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## Junior Spartans face tough basketball test

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The Stouffville District Secondary School (SDSS) girls Junior basketball Spartans put themselves on the firing line by virtue of their impressive 44-28 victory over Sutton in the opening round of York Region playoff action last Thursday.

Bill McKnight's Spartans must now face a power house Vaughan team this week in the semifinal.

Vaughan boasts a perfect 14-0 record so far this season.

The SDSS machine was hitting on all eight cylinders Thursday against Sutton, with an aggressive offence being backed up by a formidable defence.

Julie Coleman was top scorer for the Spartans, going to the hoop for 13 points.

Susan Bason added another 11 points, while her 12 rebounds were tops for SDSS.

Terrill Junkin had eight points and six rebounds, Kelly Sheridan was good for six points, and Michelle Hofstee picked off 11 rebounds for the Spartans in the victory.

The Senior girls Spartan cagers, who had last week off, will face Newmarket this week in their semifinal contest.

The Senior Spartans have already defeated Newmarket twice this season, and will advance to the York Region finals at Langstaff this Friday if they can get make it a three game season sweep.

### Novice Clippers defence disappears

The defence went AWOL for the Stouffville Novice Clippers last week, resulting in a pair of losses.

The blue-line brigade, which has held the Stouffville squad in most games this season, had their minds set on contributing to the team's light offensive attack.

With no one home minding the store, the Clippers fell 7-2 to Lindsay on the road last Sunday, then came home to lose 6-1 to Port Perry.

Mike Wood continued to hold a hot hand, however, netting one of the Clippers goals on Sunday.



*After the puck*

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A Betz Pools player, centre, tries to break away from Barry's Welding player Nigel Griffin, 9, during Atom house league hockey action Saturday morning at the Stouffville Recreation Centre. Barry's won the contest 6-2.

## Atom Clippers finally earn tie with Bowmanville

It was a nondescript win and a landmark tie for the Stouffville Boyd's Sports Atom Clippers on the weekend.

Kyle Norton had a goal and an assist to help transform an uninspired effort into a 3-2 victory over Port Perry at the Stouffville Recreation Centre Friday night.

Robbie Spytz opened the scoring on a long shot that deflected off the Port Perry defender Norton drew the assist.

Norton hit the target on a good individual effort for the Clippers second goal.

Andrew Hutchison got number three thanks to the strong forechecking of linemates Ryan King and Tim Smart, with Smart

getting the assist.

Boyd's goalkeeper Evan Boyd was sharp in net, nabbing several hard drives with his glove hand.

On Saturday, the Clippers fought to a 2-2 tie with Bowmanville, the first time in three games that Boyd's has been able to salvage even one point against the Bulls.

Dan Tardella found the net

with a shot from a bad angle to open the scoring.

After the Bulls squared things, Adam Crowder restored the Clippers lead when he stole the puck at centre ice and went in alone.

Boyd allowed another Bowmanville goal after that, but then held his ground the rest of the way to preserve the tie.

## Spartan squads providing great moments

For a school handicapped by a perennial shortage of athletic facilities, Stouffville District Secondary School (SDSS) is doing its level best to imitate a three-ring sports attraction circus these days.

With two SDSS boys volleyball teams hosting Durham-York title tournaments on successive weeks, and basketball activity that has the school's two girls teams gunning for regional championships, the boards on the old gym floor are taking a pounding of late.

And as if these teams aren't providing entertainment enough, the phys ed department lined up a basketball game last Wednesday between the school's hot shot teachers and students, and the infamous Harlem Diplomats.

Which, if nothing else, gave teacher Jim Fletcher a chance to

gain a long-awaited measure of revenge for having his gym shorts pulled down on the basketball court by one of those same Diplomats some 20 years ago when Fletch was a green Grade 13 cager.

With gym time as scarce as hens teeth these days, the Spartan volleyball and basketball squads are being forced to burn the candle at both ends. Practices are scheduled for anywhere from 7 a.m. through 7:30 p.m.

And speaking of getting caught with his pants down, Fletcher is already holding practices for his Senior boys basketball team, in order to prevent a recurrence of last year's slow start. It seems the boys were so into their all-Ontario volleyball chase that they weren't ready to dribble when the basketball season commenced the very next day.



### Sport notes

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They never recovered, and the season was a washout.

And the old pro, Jim Rehill, will go into yet another season with an untried badminton team, simply because he can't procure time in the school gym.

But then, he's only got himself to blame for turning SDSS into a volleyball Mecca some 20 or so years ago.

Speaking of which, it's been a while since they've seen anything

quite like the last ditch rally that came within an ace of seeing the Midget volleyball crew advance to the Durham-York final last Wednesday.

The SDSS faithful were screaming with anxious delight as the young Spartans came back from a steep deficit, took the lead, then ran out of miracles just as they stood on the verge of taking their semifinal with St. Mary's of Pickering.

The local boys were understandably

dejected after the loss, as was their coach Sandy Bush. Power hitter Jason Cowan, the only player on the team who can smash the ball to the floor like a Junior, or even a Senior at times, wanted to shoulder the blame alone for missing a few shots at the end.

But without his earlier efforts, the Spartans wouldn't have been there at all. This kid has got a terrific high school volleyball future. Fletch has already got his hands on him, as Cowan regularly works out with the Senior Spartans.

The 15 year old is sure to follow in the footsteps of big brother Guy, who had a dazzling career at SDSS before graduating last spring. All in all, it's a great year to be a Spartan!