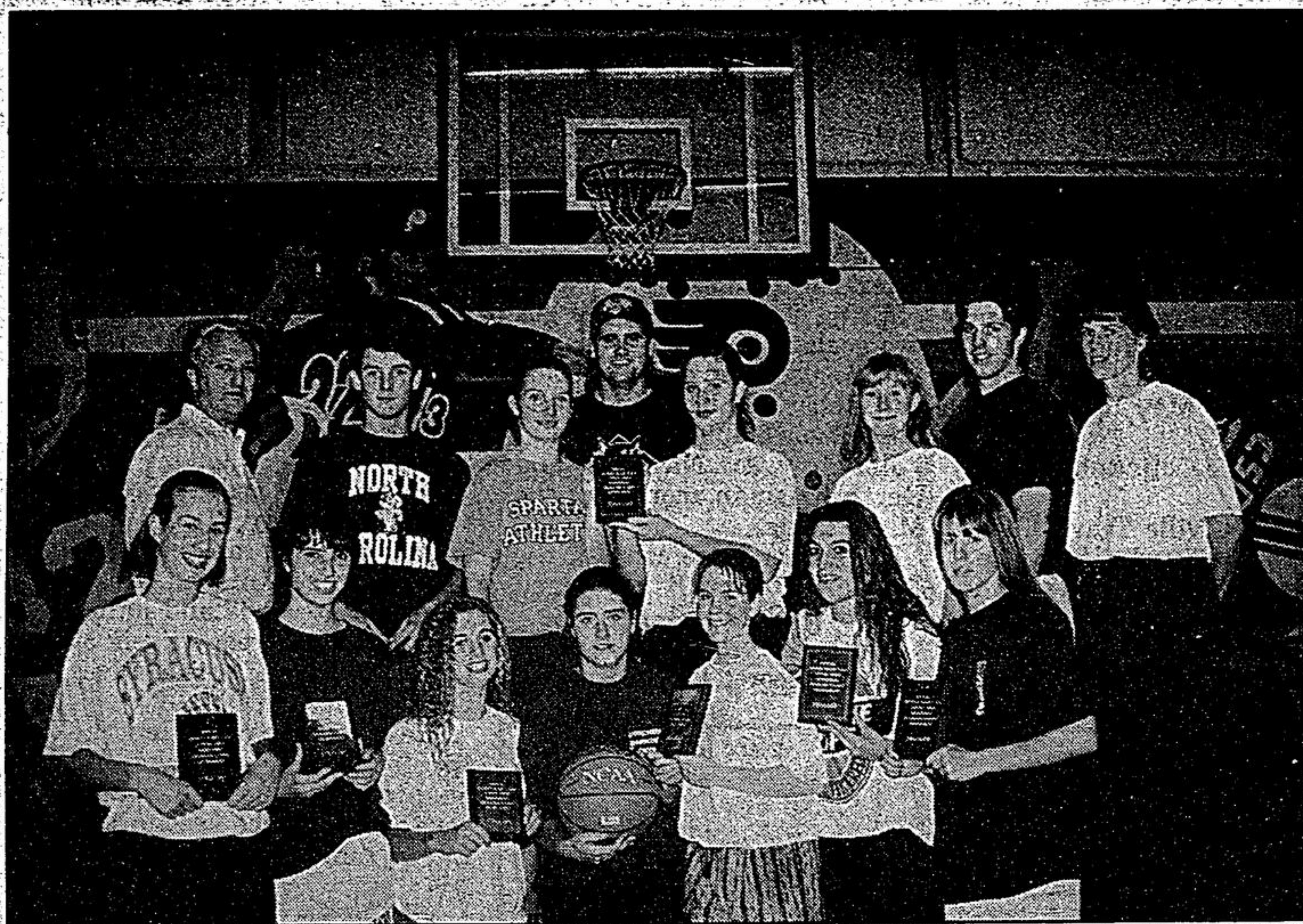


Sports



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The Stouffville District Secondary School junior girls' basketball team displayed the hardware they came home with after claiming the silver medal during the recent Crusader Classic Tournament at Sacred Heart Catholic High School in Newmarket.

Runners make good time at provincial championships

Stouffville District Secondary School (SDSS) runners Maran Loughheed and Sarah Cliff posted impressive performances, while the school's midget boys' team was out-



standing as well, at the Ontario Federation of Schools Athletic Association Cross Country Championships held Saturday at the Boyd Conservation Area in Woodbridge.

Loughheed placed 28th overall out of 211 runners in the midget girls' race, while Cliff was 30th in a field of 212 in the junior girls' event.

Neighboring Markham District High School took the gold in the junior girls' event.

The SDSS midget boys' squad finished eighth out of 33 teams.

The team includes Blair Richards, Chris Weatherill, Dave Robinson, Joe Cherkas, and Ian Hazelwood.

The midgets squad's success allowed them to reach objectives set at the start of the season, said Stouffville head coach Dave Connell.

"We had three goals as a

team," he revealed.

"First, to beat Aurora; second, to beat our last year's SDSS team result; and third, to finish in the top 10. We did all three in excellent style."

Connell had praise for Loughheed and Cliff.

"Maran is primarily a swimmer, but she has shown a great deal of determination and energy to achieve such great results. Sarah put the capper on a simply excellent season with her finish in this race. She has shown she can compete with the best in the province."

Connell said the strong showing was a tribute to the entire Stouffville cross country team.

"As coaches, we are very proud of the eight runners who competed at the OFSAA championships, but we are equally proud of all the runners at our school who trained hard and ran in all the races except this final one. They are all winners just for putting forth the energies needed to compete."

Connell said the school would be out to regain the York Region Secondary Schools Athletic Association and Durham-York Secondary Schools Athletic Association team titles.

Spartan cagers hoop it up in recent action

The Stouffville District Secondary School (SDSS) Spartans junior girls' basketball team went all the way to the finals at the annual Junior Girls Basketball Crusader Classic Tournament at Sacred Heart C.H.S. recently.

The Spartans, who took both games played Friday to advance to the championship round, were defeated 48-23 by the Aurora S.S. Eagles in Saturday's title match.

The SDSS squad downed the host team 37-18 in front of a large audience in Friday's opener. The Spartans followed up with a 28-22 win over St. Roberts C.H.S.

Michelle Gilroy, Anne Ferguson, and Melissa Gilroy were named SDSS MVP's for the three games.

Michelle Gilroy led SDSS scorers for the tournament with 21 points. Melissa Gilroy went to the hoop for 14 points, Lori Giancoulos added 13 points, Stephenie Summerhill and

Amy Sled had 12, each, Andrea Wilson, 11, and Nicole Bardell, six.

It was heartbreak city for the Stouffville District Secondary School (SDSS) senior and midget girls' basketball teams in recent games.

The seniors got a 27-point effort from Andrea Crothers, but fell 49-47 to Dr. F.J. Donevan C.I. (Oshawa) on Thursday.

The midgets battled back from a 12-point deficit only to suffer a 50-49 loss to Vaughan Secondary School on Nov. 1.

The midgets, however, recovered to defeat Woodbridge H.S. 38-24 three days later.

Meanwhile, the junior Spartans crushed their Woodbridge opponents 45-10 the same day.

Erin Blenkhorn scored 11 points in the seniors' narrow loss to Donevan. Wendy Burrows, Melissa Austin, Tanya Couperthwaite, and Leona Milos also picked up points for

SDSS. Danielle Timms scored 11 points for the midgets in the first half against Vaughan, but was sidelined with an injury for the game's second half. Jen Reesor, Alison Crowder, Shannon Timms, Stephanie Hobbs, Lillian Boyd, and Jen Easter all played well for the Spartans.

Against Woodbridge, the midget Spartans were led by Crowder, Hobbs, Jen Easter, Erika Haefele, Tara Marshman, and Shannon Timms.

Bruins produce two wins

It wasn't pretty, but the streaking Uxbridge Bruins will take it all the same.

The Bruins upped their season record to 7-2-1 by winning two of three games played last weekend.

Coach Mike Morrison's squad began the weekend by downing the visiting Lakefield Chiefs 7-4.

In Bobcaygeon on Saturday, the Bruins received a late goal from Brandon Pridham to edge the Bullets 6-5.

It was the Bruins' turn to try to play catch up Sunday night

in Bowmanville, but the host Eagles prevailed 6-5.

Gerry Catherwood had two goals for the Bruins Friday. Singles went to: Ryan MacKenzie, Pridham, Craig Stewart, Don Gillies, and Ryan Burkholder.

Steve Brown, Mike Norris, Lee Wideman, Pridham, Jeff Ranich, and Andre Marois each had a goal for the Bruins in their win over the Bullets.

Pridham delivered a pair of goals against the Eagles. Jermain Franklin, Norris, and Ranich added solo markers.

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