21 CAROLYN PANNEL 2. Crother's: O'Brien (2), Jackson, Pannel: Simpson, Dwyer. APPLETON & HUGHES 2 — MARKHAM CONVENIENCE 1. Hughes: Hupe, Kirin. Convenience: Locklin.  
**MINOR PEEWEE**  
 MARKHAM LIONS 8 — FAMILY TRUST J.&L. HAWCO 6. Lions: Bryce Taylor, Bucky Houston (3), Scott Lewis, Kevin Cluett, Jason Wilson, Tony Mongillo. Hawco: Stu Currie (2), Mike Froggat, Eric Whitney, Brad Kernohan, Shawn McLeish. MARKVILLE TOYOTA 3 — MINT LEAF VIDEO 3. Toyota: Jason Boyer, Craig Katsuyama, Richard Swarbrick. Video: Chris Morris (2), Chris Hliffe.

## Locals dominate hoop playoff

By FRANK KING  
Sports Editor

High Schools from Markham and Unionville are set to dominate the York South girls' basketball playoffs, with Unionville appearing to be the school to beat.

Not one, but two Unionville teams finished their seasons in first place with nary a loss to their credit.

Don Carmichael's Unionville Junior Wolves, with a 16-0 record, lead the three-member local contingent into post-season play.

They finished the season with a 45-40 win over Richmond Hill. Stacey Black and Laura Panter hooped 10 points each.

"I really wasn't sure where we stood at the start of the year," said the coach, attempting to explain his girls' great performance.

"The first half (of the schedule) was fairly easy, but a lot of teams improved in the second. The league sort of evened itself out." Taking that into consideration

means that his team bettered itself too, of course. And Carmichael doesn't mind agreeing.

"I think we've improved," so have Markham, Brother Andre and St. Robert's. Certainly, they all challenged us each time we played them."

As for going all the way, Carmichael said "if we play as we're capable, we can remain undefeated. I know other teams will have to work hard to beat us. I just hope we don't get overconfident."

Andrew Bos's Markham District High girls finished near the top at 13-3, completing the schedule with a 50-17 trashing of Bayview.

It was an easy win, with Bos's first string only on the floor for the first and third quarters. Still, Nancy Donkersley managed to collect 12 points and Tracey Kay 10.

Bos figures on St. Robert's as MDHS's first opponent, and noted "I think we shouldn't have too much trouble with them. But they

beat us in our own gym, so it won't be a walkover."

To get ready for it, he's trying to make his squad more flexible, particularly with the introduction of a defensive zone press.

Meanwhile, a surprise playoff force could be the Brother Andre Cardinals; from a school with only 520 students. (There are elementary schools in this area with a bigger population!).

The Mary Deveaux/Steve Green squad had a slow start, but came up with a brilliant second half — including a win over Markham.

Sue Hogaboom's Unionville Midget Wolves, with an 8-0 record, finished head and shoulders above the other four York South squads.

"Right now our chances (of making the York finals) look pretty good, but we'll have to see who it is we're playing," said the coach, adding Thornhill would be their toughest competition.

She attributed the girls' great

season to "very good defence, plus we're a fast team." Several games in a recent Mississauga tourney also helped sharpen their skills.

Hogaboom didn't want to spotlight players for praise, noting "it's really a team effort. I hate to single people out, and we've played games without them and still won."

Nevertheless, she was pleased with the efforts of Andrea English, Carolyn Wilson, Debbie Hodgson (the most improved on the team) and Karen Hope (the most flexible).

The Senior playoffs were supposed to be a battle royal between Nick Del Principe's St. Robert's Raiders and George Kraus's '85 York and Georgian Bay champs at Markham High.

Both teams finished with identical 11-1 records, though Markham was awarded top spot in the standings on scoring differential.

But the Raiders were unexpectedly bounced with a 49-45 loss

to third-place Thornlea on Thursday. This means Markham, with a round-one tangle against fourth-place Bayview, should have few problems gaining a spot in the regional final.



MARY DEVEAUX  
Strong second half