

SPORTS

Junior Spartans settle for second

In a classic championship match that took 90 minutes to play, the Stouffville District Secondary School (SDSS) Spartans Junior boys volleyball team was edged by Huron Heights Saturday afternoon in the Mike Gardiner Memorial Tournament at Sutton District High School.

The Spartans finished second in their four team pool in the tournament's opening round-robin. They beat Vaughan two straight, and split with Barrie Central and Huron Heights before prevailing over the host squad in a three game first round elimination match-up.

The SDSS crew then bested Vaughan in three games to advance to the final against Huron Heights.

In the first game of the best-of-three title set, the Newmarket school edged the Spartans 16-14.

The SDSS outfit reversed the score in the second contest, coming back from a 7-1 deficit to claim the victory.

The rubber match went 35 minutes, with Huron Heights finally wrestling a 15-13 decision from the determined Spartans.

Brian Snooks, Tim Lavell, Gary McGowan, Les Hartai, Jason Cowan and Derek Sheehan were among the more prominent SDSS standouts as the Spartans put forth what the coaches are calling the best team effort of the season.

The Senior Spartans failed to advance out of their pool in Saturday's tournament at Applewood Heights Secondary School in Mississauga.

The Seniors will regroup for the Wexford Classic, to be held at the Scarborough school tomorrow.

Basketball girls get back on track

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The Stouffville District Secondary School (SDSS) Spartans Senior Girls Basketball team finally got the monkey off their backs Thursday.

And according to coach Bill McKnight, his cage crew is now set to perform some hoop heroics.

The Spartans, who lost their first three games of the season, laid a 52-34 beating on the home town Sutton squad Thursday.

Julie Coleman hit for 18 points to lead the SDSS scoring parade. Kelly Sheridan, Terrill Junkin, and Kelly Forsythe each hooped nine points, with Anne Beecher adding another seven.

Each Spartan player had at least four points, as all eight players combined for a well rounded offensive assault, according to McKnight.

"That's all they needed was to get a win under their belts," said McKnight, noting his team had lost two of its first three games to schools ranked Triple-A, which is a notch above the Stouffville's Double-A rating.

"They put it all together and played the way they could play. And they played super defence."

McKnight said his outfit simply put their three losses behind them, that they are now focussing on the York Regional and Durham-York (DYSAA) championships.

"It doesn't matter how many you lose at the beginning of the season as long as you win the last two."

A short handed Spartans crew had dropped a 52-34 decision to Huron Heights Wednesday, with Terrill Junkin scoring 13 points in a losing cause.

Barry leads Williamson to victory

Paul Barry netted a pair of goals to lead the Williamson Kings to an 8-4 win over the Consortium Group Rangers in Stouffville Intermediate Hockey League play at the Recreation Centre last Tuesday. Aaron McWilliams, Pat Duncalf, Troy Cadoret, Pete Sinclair, Ken Burrows, and Bill English also scored for the Kings, while Sinclair earned five

Julie Coleman, Kelly Sheridan, and Anne Beecher each hit for a total of five points.

In other SDSS basketball action, the Junior Spartans fell just short in their game against Sutton on Thursday.

Trailing most of the way, the Juniors pulled to within inches of their opponents, but finally lost 39-36.

It was a day of frustration for the Spartans, who would keep closing the gap, only to have the Simcoe squad pull away again.

The SDSS girls had actually tied the game in the game's final minute, but Sutton hit for three points in the last 30 seconds to claim the victory.

Leslie Palmer, Nicole Ellis, and Amy Beecher were the offensive standouts for the Spartans, who were without the services of injured Tammy Wray, a team leader.

Bobby Hull to be special guest at annual Betz Oldtimers hockey tourney on weekend

The Stouffville Betz Pools Clippers Oldtimers will celebrate their 10th year as a team by hosting the Annual Opening Face Off Part VI, Oldtimers Hockey Tournament at the Recreation Centre this weekend.

The 16-team competition will feature a guest appearance Saturday afternoon by hockey legend Bobby Hull.

Hull, representing the tournament's new sponsor, the Northern Algonquin Brewing Company, is to meet with Betz Clippers officials at Greens Restaurant Thursday night, and will be in attendance at the tournament's free dance Saturday night at the Recreation Centre Lounge. It is also hoped he will be at the arena Saturday afternoon.

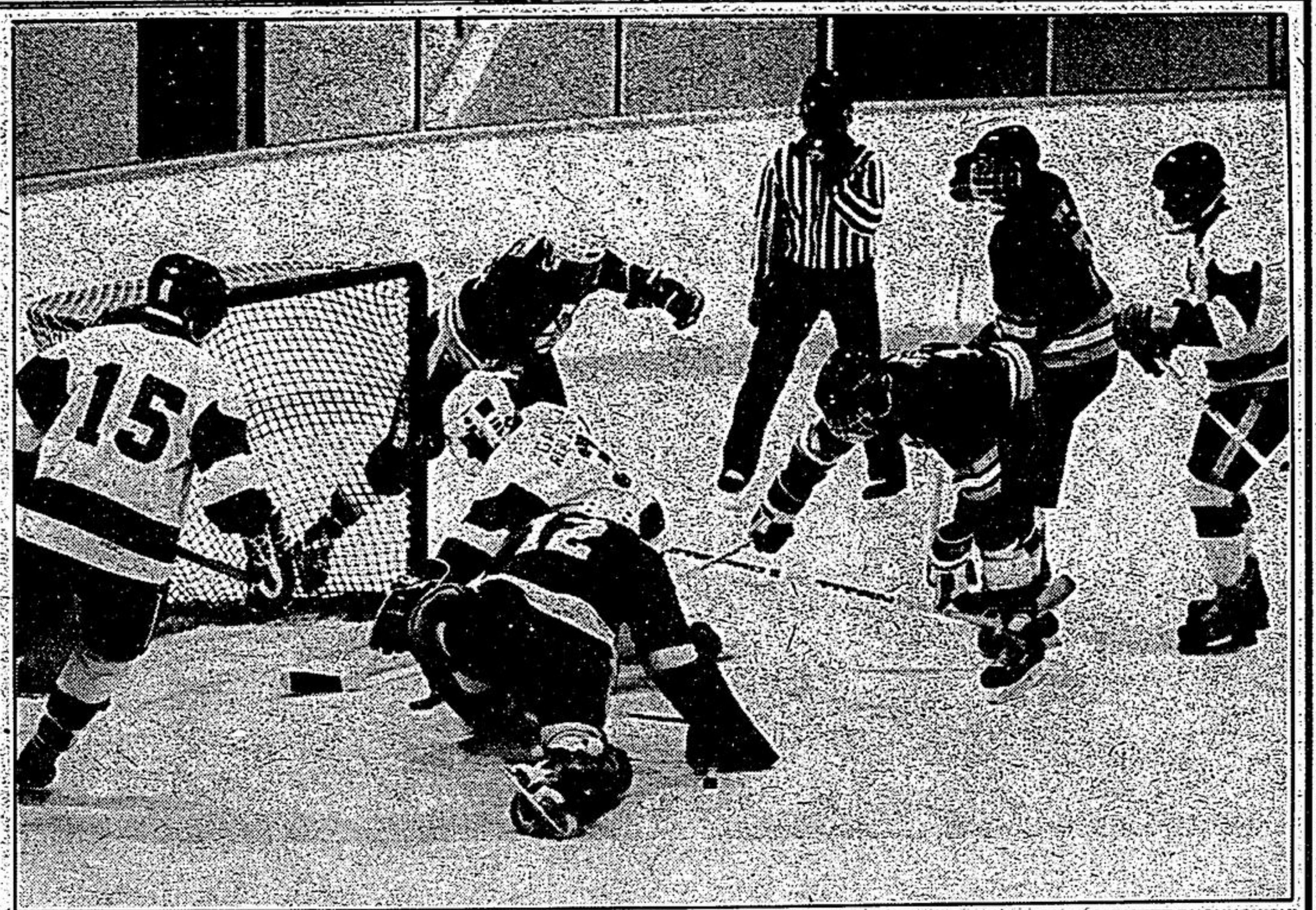
The dance will see the return of country and western music group Don Lloyd and Country Gold.

The tournament will be divided into four divisions, from A through D, with the host Clippers trying to recapture the B crown they won last year.

Mike Snowball scored twice for the Rangers, with singles going to Dave Fockler and Norm Wideman.

In other action, Doug Feasby, Todd Petkovich and Tim Lofgren scored for the Dave Blow Insurance Canadians as they edged Boyd's Sports 3-2.

Mike Glen and Mike Sear replied for Boyd's



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Goalmouth scramble

Smurthwaite Heating Bruins goalie Wes Wilson searches for the puck during a goalmouth scramble against the Gallo Real Estate Red Wings Sunday in Stouffville Amateur Hockey

League action. The Wings Lionel Villeneuve, 15, gets in on the play along with a number of other players from both teams. The Bruins won the contest 3-1.

North Stars edge Penguins

Two goal efforts by Naz Nicasro, Doug Todd and Andy Patterson helped the Greens Restaurant North Stars to a 6-4 comeback victory over the Farquharson Realty Penguins in Stouffville Amateur Hockey League (SAHL) action at the Recreation Centre Sunday.

Bill Meakes netted a pair, while Pat Madigan and Rick Glen each had singles for the Pens, who led 3-1 at the end of the first period.

Wayne Jackson and Darcy Milligan each fired a pair, with Don Reesor and Wayne Emmerson scoring as well, as the G&R Flooring Jets edged the Stouffville Travel Canucks 6-5.

Bill Grove scored twice, with Gord Smith, John Barnett, and Bob Leger notching solo markers for the Canucks.

Bill Hermanson's two goals led the Smurthwaite Heating Bruins to a 3-1 win over the Gallo Real Estate Red Wings. Steve Upton had the third goal, with Bruce Woodley replying for the Wings.

Dave Boyd scored twice as his Canadian Tire Black Hawks beat the Betz Pools Nordiques 4-1. Ralph Cain and Bill Corner rounded out the Hawks scoring, while Steve Ellis clicked for the Nords.

Steve McGill, John Visser, Terry Weatherill, and Ron Ramer all counted for the Stomark Rental Kings in their 4-1 win over the Villeneuve Heating Devils. Wayne McMann had the Devils lone score.

Brian Harper, Andy Cartwright, and Walter McDonald hit the target as the Village Landscaping Capitals downed the A&S Construction Flames 3-1. Marc Morreau netted the Flames goal.

The Stouffville Chefero Classics are to face off against Coxwell Sports Friday night at 9 p.m. in what is expected to be the feature game of the tournament, with the two teams ranked highly in the 'A' division.

The Stouffville Leaky Lawn Kings will also be participating in the event.

All four championship games will take place Sunday afternoon from 12:30 to 5 p.m.

Hunter, Wilcox score hat tricks for Pee Wees

Will Hunter and Steve Wilcox each bagged hat tricks, and Joseph Van Gelder and Evan Boyd shared the shutout, as the Markham-Stouffville Credit Union Clippers whopped the Markham B team 12-0 last week. It was the first victory of the season for the Clippers.

Every player figured in the scoring for the winners. Brent Avery and Tim Smart each had a

goal and three assists, with the other goals going to Roger McMann, Graham Crowder, John McKinnon and Ian Ellis.

Assists went to David Hutchison, Graham and Adam Crowder, all with two, McMann, Michael Underwood, Peter Smith and Scott Assinck.

The Clippers take to the road this week, playing Friday in Port Perry and Sunday in Port Hope.