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SDSS Senior hoopsters finish first in division

The Stouffville District Secondary School Spartans Senior girls basketball team took it on the chin in their last game of the regular season last week, but still ended up first in their division.

The Spartans were dunked 32-27 by Milliken Mills in the Nov. 9 contest. Kelly Sheridan hooped 10 points for the Spartans. Erin Blenkhorn, Leslie Palmer, Kelly Forsyth, Julie Clair, and Julia Johnstone each had four points.

The SDSS squad, which headed up the York AA East division standings this fall, hosts Langstaff S.S. in the playoff opener Wednesday afternoon.

Stouffville Pee Wee Selects down Oak Ridges

The Stouffville Pee Wee Selects had it over their Oak Ridges opponents Friday night at the Rec Centre, downing the Yonge St. unit 4-1.

Chris McDonald, Mark Meyer, Bryant Hushof, and Brad Crossen scored for Stouffville. Assists were picked up by Brett Boyd (2), Hushof, and Ruben Canard.

Billy Read and Sam Leccese were solid in net for the winners, shutting out the opposition until the final moments of the game.

Stouffville girls hockey teams sweep tournament

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It was gold galore for Stouffville at the annual Bantam-Pee Wee Girls Hockey Tournament Sunday at the Rec Centre.

The host Angie's Pee Wee and Action Signs Bantam squads both emerged victorious in their respective four team competitions.

The Angie's outfit dumped Mississauga 7-1 in the Pee Wee championship game, with Deanne Hibbert and Gina King each netting a pair of goals.

Nicole Robinson banged in a rebound for the winning goal late in the game to lift the Action crew to a come-from-behind 3-2 victory over Leaside in the Bantam title match.

Angie's also got goals from Sarah Abrahams, Kellie Cornell, and Lisa Johnson in the final.

The Pee Wee champs started out the day with a 6-0 whitewash victory over Cobourg.

Cornell and Kristi Thompson each scored twice, with single markers from King and Dawn Williamson. Cornell, who was named MVP of the game, also had two assists.

Hibbert, King, and Cornell scored in Angie's 3-1 win over Mississauga in their second outing.

The Action girls were held



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The Orangville goalie finds herself surrounded by Stouffville players during the Bantam Pee Wee Girls Hockey Tournament held Sunday. Both Stouffville teams won the day.

to a 1-1 tie by Mississauga in their opener Sunday morning. Jennifer Williams scored for Stouffville.

In game two, the Stouffville team cruised to an 8-0 win over Orangeville.

Laura Winterstein counted four goals for Stouffville, with Stephanie Summerhill

and Williams each clicking twice.

Katie White had two assists in the contest, with single set ups going to Julie Comito, Robinson, Stephanie Millius, Kim Walsweer, Williams, and Summerhill.

In the Bantam title game, Leaside jumped out into an

early 2-0 lead. But Comito and Williams scored to tie it, setting the stage for Robinson's big score with just under three minutes left in the game.

Cobourg took the Pee Wee consolation prize, with Mississauga emerging in the Bantam consolation match.

Getting caught up in that old Spartan volleyball magic

That old Spartan magic will be in evidence on two fronts this week as both the Junior and Senior Stouffville District Secondary School (SDSS) boys volleyball teams chase after their respective Durham York (DYSSAA) titles.

For those who appreciate hard driving amateur sport at its best, volleyball, Spartan style, is about as good as it gets. The anticipation as the players use their two set up bumps to give one of their power hitters a chance to smash the ball viciously through the outstretched hands of the opposition blockers and onto the floor for a point is rivetting.

One can't help but get caught up in the excitement. Especially when you consider the tradition involved, how "poppa" Jim Rehill established volleyball as the flagship SDSS sport some 25 years back, and how Jim Fletcher has picked



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up the torch from Rehill.

The Seniors earned their ticket to this Wednesday's bi-regional showdown by doing what has become a habit in recent years. They shook off the other three contenders for the York Crown in the renowned "Boom Boom Room", a.k.a. the SDSS gymnasium.

The boys added a slight variation on what has become a predictable theme, actually dropping a couple of matches along the way.

It seems coach Fletcher, whose unit will be looking for its sixth straight ticket to the provincial AA volleyball championships this week, is trying to perfect the old 'don't want to

peak too soon' approach this season.

When his Spartans lost a game to Sacred Heart C.S. earlier in the regular season, a game in which Fletcher sent several of his aces home so he could have a look at his rookies, the Sacred Heart outfit began to have delusions of grandeur. Word had it they felt the Spartans were losing it, that they were too small, etc.

When the two teams met in the game to decide first place in their division, the Spartans pulled the old sting routine, swatting the pretenders away like flies.

Fletcher took the same approach to the York championship tourney last week. He put in the reserves early, lost a few games, then caught the opposition with their hopes higher than their actual abilities in the playoff round.

But Fletcher is always look-

ing ahead. When a few of his players went for a little overkill in Wednesday's championship match up, using a serving technique that borders on hot dogging, he just shook his head and commented on how the opposition would use that as extra incentive to best the Spartans down the road.

The Junior Spartans, under the direction of Sandra Appleby, lost but one game as they recaptured their York AA Junior Crown Thursday at Sutton H.S.

The Juniors started off with a 15-2, 15-7 drubbing of Toronto Waldorf S.S., then came back from an opening 15-12 defeat at the hands of Father McGivney C.S. to prevail 15-6, 15-6 in the next two contests against the same outfit.

In the semi-finals versus Richmond Hill H.S., the Spartans dominated in game one, winning 15-1, then toughed out a 15-12 victory in game two to

sweep the set.

In the championship round against the host squad, the SDSS squad held its ground in the opener, taking a 16-14 decision.

As so often happens when a team has its heart broken in a game like that, the Sutton outfit lost it in game two, with the Spartans coming home with a 15-4 win, and the York title in their ditty bags.

The Juniors were to go for the DYSSAA title on Monday of this week at Port Perry H.S.

Then, hopefully, it will be on to the OFSAA (provincial) finals for the Senior Spartans. With the action taking place at Alliston's Banting Memorial H.S. Nov. 27-28, the tournament will provide an opportunity for many of the Stouffville faithful to take the not-so-long drive along Hwy. 89 to cheer the Spartans on. See you there if it goes our way Wednesday.