

Stouffville falls short in finals

By ALAN SHACKLETON
Wait until next year.

It's all Stouffville District Secondary School (SDSS) Senior Spartans boys volleyball coach Jim Fletcher can say after his squad came within one point of going to the all-Ontario championships.

The Spartans finished third at Tuesday's Durham-York Secondary School Athletic Association (DYSSAA) Championships with six points. The two top teams, Pickering and Thornlea tied for first with seven points, advanced to the provincial finals.

"We beat both Pickering and Thornlea during the season, but those two teams get to go to the all-Ontario's," Fletcher said.

The DYSSAA Championships were a round-robin tourney at Thornlea featuring the top squads from York and Durham Regions. SDSS, the York champions, played Port Perry, Thornlea, Pickering, Bayview and Oshawa's Anderson, winning six of their 10 games.

The contest the Spartans would most like back, and the one that will probably keep coach Fletcher awake at night, was their first match-up against Thornlea in which they blew a 14-10 lead.

The Spartans were one point from victory, but ended up losing 16-14. A point was awarded for each game won at the championships, so a win over Thornlea would have sent SDSS to the provincials.

"We missed it by one point, and it was the first Thornlea game that cost us," Fletcher said.

Inspired by the comeback, Thornlea went on to beat the stunned Spartan side 15-8 in the second game. Fletcher believes those

were two games SDSS should have won.

The Spartans split their games with Pickering 15-2, 13-15, which only added to the coach's frustration.

"We lost, we should be going to the all-Ontario's but we're not," he said.

In their other DYSSAA contests, SDSS topped Anderson 15-5, 15-5, knocked off Bayview 15-12, 15-9, and split with Port Perry 12-15, 15-0.

SDSS had the best point differential — difference between points scored and points allowed at the tournament.

Injuries have hampered the Spartans all season, and Tuesday was no exception. They are still without the services of captain Scott Rehill, out with a knee injury, and top-shooter Guy Cowan was suffering from the flu and a 104-degree temperature at game time, though he tried to tough it out as best he could.

The rest of the team picked up the slack well, especially Joel Fletcher. "Joel was our most consistent hitter on the day," coach Fletcher said.

Despite the disappointment of not making the Ontario championships, there is great optimism for next season, he added.

"I'm looking forward to next year, I think we'll definitely go to the all-Ontario's," Fletcher said. "We're a young team and almost everybody will be back. You'll be hearing a lot more about this team in the future."

"It was great season, and next year will be even better. I believe we have a chance to be one of the top 10 teams in the province next year."



Special cheque

A special presentation was made at the recent Markham Men's Recreational Hockey League John Bulnes Awards Night. The league presented cheques to Mark Stevens (seated) and Dave Collins (left) both injured in accidents. The money was raised at the league's annual ball tournament. Presenting the two \$2,180 cheques are tourney organizers Mike Zedner and Tony Rigg. — Bill Lanning

Markham Rec Hockey

ALE DIVISION				
Team	W	L	T	P
Omniventure Travel	10	0	0	20
Green's Restaurant	8	1	1	17
CConnell Real Estate	5	5	1	11
Music Stand	4	4	3	11
Markville Toyota	5	3	0	10
Planning Centre	4	5	1	9
Rep Sports	4	6	0	8
Service Tire	2	5	3	7
McKenzie Trailers	3	7	0	6
Sylvia Houghton	3	7	0	6

LAGER DIVISION				
Team	W	L	T	P
Family Trust/Webber	8	3	0	16
Citizen Watches	7	2	0	14
Discount RV	5	3	3	13

Golden Griddle	4	4	2	10
Hollywood Grill	4	5	1	7
Conlin Motors	4	6	0	8
Columbia Diamonds	3	5	2	8
Cosburn/Griffs/Brandham	3	6	1	7
Hank's Diner	3	6	1	7
Appleton & Hughes	3	7	1	7

Music Stand 2 — Cosburn/Griffs 1
Family Trust 4 — Columbia Diamonds 1
Omniventure 5 — McKenzie Trailers 3
T.A. Connell 5 — Planning Centre 0
Discount RV 5 — Appleton & Hughes 2
Music Stand 10 — Rep Sports 0
Conlin Motors 5 — Hank's Diner 2
Markville Toyota 3 — Service Tire 3
Golden Griddle 4 — Hollywood Grill 3

Markham runners enter big meet

A number of Markham area students recently took part in the Canadian cross-country championships held in Toronto.

Local schools represented included E.T. Crowle Public School, Reesor Park, William Armstrong, and William Bercezy.

The following youngsters took part —

Bantam Girls: Cindy Bradburn, Kim Orr, Jenny Welch, Kerrie-Ann Schneider. Bantam Boys: Scott Corgell, Marc Ryan. Atom Boys: Mike Wilson, Robbie Candlish, Matt Merker.

Atom Girls: Deryn Shepherd, Allison Drynan, Wendy Bellmore, Melanie Closs. Tyke Boys: Frank Lewitt, Jason Whitelaw, Daryl Colin, Adam Pezzack, Jeremy Pascal, Alex Hutton-Jay, Chris Helsby, Jamie Wilson.

Tyke Girls: Cerian Shepherd, Mandy Hornbrook, Lori Beach, Vania Gibbons, Jennifer Mayhue. Mite Girls: Kristi Bellmore. Mite Boys: Nick Hutton-Jay.

Coaches were: Greg Wilson, Andy Raithley, Harvey Parkes and Darriel Hutton.

Brother Andre junior boys overpowering

Brother Andre Junior Boys basketball team is serving notice that it will be a force to be reckoned with this season.

In a pre-season warmup match last week, Brother Andre overpowered Holy Trinity 76-21. Coach Rick Maloney was encouraged by the win and noted that the squad had improved.

"We played tough defensively," he said.

He predicts a good season because it's a veteran squad which will be more equally matched in age with other junior teams in York Region.

Brother Andre opened its regular season Monday against Father Bressani High School. The results were not available at press time.

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