

Stouffville

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Stouffville Bowling takes girls house league hockey title

Jennifer Williams scored five times, and assisted on another goal, to propel her Stouffville Bowling squad to a 7-5 victory over George Ross Photo in the Whitchurch-Stouffville Junior Girls House League championship game Sunday night at the Recreation Centre.

Laura Winterstein also fired a quintet of goals for George Ross, who tied the game at five in the third period before Bowling put it away with markers by Williams and Stephanie Summerhill.

Cynthia McCaul notched the other Bowling marker, with assists going to Kristi Ingram, with three, Summerhill, with two, and Cynthia McCaul.

Carrie Kirby, Shyla Brennan and Niki Thornhill had assists for George Ross.

In the consolation championship, Lindy's Flowers beat MPH Earthmoving on the strength of a hat trick by Jenni Turner.

She staked her team to a 3-0 lead before Krista Dudley and Julia Comito replied for MPH.

Lindy's assists were earned by Jennifer Norwood, with three, and Leslie Van Esterik, with a pair. Kelly Ward, Melissa Dawson and Kathy Tait collected assists for MPH.

Goalies Dawn Williamson for Lindy's and Jody Grabiec for MPH played well between the pipes.

In other Stouffville girls hockey news, the Angies Pee Wee Selects (made up of all-stars from the Junior house league) will play in a tournament this weekend in Brampton.

They will be one of 163 squads from Canada and the United States competing in the tourney, and the event will be the season finale for the Stouffville girls.

SAHL Champions



John Beal scored two goals to lead the Gallo Real Estate Red Wings to a 6-3 win over the Canadian Tire Black Hawks and the Stouffville Amateur Hockey League Over-40 Division title. Garth Bell, Bob McKinnon, Don Lloyd and Bill Corner also scored for the winners. Gary Harrison, with two, and Bill Harman scored for the Hawks. Other team members are goalie Keith Betz, Wayne Forsythe, Steve Megill, Steve Upton, Mike Morrison, Ray Mountjoy, Jon Baird, Dave Turner, Gary Fraser and Chester Cengarle.



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The G&R Flooring Jets beat the Village Landscaping Capitals 3-0 to win the Over-30 Division championship in the Stouffville Amateur Hockey League (SAHL) on Sunday morning. Goalie Gene Emes earned the shutout, while Jets goals went to Walter McDonald, John Barnett and Naz Nicastro. Other members of the championship team are Bruce Mehaffey, Harvey King, Herb Forgie, John Kuonen, Tim Lewis, Pete Mabley, Bob Smith, John Hickman, Dave McVicar, Brian Davis, and Henry Stevens.



Stouffville Bowling beat George Ross Photo 7-5 to take the title of the Stouffville Junior Girls House League Sunday. Members of the championship team are (front row left-to-right) - Amanda McDonald, Leandre Forsyth, Trica Davies, Lisa Forsyth, Deanne Hibbert, Kristi Ingram; (back row) coach Pete McCaul, Tara Drury, Cynthia McCaul, Sheri Bearden, Stephanie Summerhill, Jennifer Williams and coach Brian Williams.

Stouffville Juniors ready to go

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While the aspirants to the fledgling Stouffville Merchants Junior Men's fastball team engage in a rousing game of basketball in the Whitchurch-Highlands Public School gym, the squad's manager Carl Myers stands on the sidelines and fidgets.

"There's only so much you can do inside," he said of the preseason indoor practices which inevitably see the balls and gloves abandoned in a pile on the floor. "Everybody's anxious to get outside and start the real practices. We're hoping to be out there by Easter Sunday."

Myers has taken over the nucleus of last year's Stouffville Midget Representative ball team and is embarking on a three-year plan he hopes will bring the provincial Junior title back to Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Myers managed the town's Vandorf-based Junior outfit which took the All-Ontario Junior A crown in 1988, and assisted Howard Burkholder with last year's Midgets.

The Junior's starting lineup will include several players who helped the town's Bantams win the Ontario championship in 1987. But Burkholder, who has coached those stalwarts all the way up from the lower levels of Rep ball, has decided to take a year off.

Myers will enter his squad in the Oshawa and City Men's Fastball League, thus filling the void left by the disbandment of the Stouffville Betz Pools men's team.

And while he is not conceding anything for this season, he admits he's got his eyes on 1992 as the year he'd like to see it all come together.

"Most of these kids will be together for three years. They are mostly first-year Juniors, with a few second and third year players. It's a good mix."

He notes that the town's minor ball association has entered a bid for the 1992 Junior Eliminations, the annual Ontario title tournament which would bring from 20 to 30 top notch clubs to town.

That's what it's all heading for, he said, and Myers believes he'll have a crew that's ready to go for all the provincial marbles by then.

"But we should be competitive this year," he said. "We'll be gearing up for the Eliminations in July at Grimsby."

Myers' strategy is somewhat similar to that employed by Burkholder last season. Burkholder's Midgets competed in a Junior loop, the thinking being that they'd be sharper when they came back down to their rightful Midget level for tournaments and for the provincials.

The Stouffville club, weakened by the loss of pitcher Scott Evans to the Ontario and Canadian select youth teams, ended up fifth in the All-Ontario tournament at Hagersville in July.

"It would have worked," insists Myers, referring to last summer's shortfall. "But we lost a game we shouldn't have, blowing a lead in the late going, and that was it."

Myers feels his team will face some of the best men pitchers in their regular season games against their older Oshawa and City League rivals, which will enable them to tee off when they go up against Junior hurlers in tournaments and in provincial competition.

Myers' lineup will include last year's Midget mainstay, pitcher Byron Baranieski, along with New-

market's Glen Coles, who pitched for the East Gwillimbury Juniors last season. Chris Burkholder will be the number three hurler.

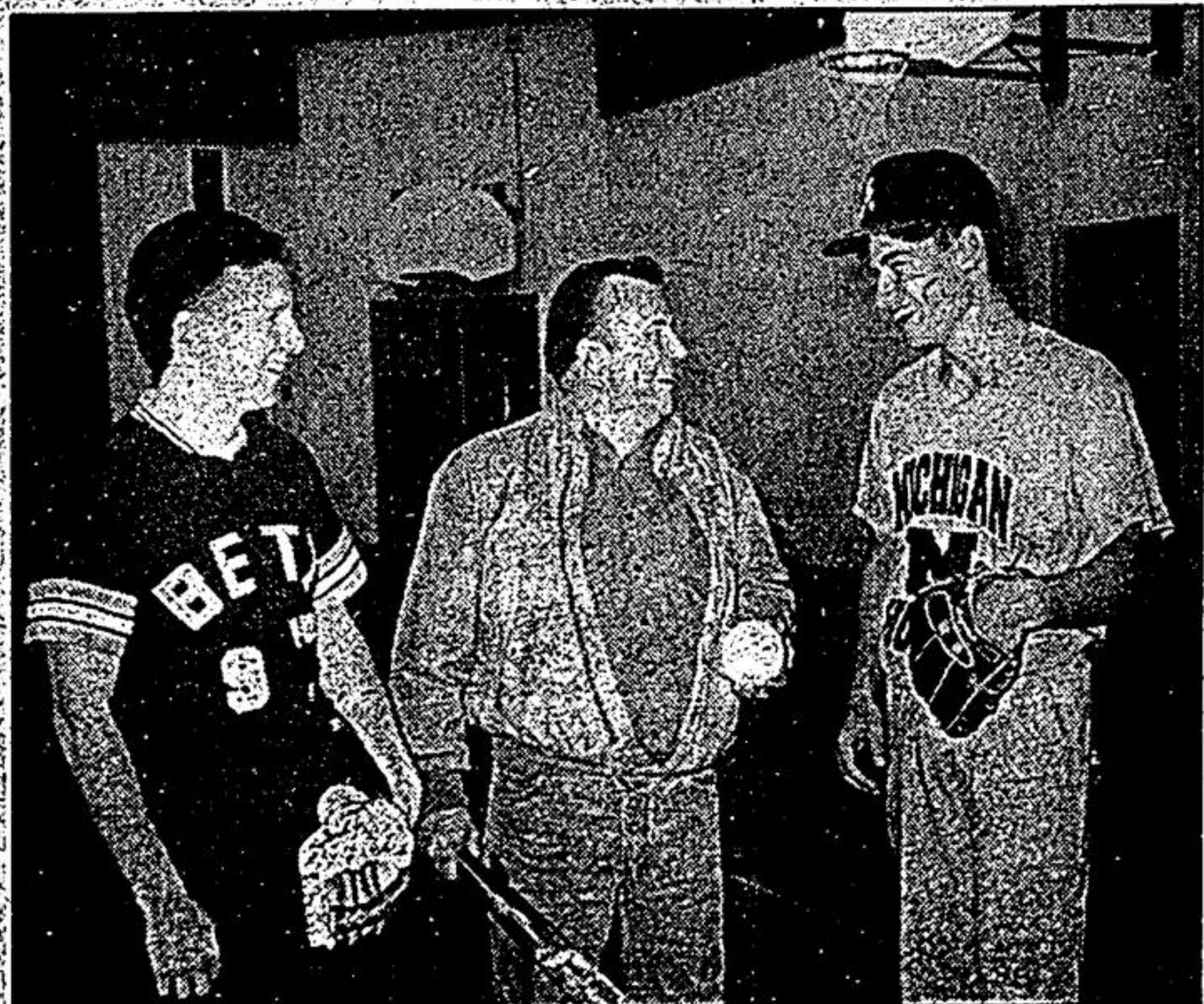
Jamie Showers, Rob Parcells, and Jason Yoshida will return from last year's Stouffville Midgets. Paul Sinclair and Dale Jones, who skated with the Uxbridge Bruins Junior C hockey club this past winter, will also be on the roster.

Myers says he's got several other prospects in mind, and that while he'd like to have Evans, he thinks the teen has decided to play out of town this summer.

The squad will be sponsored by a consortium of local merchants and businesses, says Myers, some of which are yet to be found. He is also looking for two coaches to run the team.

The club will take Betz Pools' old Wednesday night slot at the Memorial Park's Main Diamond, with the season starting in mid-May.

As for his own part in setting the wheels in motion for the town's Junior squad, Myers says he's just trying to make sure there will be a team for the players to do their thing this summer. "Somebody's got to put it all together. The kids want to play ball."



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Carl Myers, coach of the Stouffville Merchants Juniors, talks fastball with players Paul Sinclair and Chris Burkholder during a recent indoor practice. The squad is anxious to get outside and start playing the game for real.