

Sports

Spartan volleyballers are OFSAA bound

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It's official. The Stouffville District Secondary School (SDSS) Spartans Senior boys volleyball team is off to the provincial finals.

After going through the motions of winning their sixth consecutive Durham-York (DYSSAA) Double-A championship Tuesday at Courtice S.S. in Oshawa, it's off to the two day OFSAA showdown in Alliston next weekend for the perennial bi-regional champs.

The SDSS Junior boys volleyball squad experienced similar success in the Junior DYSSAA showdown Monday at Port Perry H.S., going undefeated in

eight games to regain the Durham-York title.

The victory capped a year long climb for coach Sandra Appleby's Junior Spartans, who started out the season long on talent but short on cohesion, according to their coach.

"They have excellent skills, but they struggled with their cohesiveness at first," said Appleby.

"But in the end, they put it all together. Actually, they played better at the York finals last week in Sutton than they did in Port Perry Monday."

The first year coach credited setters Jason Whitelaw, Jason Reesor, and Ryan Jefferson, along with team captains Mike Green and Ryan Burkholder, with spearheading the Spartans' DYSSA win.

"The whole team played well," said Appleby.

The Juniors went undefeated in the preliminary round, then bounced Msgr. Pereyma S.S. in the semifinals before besting Port Perry 15-7, 15-1 in the championship set.

The Seniors were equally formidable, disposing of Newmarket H.S. and Msgr. Pereyma in straight games before ousting Courtice 15-3, 15-9 in the semifinals.

The Spartans finished off Pereyma 15-4, 15-9 in the title round.

Spartans coach Jim Fletcher said he gave everyone a chance to play in the tournament, and that the team was playing at top form all day long.

"When that machine gets in motion, it's dangerous," he said of his Spartans' relentless attack.

Fletcher was to have his team prepare for the highly competitive OFSAA event by travelling to Bowmanville yesterday (Friday) to play Clark S.S. in an exhibition match. Clark, which took the OFSAA A title last season, is contesting the Triple-A crown this fall.

The Spartans will leave for Alliston Thursday afternoon, with the OFSAA preliminaries beginning Friday morning at Banting Memorial H.S. The tournament includes the province's best teams out of all schools with a student population of 800 or less.

The Spartans were Consolation round finalists at the 1991 OFSAA competition, and have yet to win a provincial high school title. Chatham-Kent H.S. has taken the OFSAA Double-A championship each of the past two years.

Stouffville skaters shine at test day

Stephanie McLeod passed her Second Figure, Part 1, as well as her Junior Silver Dance Tango, as the Stouffville Figure Skating Club held its first test day of the season Tuesday.

Jennifer McLeod completed her Senior Bronze Dances when she passed her Kilian test.

Julie Selwyn and Amanda Leger each passed their Senior Bronze Dances Blues.

At the Preliminary Dance level, Natalie Jelenski and Bobbie Ann Radford passed their Dutch Waltz; Lianne McMullen, Sandra Brown, and Mary Jo Radford passed Canasta; and Krystie Raptis, Nicholas Choo-Hum, Bonnie Thompson, and Sean Chubback passed Baby Blues, with all four skaters now having completed their Preliminary Dances.

Janice Boyd, Meaghan Crowder and Juula Metsmaa passed Junior Bronze Dance Swing.

Lisa Forsyth was successful in Senior Bronze Dance Ten Fox.

Sedore notches hat trick in Uxbridge men's hockey

Sean Sedore broke loose for three goals and an assist to help lift the Red team to an 8-3 win over the Green squad in Uxbridge Senior Men's Recreational Hockey League play Sunday at the Uxbridge Arena.

Lew Gregor contributed a goal and an assist to the Red crew's victory.

Elsewhere, Mike Morrison fired a pair of goals and set up another two scores as the

Maroons beat the Whites 6-4. Mike Thomas had a goal and three assists for the winners.

Bill Bayard scored twice and added an assist to pace the Dark Blues 5-1 win over the Black outfit.

Greg Catherwood lit the lamp twice and assisted on a third marker to power the Oranges to a 5-1 triumph over the Light Blues. The Golds downed the Greys 3-1.

Uxbridge bowlers earn honors

An Uxbridge team placed second in the Zone round of the Combo Team Bowling Tournament Nov. 15.

Tim Evangelista, Barry Bainbridge, and Chris Wilson earned the runner up status in the boys division with a plus 200. The Uxbridge boys team of Stephen Lee, Jack Kelso, and Vincent Shanks placed fifth.

The Uxbridge trio of Melinda Huntington, Brianna Stark, and Pam Kelso was third in the girls competition with a plus 222. Carlie Buffan, Amanda Spears, and Ellen Crawford were fourth with a plus 168.

There were 12 teams in all at the competition.

SDSS Midgets reach basketball finals

It's on to the York Region Double-A girls basketball championships for the Stouffville District Secondary School (SDSS) Spartans Midget girls basketball team.

But for the school's Junior and Senior cage crews, it's the end of the line, as the Midgets were the only squad to prevail in a semifinal triple-header played at SDSS Wednesday.

The Midgets, who placed first in the Eastern division York standings in regular season play, used a strong defensive effort to beat Woodbridge High School 37-24.

Nine players shared in the scoring for the Spartans, with Stephanie Summerhill, Nicole Dardell and Melissa Gilroy heading up the offence. Bardell, Jen Cowley, and Alexis Miller stood out defensively for SDSS.

The Junior Spartans, who also finished first in their division, were upset 32-29 by a taller Richmond Hill Secondary School team. Andrea Crothers went to the hoop for 18 points to power the Spartans' offence, but the shots weren't falling for the SDSS girls.

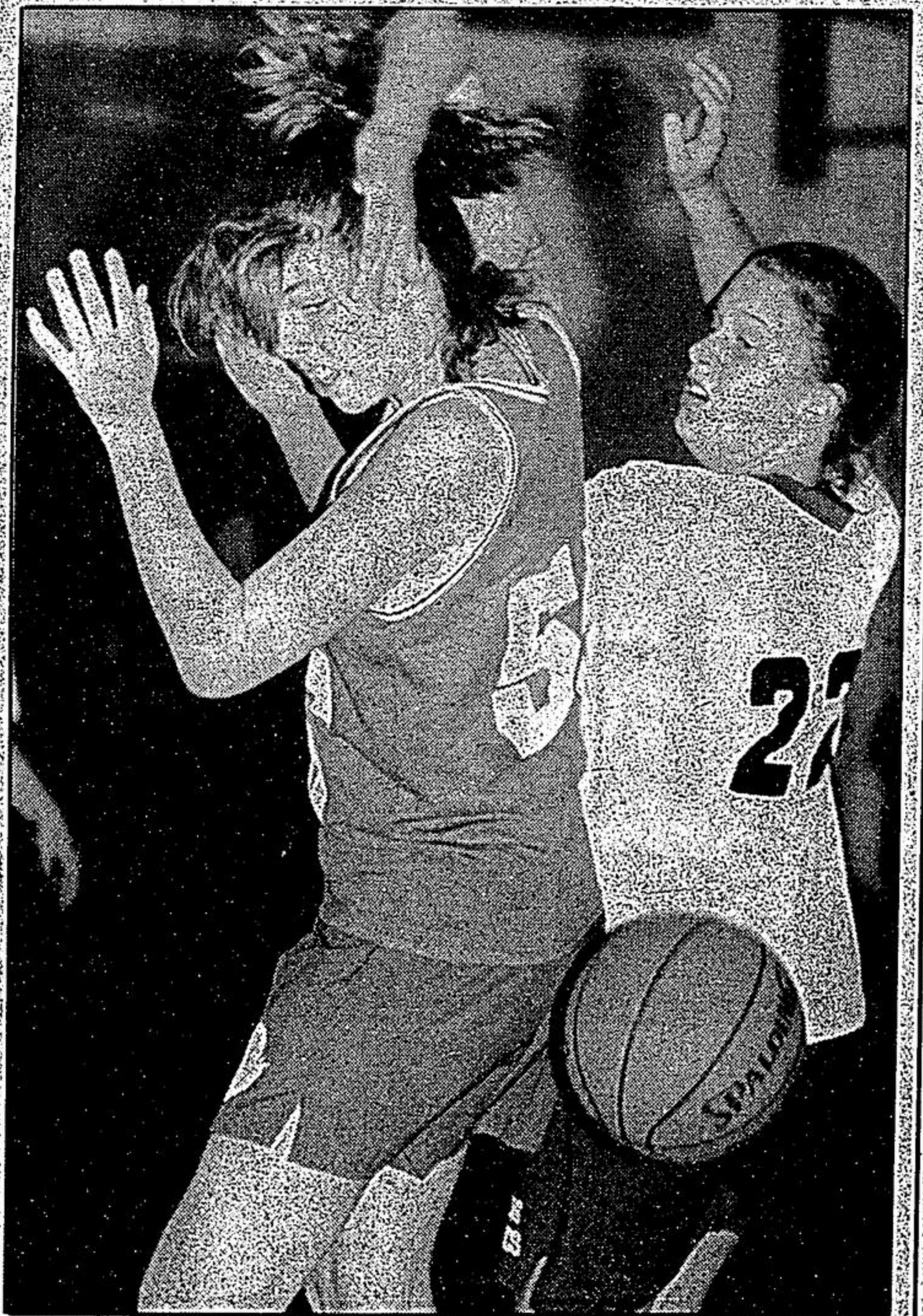
"The shots rolled off the rim instead of into the rim," said disappointed Juniors' coach Sheila Coleman, who praised her team's determination and effort.

"They were the best team I've seen as far as work ethic, both in games and practices."

Coleman said her girls weren't allowed to use their game plan against Richmond Hill.

"We're a fast breaking team, but they were bigger and slower. They slowed the game right down. Michelle Gilroy did a great job of covering a girl who was a foot-and-a-half taller than her, but she just couldn't reach the rebounds."

Melissa Austin hooped seven points for the Spartans, with



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SDSS Midget basketball player Melissa Gilroy, white sweater, goes up against a Woodbridge player for a loose ball during York Region semifinal action Wednesday afternoon in Stouffville. The Midgets were only the Stouffville team to taste victory as they won 37-24. Both the Junior and Senior teams lost their games and were eliminated.

Andrea Wilson and Anne Roy chipping in with two points each.

The Senior Spartans were downed 63-39 by Langstaff Secondary School.

The Midgets play the York championship on Tuesday, Nov. 24, at Alexander McKenzie Secondary School in Richmond Hill.



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