

# Stouffville Sports

## SDSS Seniors beaten by tough Tiger team in exhibition action

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Stouffville District Secondary School (SDSS) Senior Spartans boys basketball team coach Jim Fletcher played the role of strategist and philanthropist after his team was pounded 71-38 by the Uxbridge Secondary School (USS) Tigers in an exhibition game at the SDSS gym Thursday.

The Spartans led the contest 15-9 after the opening quarter, but then succumbed to a relentless Tiger attack that saw them score 26 points in the second quarter to take a commanding 35-21 lead.

Fletcher said that his Spartans, who are currently riding a five game winning streak in York Region league play, were holding back a little in the contest.

"We might have to play them (USS) in the DYSSA (Durham-York) high school championship tournament, so we didn't play all our cards," he said.

Fletcher also pointed out that his team ran into foul trouble early in the game, which forced him to bench aces Karam Amer and Travis White for a considerable part of the game.

But the Spartans' coach had nothing but praise for the USS Tigers. "They earned the win. They are a well disciplined, well coached team. They'll be in there when it comes time to contest the Durham title."

Kevin Harmer had 12 points to lead the Spartans offence, while Amer added 11.

The Spartans were to play at home against Langstaff yesterday before taking a two week exam break.

## Junior Spartans destroy Denison in hoops win

In a game that was more like target practice than a basketball, the Stouffville District Secondary School (SDSS) Junior Spartans trounced Denison 72-20 in the school gym last Thursday.

The Spartans, who had been winless at home prior to the game, extended their record to two wins and a loss in the second half of the schedule, after going zero for six before the Christmas break.

Brian Leoni led the Spartans attack, hooping 23 points. Jason Hollin had 14 points, while Bill Pride, Dan Wilson, Jon Cowley, and Mike Greathead chipped in with 12, 11, six and five points respectively.

The Spartans dominated from the outset, taking the majority of the rebounds, and repeatedly making steals that led to fast

breaks.

But the Spartans went down to defeat, along with their Midget counterparts, when they travelled to Uxbridge Secondary School last Tuesday to take part in an exhibition double header.

The Junior SDSS cagers fell 54-45, while the Midgets lost 37-25.

The Juniors trailed 29-20 at half time, but managed to match the Uxbridge squad point in the last half of the game.

Greathead was top point getter for the Spartans, with 17. Wilson had 8 points.

The Midgets were ahead 15-12 at the half in their contest, then extended the bulge to 22-18 at one point in the second half, before Uxbridge took the game away from them.

Mike Knapp was the standout for the Spartans.



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A Stouffville Bantam Clippers defenceman gets physical with Uxbridge Generals' captain Brian Morrison during playoff action Sunday afternoon

at the Uxbridge Arena. Stouffville goalie Shawn Wilson watches the play unfold. The game was a physical affair which Uxbridge won 8-0.

## Bantam Clippers lose to Uxbridge as 'newspaper feud' heats up

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The Stouffville Edwards-Murphy Decorating Bantam Clippers have lost the latest round of what has become a newspaper feud between the Clippers and the Uxbridge Williamsons Generals Bantam squad.

The Clippers, on the heels of their first win of the season over Uxbridge two weeks earlier, were blanked 8-0 by the Generals in the opening game of their playoff round-robin in

Uxbridge Sunday afternoon.

Clippers' coach Joe Infurnari had taken exception to an early season report in an Uxbridge newspaper after a one-sided loss to the Generals.

He had used the article to inspire his troops in both their final showing at an Uxbridge tournament in December, when they were edged out by the Generals, and in their win over Uxbridge a week later.

After Sunday's loss to Uxbridge, Clipper's manager Wes Wilson said there was a conver-

sation between himself and the General's coach regarding the press war.

"It's not a big thing, but everyone's definitely aware of it," said Wilson.

The Clippers managed to stay in Sunday's game until the third period, when the Generals started adding to their 2-0 lead.

Stouffville was also forced to play two men short for five minutes in the brawl-filled second stanza, which Wilson said tired them out.

## Stouffville ski racing club a collection of robust rogues

A press release that found its way onto my desk the other day triggered a distinct pang of recollection of something that would probably be better left in the past in terms of sporting excellence.

The announcement was of the 16th annual "Winter's Competition". And the Stouffville group responsible for this unique day of ski racing at the Hidden Valley Ski Resort near Huntsville bore a strange resemblance in name to that collection of robust rogues and reprobates I had once got conned into joining about a decade ago.

It would appear that the old, and rather infamous, "Stouffville Ski Racing and Yacht Club" has expanded its name to the unwieldy "Stouffville Ski Racing,

Tennis, Yachting, Volleyball, Marching and Chowder(???) Society."

A veritable dog's breakfast of pretentiousness if I've ever seen one!

Anyway, the boys have secured 15 guest passes for this year's "Ski Challenge Races and Story Telling Competition", scheduled for Feb. 23. The deadline for signing up is today (Wednesday).

According to group spokesmen Dave Stronach and Stan Newmarch, the junket will begin with a "ski tuning session, complete with training and turning films (new for 1990), at the Newmarch Ski Race Prep Centre Feb. 15, in preparation for another year's outstanding event."

The \$60 stipend includes meals,



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and all rentals and lessons, which gives you an indication of the calibre of skiing expected.

And if my memory serves me correct, even the expert skiers like Stan Newmarch tend to be a stride or two below top form for the slalom race around which the day supposedly evolves.

Something to do with the pre-race party that goes into the wee hours the night before at the Newmarch ski chalet.

If my memory serves me correctly, this will be yet another chapter in the ongoing life rivalry between ex-Stouffvillite and renowned sportsman Gord Ness, and his nemesis, Bloomington's Bob Lewis.

These two have traditionally resorted to the most extreme psyche out measures in an effort to best each other in the slalom event. The loser has always been forced to make good on pre-race promises that make Toronto Mayor Art Eggleton's wearing of an Oakland A's shirt for a day, after the A's beat the Blue Jays, look like a reprieve.

The report goes on to say that the Ski Challenge Races awards, along with the Story Telling Competition, will be held as usual, in the Hidden Valley Ski Club's

Members Lounge, "with the usual bad jokes and unexpected race times."

When it's all over, the ladies will get their turn March 2, with Sandy Stronach quarterbacking that outing from her Freckles Gift Boutique on Stouffville's Main Street.

In typical friendly Stouffville tradition, both the men and women will be offered accommodation at Chez Newmarch the night before race day.

Just another example of those in our town who live on the ragged edge that comes with the thrill of victory, and the agony of defeat.

Interested parties should call Dave or Sandy Stronach at 640-1333, or Stan and Elva Newmarch, 640-4535.