

stouffville sports

Midget girls unbeaten in v-ball finals

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A gold and two silvers. That was the booty accumulated by the trio of Stouffville District Secondary School (SDSS) Spartans girls volleyball teams at the York Region AA championships last week.

The Midget Spartans made it two titles in a row as they went undefeated at Wednesday's finals at the SDSS gym.

The day before, the host Senior Spartans fell just short of repeating as regional champs, as they were downed in the finals by a poised Newmarket HS unit.

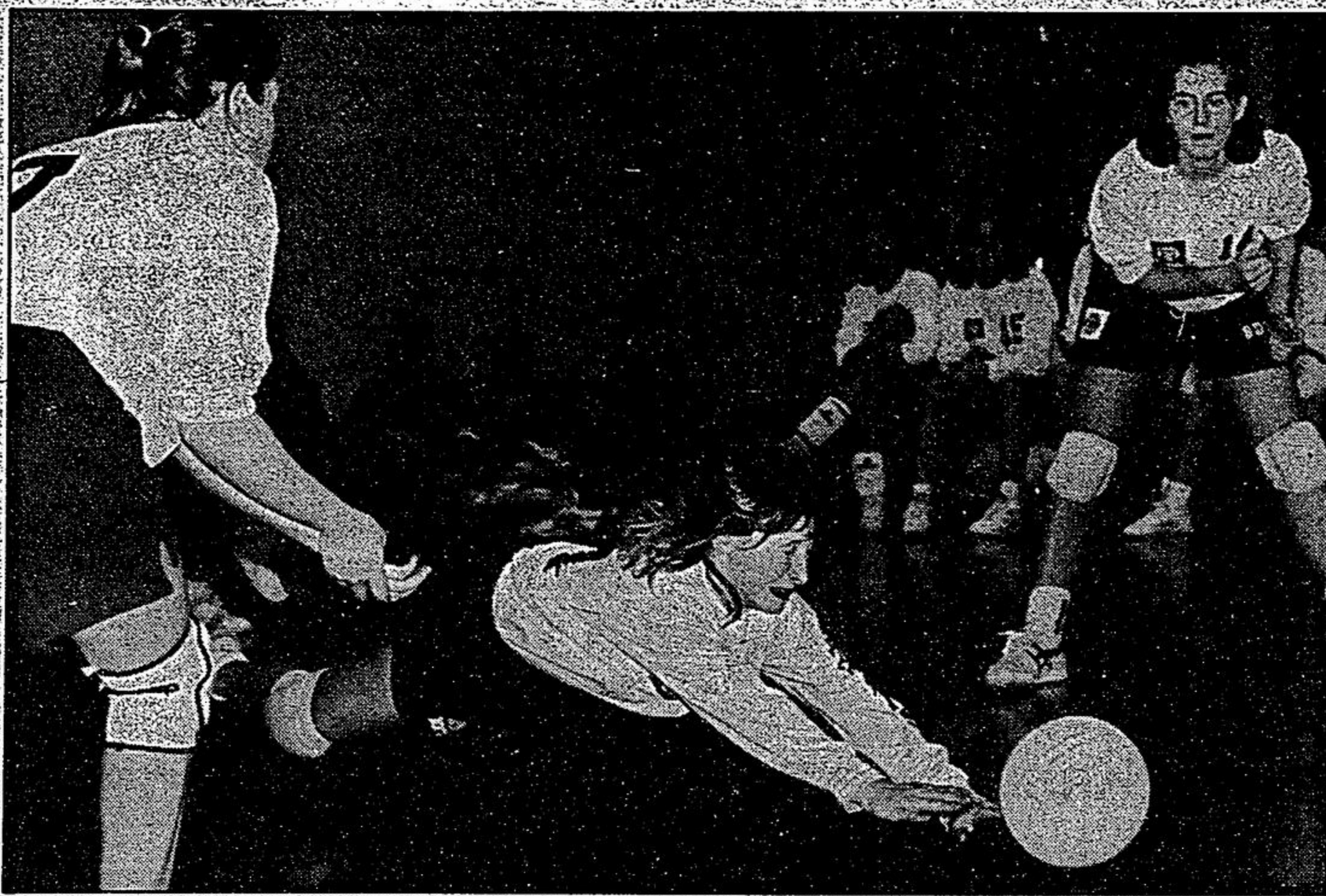
The Juniors met the same fate as they were defeated by a strong Woodbridge HS squad in the championship matchup.

For coach Sue Leroy's Midgets, it was a cakewalk as they easily disposed of their four opponents en route to the crown.

The SDSS girls knocked off Woodbridge and Sutton HS in preliminary pool play.

They then ousted Cardinal Carter CS in the semis before topping Richmond Hill SS in the finals.

Leroy said it was a total team effort, with her crew playing inspired volleyball from start to finish. "They used exceptional serving and positional play," said Leroy. "It



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The Stouffville high Midget girls volleyball team had little trouble disposing of their opponents, Woodbridge and Sutton High School en route to the York region championship last week.

was fantastic. They used great teamwork and they were focused. They never gave up even though they were down a few times."

The Senior Spartans went into their final encounter with an unblemished record, having swept Richmond Hill and Toronto Waldorf in pool play, then playing their best ball of the day in a semifinal sweep of Sutton.

But the SDSS outfit couldn't get untracked against Newmarket, according to coach Sheila Coleman. "The girls played well all day, and they probably played the best they've played all season

against Sutton in the semis," said Coleman.

"But playing on the full court in the finals in front of the home crowd, made them get a little uptight I think."

Team captain Carrie Swain agreed. "Everyone seemed to be uptight and nervous. We weren't natural out there."

It was the first time in three years the Seniors failed to capture the York championship. At Langstaff HS the Junior Spartans battled all day long. They needed three games to defeat both the host team and Cardinal Carter in the preliminaries.

The SDSS unit also prevailed over Newmarket in a three game semifinal tussle.

But the Spartans couldn't contain Woodbridge in the finals, as they were beaten two straight.

The Senior girls will try to make up for the loss of their regional crown as they host the Durham York (DYSSAA) championships this Wednesday.

The Juniors will host their DYSSAA finals the same day as well, while the Midgets will contest the DYSSAA finals at Newmarket HS the same day.

The top two teams in each region advance to DYSSAA

Pee Wees on to Ontario semifinals

It's on to the Ontario semifinals for the Markham-Stouffville Credit Union Pee Wee Clippers.

The Credit Union crew advanced to the next to last playoff round by knocking off Kingston 3-1 Wednesday in a game which clinched the quarter-final series for the Stouffville squad.

Scott Assinck scored from Kyle Osborne just 16 seconds into the game to give the Clippers the lead.

Tim Smart netted what proved to be the winner later in the period, with Ryan King and Adam Crowder assisting.

After a scoreless middle period, the teams exchanged goals in the third, with Lucas Anderson connecting for Stouffville. King and Grahame Smith assisted.

The Clippers are hoping to bring their semi final series this weekend, with their opponents being either Barrie or Orangeville.

Stouffville Classics beat Omeme to win tournament

Brent Stachel's two-goal performance helped lift the Stouffville Classics to a 5-3 victory over Omeme in the Lite Division championship at the Woodville Maroon Oldtimers Hockey Tournament recently.

Wayne Jackson, Don Harman and Art Nicholson also scored for the classics to help secure the triumph, which left the Stouffville squad with a perfect record of four wins and no losses for the competition.

The Classics led off with a 6-2 win over Pickering, with the Stouffville scoring shared by Bob Leger, Bill Hermanson, Stachel, Harman, Nicholson and Bill Thornhill.

Jackson had four goals and Harman set up six scores as the Classics romped to a 10-1 victory over Pefferlaw in game two. Gord Smith netted a pair of markers, with singles coming from Stachel, Doug Gornall, Thornhill and Dave Farlow.

Nicholson had a trio of assists, with Leger earning a pair.

Hermanson scored twice to lift the Classics to a 4-2 win over Omeme in the qualifier for the title match up. Kim Kavluk and Harman also found the range.

Pete Turner was named the Classic MVP in the championship game. In a pre-tournament warm up, the Classics had tied first place Rumors 1-1 Wednesday in a league contest. Nicholson scored the Classics goal, with an assist from Smith.

Hakonson applies for Junior B hockey franchise

Application has been made for a Junior B hockey franchise for Stouffville.

Ed Hakonson told the Tribune Friday that he and at least two other Stouffville area interests have put together the required financial package for the team, which would commence operations in the 1993-94 season.

The group must now await the decision of the Ontario Hockey Association (OHA) as to whether to admit Stouffville into the Central Junior B Hockey League.

That decision will probably be made at a meeting March 14 to discuss the proposed realignment of the Central League.

Hakonson, who operates Choko Design in Stouffville, has been looking into bringing

either a Junior B or Junior C club to town for the past six months.

During that time he consulted with local business interests and individuals as well as with officials of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey Association.

The next step, should the OHA accept the application, would be to line up ice time, said Hakonson.

"It depends upon whether we can work out an agreement with an arena in the area," he said, adding there were several other possibilities if the rec centre were not available.

OHA president Brent Ladds said in a telephone conversation with Hakonson Friday that Stouffville's acceptance would

depend partly upon the perceived effect of the new franchise on the Junior hockey program in the general area.

The possibility that the OHA may merge with the Metro Central Junior B league could also affect the decision, he added.

"They've got to consider the financial impact on the rest of the league, and how many teams there are versus the players available in the general area," said Ladds. "And if the Metro Junior B Hockey League affiliates with the OHA, it would reduce the chances, whereas if they don't affiliate, it would make the chances better."

Ladds said it is more difficult to obtain a Junior B franchise than a Junior C franchise. However, Hakonson said his group of backers had been put together strictly on the basis of a Junior B franchise coming to town.

While other backers were still being pursued, Hakonson said the financial package is now in order.

"We have the financing now to run the team, but we're hoping for two or three more owners."

Hakonson said he has already received applications for the positions of manager and coach.

He said the franchise would require a year or so to scout players for the team, and that it was hoped local NHLers Keith Acton or Brad May might get involved.

"We would have to get our scouts in place. And Keith Acton has already offered to help out, probably in such functions as fundraising and promotion."

Hakonson said the team could have an affiliation with one of two existing Junior A operations.

He said he was unaware of the rules as to where the team would be allowed to draw players from, but was counting on some local talent.

The town of Bolton has also made application for a Junior B franchise for the 93/94 season, said Hakonson.

Stouffville skaters pass their tests

Four Stouffville Figure Skating Club members passed their Canadian Federation of Skating Association (CFSA) tests Wednesday at the Markham Arena.

Jennifer Selwyn earned a pass in Blues, Leslie Penny succeeded in Kilian, Jennifer McLeod advanced in Paso and Lee-Anna Hamilton passed Starlight.

All four passes were at the senior silver dances level.

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