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North Stars down Sharks in SAHL

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The Greens Restaurant North Stars were on full shark alert in recent Stouffville Amateur Hockey League play as they harpooned the Boyd's Sports Sharks 9-0.

Darcy Milligan led the Stars assault with a hat trick, while Walter McDonald and Scott Conner each netted a pair of scores.

Singles went to Pete Turner and Bob Slack.

Bill Hermanson was also good for a trio of markers as his Gallo Real Estate Red Wings toppled the Beiz Pools Nordiques 4-1.

Claude Fortin tallied the fourth Wings score, while it was Ray

Mountjoy responding for the Nords.

Joe Infurnari lit the lamp twice, and Garth Kirsman and Jack Holder chipped in with singles, as the Villeneuve Heating Flyers blanked the Canadian Tire Black Hawks 4-0.

And in another whitewash job, Gary Yoshida scored two goals, with Dave Turner, Bob Smith and Bill Ormson picking up solos, as the Smurthwaite Heating Bruins beat the Stouffville Travel Whalers 5-0.

Bill Houser's two tallies made the difference as the Stomark Rental-Kings snuck past the G&R Flooring Jets 5-4.

Bob Smith, Dan Harman, and Jamie Dunbar rounded out the Kings' scoring. Doug Todd, Pete Mabley, Charles Ramsay and Ken Smelser countered for the Jets.

Rick Hughes, Damian Comito and Andy Perley found the range as the Rand Pools Maple Leafs edged the Occasions Catering Blues 3-2.

Sam Castorina and Mike Long Ball Morrison had the Blues goals.

The A&S Construction Flames bested the Village Landscaping Capitals 3-1. Brent Gibson, Rick Lee and Ted Assinck connected for the Flames.

John Barnett had the lone Caps goal.

Bowler of the Week

Deborah Ringwood broke the 200 barrier in all three games as she rolled a 657 triple in Thursday Night Mixed League play last week.

The feat earned her the Stouffville Five Pin Bowlers Association's Bowler of the Week honors.

The triple total was 117 pins over Ringwood's average.

Novices end season with wins

Kevin Cinnamon was good for a pair of goals, and Adam Christensen netted his first marker of the season, as the Howard S. Lee Realtor Minor Novice Clippers finished off the regular season with a 6-2 win over the Oshawa Flames recently.

The victory came on the heels of a 6-1 triumph over the Oshawa Red Wings, as six Clippers shared the scoring.

Against the Flames, it was Fraser Smith, Scott McDougall and Jeremy Guest rounding out the Stouffville scoring. Assists came from Jason McDonald (3), Andrew Lombardo (2), Smith, McDougall, and Jacqui Vankoughnet.

Brandon Tardella, McDougall, McDonald, Dylon Harrison, Lombardo, and Smith all lit the lamp against the Wings, as the Clippers scored four times in the second period to clinch the contest.

Assists went to Vankoughnet (2), Tardella, Guest, McDonald, Lombardo and Smith.



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Express yourself

Amanda Leger of the Stouffville Skating Club makes an expressive move on the ice at the Uxbridge annual invitational competition held on the weekend.

No high school hockey team for Stouffville and here's why

An article in the Toronto Star's York Region section a few weeks back reported on the increasing interest in high school hockey in York and Durham Regions.

Across Ontario, there has been a 45 per cent jump in the numbers of high schoolers playing hockey since 1985, the article said. Currently, 11 schools in York Region are icing teams either at the senior or junior level.

The article cited the cleaner nature of high school hockey, the fact of games being played in the afternoon instead of the evening, and the shorter schedules of high school hockey as the reasons for the boom.

I approached Stouffville District Secondary School boys physical education head Dave Connell for his thoughts on high school hockey and whether he saw it as a possibility for his school.

Connell said he had been asked by a few students to look into it a



few years ago, but quickly abandoned the idea when he found it would be next to impossible to schedule afternoon ice time at the rec centre.

But ultimately, Connell would prefer not to have the program added to what he considers to be a sports program already overflowing with athletic opportunities for his students, especially considering the relatively small size of SDSS.

He pointed to the success of the school's morning hockey program, now into its fourth year, and suggested a program which provides ice time for some 75 players on a once-a-week basis has a much

broader appeal than would a school team, which would only include 20 or so teens.

He added that the keen hockey players at SDSS all play rep hockey, and that by adding a hockey squad to the school's list of teams, other established school sports would suffer.

"In a small school, you've got to spread the kids around," said Connell. "There's already a competition for players between rep hockey and high school basketball in Stouffville."

SDSS junior boys basketball coach Rusty Hick agrees.

"If we were to opt for a hockey program, there goes basketball," he said. "I'd lose the likes of Jason Reesor, Jermain Franklin, Ryan Jefferson, Ryan Burkholder, and Chris Leonard, and they are the heart of my basketball team."

Connell suggested if he was to ever introduce the school hockey

team idea, he would have no choice but to take the tack now used by the Durham board prohibiting players to play for a school team as well as a town rep team.

"I realize that would make for a low calibre team, but I just can't see a player going out on the ice in the afternoon with a coach who is an English teacher telling him to take it easy and play fair while three hours later the same kid is listening to his rep coach tell him to go get someone."

Connell said a school hockey team is just not a burning issue with the kids at the present time. He thinks students realize that by introducing the school hockey team concept, it would wipe out morning hockey.

Jim Fletcher, one of the other male phys ed teachers at SDSS, and an involved basketball and volleyball coach, agrees with Connell and Hick.

He says he would also be reluctant to do anything to jeopardize the popular morning hockey program at the school.

Connell added that not only is the morning hockey loop effective in terms of involving a high number of students, but it is also good for student-staff, and in some cases, parent-student relations.

Included on the rosters of the six evenly matched teams are more than a half dozen teachers, as well as four fathers who play alongside their offspring.

A trio of young ladies also participate. Connell sheepishly admits he is currently trailing Stephanie Summerhill, with whom he has a good natured goal scoring contest going by an 11-1 count.

And just to think, if he was to introduce a school team, Connell would be deprived of the chance to engage in such a healthy competition.