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## Soccer survives

By ALAN SHACKLETON  
Sports Editor

Despite a relatively poor turnout at their annual meeting, the Whitchurch-Stouffville Soccer Club has decided that the sport will survive.

There were only about 12 people at the annual general meeting last Tuesday night at the Recreation Centre, excluding executive members, though the gathering had been heralded as the last chance for supporters to prove there was enough interest in minor soccer to continue next season.

"The turnout wasn't gigantic," admitted Club President Casey van Maris. "But it was quality. They showed a lot of interest and enthusiasm, and have provided new blood in the executive for the future."

The 1987 executive had said they would not continue unless some new volunteers came forward to help lighten the load, and show some interest in soccer.

After a bit of elbow-bending and explanation a new executive was formed for 1988, no one was elected to a position—all volunteered and were

unchallenged.

The new Whitchurch-Stouffville Soccer Club executive is Casey van Maris, president, Bob Tilley, A division vice-president, Kathy Winterlood, B division vice-president, Doug Wall, treasurer, Brenda Parsons, registrar, and Nancy Gillespie, secretary.

Two of the members, van Maris and Wall are assuming the positions they held last year, but only after they were convinced the interest in continuing soccer in Stouffville did exist.

"It was close," van Maris said. "A number of members of last year's executive would stepped down no matter what. It wasn't a ploy. It's the closest we've come to folding, but the new people encouraged us."

As with most minor sports, lack of parental volunteers is hurting the soccer club, van Maris added. He said that the priority will be to build a strong house league to provide fun and enjoyment for the many soccer players in the area.

"The kids are here and ready play," he explained. "They'll come out and continue to play if they're looked after."

## Lack of umpires will be big challenge for minor softball

By ALAN SHACKLETON  
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The biggest challenge facing minor softball is the lack of qualified umpires, said the President of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Softball Association.

"In 1988 umpires will be in short supply for house league ball," President Eldon Wagg, told members of the Association at their annual general meeting Wednesday night in Latham Hall.

"We're going to need all the umpires we can get," he con-

tinued. "We might have six house league umpires if we're lucky for 1988. We're going to need help, a lot of it."

"If anyone knows of someone who might be interested in being an umpire, I urge you to get in touch with them."

The umpire shortage was the most serious of a number of issues dealt with at the meeting, which included the selection of a new executive for next season.

Minor softball in Stouffville is coming off one its most successful

seasons in recent memory, and 36 voting members attended Wednesday's meeting.

The Association finished this season with an operating surplus of \$3,813.77.

Some 940 players participated in minor softball in Stouffville, there were 67 house league teams and seven representative teams.

In 1986, there were 63 house league teams and only four representative teams.

The Association's new executive is Eldon Wagg, returned unopposed as president, Mike Davies, elected vice-president, Elaine Haylow, secretary, and Carol Watson, elected treasurer.

Next season, for the first time, parents will receive the constitution, regulations and rules of the Association in small booklet form when they register their children.

After the meeting, Wagg said that while lack of parental volunteers isn't at crisis proportions, as it is in some other minor sports, there is still a shortage in softball.

"There are never enough volunteers," he said. "When we start the season we'll have 60 or so teams needing coaches and managers. Hopefully, we'll get the parents to do it."

As for umpires, he said the Association definitely needs more of them.

"We just haven't got the bodies," he said. "And it's a great job for youngsters to umpire house league ball. They get paid and it gives them a chance to work their way up and advance as an umpire."



Uxbridge Junior Tiger Trevor Smith (4) lunges after a fumble while two Dwyer defenders look on during Durham Region high school football action Friday afternoon in Uxbridge. The Junior

Tigers won 14-0 to earn a playoff spot against Henry Street of Whitby this afternoon. Unfortunately, the Senior Tigers were mauled 38-0 by Dwyer.  
— Alan Shackleton

## Emotional win puts Junior Tigers in football playoffs

By ALAN SHACKLETON  
Sports Editor

An impressive 14-0 win over Paul Dwyer Friday put the Uxbridge Junior Tigers into the Durham Region high school football playoffs.

The win gave the Tigers a record of four wins and two losses, good enough for third spot in their division. They take on second place Henry Street in Whitby this afternoon, with a trip to the division title on the line.

The victor will play the winner of the Pickering High School - Dunbarton clash.

Tiger coach Brian Manorek said the two squads are evenly matched. The earlier Henry Street win was just bad luck for Uxbridge.

"I'm very confident going in against Henry Street," Manorek said after the Dwyer victory. "I think we have a very good shot at beating them. Hopefully, some of our injured players will be back, and there's no reason we can't go all the way to the championship."

The Junior Tiger offensive backfield has taken a real beating this season due to injuries.

However, they looked strong against Dwyer Friday afternoon in Uxbridge.

Especially the outstanding running of halfback Mike Klose who scored both touchdowns to break the game open in the second half.

Klose's final touchdown, early in the fourth quarter, was a beautiful piece of inside running which he broke to the outside for a 30 yard major.

The run had coach Manorek raving. "Mike was outstanding, he won the game for us. That second touchdown was probably the best run I've seen all year."

The Uxbridge and Dwyer Juniors really don't like each other, Dwyer beat the Tigers for the Durham title last season on a controversial play, so Friday's win, which knocked Dwyer out of the playoffs was sweet for the Tigers.

Before the game began, the Dwyer coach was screaming

at his players, pushing them and throwing the odd football at any who didn't seem 'psyched up' enough.

It was a hard-hitting, emotional affair throughout, and Tiger quarterback Ian Witucki took a vicious shot to the leg as he was going down in the first quarter.

The injury didn't take him out of the game for long, but it did hamper his running ability forcing the Tigers to use big fullback Trevor 'Bubba' Davis more than they planned.

Davis came through with a superb game, though, plowing through on short-yardage situations and opening some large holes for the halfbacks.

The Junior Tiger defence was once again outstanding, as they frustrated Dwyer at every opportunity, including a big interception by Paul Stevens.

The fortunes of the Senior Tigers were much dimmer as they were blown out by Dwyer 38-0 to end their season.

## SDSS Midgets a perfect 10-0

Will it ever end? The Stouffville District Secondary School (SDSS) Midget Spartans girls basketball team won twice last week to extend their winning streak to 10 games, and keep their perfect record intact. The Midgets haven't lost a game this season, and last Thursday they faced one of their biggest challenges so far when they took on Huron Heights of Newmarket.

Anne and Sue Baston combined for 25 points to lead the Spartans to a 31-26 win. Sue netted 14 points while Anne added 11.

Midget coach Bill McKnight said the game was a tough test, and without the heroics of the Bastons the Spartans would have been in trouble as the rest of the offence was cold.

"We dominated the game throughout, but we couldn't seem to get points," he said.

Jen Barker with four points rounded out the Spartan scoring. On Tuesday, the Midgets hosted King City and put in solid team effort to win 39-20.

Kelly Sheridan scored six points and played an outstanding game for the Spartans both on offence and defence.

Sue Baston with 10 points, Jen Barker with eight and Julie Colman with six also played well.

"The girls played a fine game," McKnight said. "Our guards Kelly Sheridan, Julie Colman and Janine Bell played very well." The Midget Spartans go after win 11 this afternoon when they meet Sacred Heart on the road.

"The girls are playing well and we hope to maintain our momentum all the way to a championship," McKnight said.

## SDSS sixth at Durham-York cross country meet, Brenda Hachey goes to provincials

A strong run over a very tough cross country course at Dagmar ski hills Thursday qualified Stouffville's Brenda Hachey for the Ontario championships this weekend.

Hachey, representing Stouffville District Secondary School (SDSS), finished third in the Junior girls' race during the Durham-York Secondary School Athletic Association (DYSSAA) cross country championships at Dagmar.

Racing against a field of 57, her finish was the best by any SDSS

runner at the meet. The hilly course and miserable weather took a toll on the SDSS team, and they finished sixth overall at the meet.

The Ontario cross country championships are slated for this Saturday in High Park, Toronto.

"Brenda has practiced hard this year and deserves a great deal of credit for her many running accomplishments," SDSS cross country coach Dave Connell said. "All the team members are wishing her good luck on Saturday."

SDSS entered teams in all six divisions at the DYSSAA meet, and Connell was hoping for a better finish as a team than sixth.

"The hills and rough terrain took its toll on our runners," he said of the Dagmar course. "Somehow, we need to have all our team members get a lot more hill practice."

Hachey's run helped the Junior girls team place fifth in their division: The Midget girls were seventh, the Midget boys fifth, the Junior boys seventh, the Senior girls fifth and the Senior boys seventh.

Other SDSS runners who placed well were Lisa Zeck in Senior girls, 16th in a field of 35, and Rob McConnell finished 16th in a field of 59 in the Senior boys race.

Dale Gross, SDSS cross country co-coach, said the tough course was very demanding on the runners and all who completed it can be proud.

Also, the weather was cold, windy and all-round unpleasant. Freezing rain, hail and icy winds made it tough on all the racers.

"I was able to spend most of the time out on the courses, and they were very hilly with rough paths," Gross said. "It was exciting to see the struggles of the various runners on the steep hills. These were very demanding races, and SDSS should be proud of all its runners."

Other SDSS finishers included Raquel Beecher, 29th, Tanya Caissie, 38th, Michelle Powell, 42nd, and Michelle Hofstee, 47th, in Midget girls against a field of 56.

In Midget boys, with a field of 66, Matt McKnight was 21st, Mike Morgan, 27th, Mike Greathead, 41st, Todd Stover, 55th, Les Hartai, 59th, Peter Caudle, 60th, and Jason Assinck was 61st.

In Junior girls, Anne Beecher, 18th, Lise Haylow, 26th, Colleen Whittaker, 33rd, Maureen Slater, 37th, and Holly McNamara, 44th.

In Junior boys, Steve Bishop was 23rd against 64 runners, Jason Dixon, 32nd, Andreas Schultz, 41st, Rob Blundon, 42nd, Buce Hachey, 43rd.

In Senior girls, Mary Sled, 23rd, Sarah Winger, 29th, Leslie Snooks, 33rd, Stephanie Lintner, 35th.

In Senior boys, Sean Souter, 40th, Bryan Patterson, 42nd, Kevin Arnold, 43rd, Sean Procurer, 46th, Dave Reesor, 51st, John Brummell, 52nd.



Finally, it's over! Holly McNamara of the SDSS Junior girls cross country team is glad the gruelling race along Dagmar ski trails is finished. Holly placed 44th out of 57 runners in the race during the Durham-York championships last Thursday. — Alan Shackleton

Mary Sled, centre, of the SDSS Senior girls cross country team takes one of the many steep hills on the tough Dagmar course during the Durham-York cham-

ampionships last Thursday. Mary finished 23rd out of the 35 runners in the race, and helped Stouffville finish sixth overall at the meet. — Alan Shackleton