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Spartan midgets continue to dominate in girls basketball

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Spartans midget girls basketball team continues to roll over the opposition. The Spartans made it

three straight wins to open the season last week when they defeated Port Perry High School 46-39

on the road Monday, then came home to down Langstaff S.S. 78-9 Wednesday.

The Spartans finished strong against Port Perry, breaking a 32-all tie with three minutes left in the game.

The SDSS defence was disciplined, while Danielle Timms and Jen Reesor led the offence with 10 points each. Shannon Timms and Jen Easter hooped six points apiece.

The Spartans defence was near flawless against Langstaff.

Offensively, Shannon Timms went to the hoop for 18 points, with sister Danielle close behind with 17 points. Jen Easter and Jen Reesor each had 14 points.

The SDSS junior girls hoop squad also employed a strong defensive effort to prevail 39-14 against their Langstaff opponents Wednesday.

The Spartans, up against their first zone defence of the season, proved equal to the task.

Nicole Bardell led the charge with 12 points and 11 steals. Lori Giancoulos had nine points, while Melissa Gilroy, Stephenie Summerhill and Andrea Wilson collected four points each.

The senior Spartans were defeated 50-28 by Langstaff in the third game of the triple bill. Andrea Crothers netted 11 points for SDSS, while Erin Blenkhorn and Melissa Austin each scored four points.



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CanSkate members hit the ice

Stouffville Figure Skating Club CanSkate members (from left) Ashley Chalmers, Derek Conlon and Amanda Conlon try out the

blades at the Recreation Centre Thursday night. The three may someday be figure skating stars of the future.

Sutton squad aims to take volleyball crown from SDSS

Locals on Bruins

No less than seven Stouffville area players will suit up for the new look Uxbridge Bruins this season.

The most prominent of these, veteran Jason Underwood, has responded to being named team captain by scoring 10 goals in five preseason matches.

The Bruins, who opened the season this past weekend, have also brought back Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey Association products Jay Hause, Dave Caramanico, and Jermain Franklin.

New to the team this year are Ryan Burkholder, Lee Wideman, and Ryan MacKenzie. MacKenzie, a 19 year old who lives between Stouffville and Uxbridge, came up through the Uxbridge minor hockey system, and played with that town's juvenile squad last season.

Burkholder, the 17 year old member of Stouffville's noted Burkholder clan, has come to

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the Bruins after a season split between the Central Ontario AAA Wolves midgets and the Stouffville midget rep team. He was an outstanding centre with the OMHA title winning Stouffville bantams two years ago, and also played with the provincial champion atoms in 1987-88.

Burkholder, who was sidelined with a charley horse recently, has his sights set on moving up to Junior B next season. In the meantime, he's looking forward to a fun season helping the Bruins regain their respectability in the Central Ontario Hockey League.

Wideman, who lives in Gormley, is back in the area after

spending two years at Niagara Christian School in Fort Erie. He started out last season with the Chippewa Junior C team, before being traded to the Junior B Fort Erie Meteors of the Golden Horseshoe League. He also spent some time with the Fort Erie midgets.

Wideman, 18, played with the Stouffville bantams for the 1990-91 season.

He is currently taking a year sabbatical from school, and is working at the National Sports Clearance Centre in Newmarket.

Snooks makes squad

Brian Snooks, who starred with the Stouffville District Secondary School (SDSS) Spartans OFSAA finalist senior boys volleyball team last fall, has made the University of Waterloo volleyball team. According to Jim Fletcher, Snooks' coach with the Spartans last year, Snooks was among the final 15 of the 80

players who came out to try for the varsity squad. Snooks is studying physical education and recreation at the Waterloo University.

Spartans challenged

Fletcher's Spartans, perennial York and Durham-York (DYS-SAA) volleyball champs, have a fight on their hands this time around.

It seems the boys from Sutton D.H.S. have made it their mission to dethrone the SDSS hotshots. The Sutton squad downed the Spartans when the two teams met to begin the regular season last month at SDSS.

They were to go at it again Tuesday in Sutton, and according to Fletcher, the Sutton gym was going to be filled to capacity.

The school was to offer all students a buy out to get out of class and into the gym to cheer their team on. The Stouffville school often does the same

thing for a big game. Might as well learn from the best.

After a so-so start, the Spartans have started to come on of late. They swept King City H.S. and Huron Hts. S.S. last week in preparation for their big test with Sutton.

Fletcher is relishing the Sutton challenge. He has full respect for the Sutton players and coaching staff, and feels it will bring out the best in both teams.

As for his Spartans, he has been particularly pleased with the setting of Michael Green and Jamie Sheraton, and the power hitting of Dave Giancoulos and Matt Brillinger.

The rookie-laden Spartans will be a true test of Fletcher's noted coaching abilities. For those who enjoy the excitement of intense amateur sport, with no dollars involved, it might be an idea to pick up a schedule for the Spartans' home games from the high school.