

# stouffville sports



## Spartans rule the hardwood floor

The Stouffville District Secondary School ruled the York Region basketball courts as the midget (top left), junior (top right) and senior clubs recently captured the York Region Secondary Schools Athletic Association AA titles.

## Midget Spartans cage silver

The Stouffville District Secondary School (SDSS) Spartans midget girls' basketball team took the silver medal at the Durham-York Secondary Schools Athletic Association AA girls' basketball championships held at the Stouffville school over the weekend.

The midgets defeated Exeter H.S. of Ajax 48-28 Saturday morning to advance to the finals, but then fell 59-43 to Brock H.S. in the title match played later on that day.

The SDSS junior and senior squads were both ousted in the first game of their respective four-team tournaments. All three SDSS teams had won their respective York region titles earlier in the week.

The midget Spartans had battled back from a 29-15 half-time deficit to come to within six points of the Brock crew in the third quarter of the final. But Brock ran off with the game in the final 15 minutes.

"The fourth quarter told the tale," said Spartans co-coach Rusty Hick. "They just turned it on."

Hick praised his girls and said they might have been able to prevail on another day. "The girls had a great season. Brock was good, there's no two ways about it. But we didn't play our best. But we'll get there eventually."

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## Senior Spartans sport a new look for provincial volleyball playdowns

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The scene in the cafeteria at Stouffville District Secondary School last Thursday morning was enough to bring tears to the eyes of those teen aged boys who cherish their lengthy locks.

It seems Kevin Morreau had been the only holdout when the members of the school's senior boys' volleyball team had their hair cut in the old fashioned brush cut style after winning the Durham-York Secondary Schools Athletic Association tournament on Nov. 18.

In the tradition of several Ontario Federation of Schools Athletic Association-bound Spartan teams in past years, the boys also had their numbers shaved into the back of their sparse coiffures.

Morreau's teammates had kidded him they would do the

dirty deed themselves so as to bring him on side.

Meanwhile, the talented teen pondered whether this was a cause worth taking one for the team for.

A breakfast-pep rally was organized as a fund raising send off to the Spartans before they headed off to Ingersoll to contest the provincial AA volleyball title.

SDSS bean counting teacher Gay (Good Sport) Eastman got together with school spirit committee heads Rechelle Goguen and Jermain Franklin.

Jermain's mother, Hope, helped cook up the pancakes, bacon, and hash brown patties, then scurried off to work.

Willing volunteers: Erin Blenkhorn, Sam Comito, and Debbi Brand rounded out the kitchen crew.

The Spartans, along with many of the other students and teachers, including principal Alan Dickson, all showed up in pajamas and house coats to add to the atmosphere.

When the grub had been consumed, it was on to the

feature event.

In front of school board chairman Harry Bowes, SDSS staffers, and a wide-eyed student body, local hair dresser Frank Frano, (Frank's Hairstyling in Success Square) proceeded to render Morreau hairless, for all intents and purposes.

The game teen didn't resist. He just sat there with a look of apprehension, then resignation, on his face.

Several feet away, his father Rick, sat and watched, a look of utter satisfaction on his face.

"He's back!" the elder Morreau said as he recognized the look he hadn't seen for so long on his offspring.

"The prodigal son has returned," he laughed.

As Frank carefully cut layer after layer, Morreau's Spartans team mates chanted, "take it all off!"

The barber didn't disappoint them.

When the good natured hairstylist had finished, clipping Morreau's Number 12 on the back of his head, the teen resembled his mates.

He had proved his commitment, and the Spartans' bonding was complete.

A few hours later, the boys climbed in the waiting vehicles and headed off to Ingersoll to participate in the prestigious OFSAA tournament.

It was a day that will not soon be forgotten at SDSS.

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Last week, it was mentioned in this space that Brandon Pridham, the Stouffville resident playing with the Uxbridge Bruins, had found the "expectations" of playing Junior A hockey with the Markham Waxers "too overwhelming."

This was taken by some to mean Pridham couldn't cut it at the Junior A level.

Not so.

What I should have said was that Pridham selected the "hockey for fun" alternative offered by the Bruins this season, as compared with the rigid routine of Junior A, which in most instances, demands that players put hockey in front of everything else.

The choice was his to make.

## Clippers rout Trenton

Sam Lecesse was outstanding in goal, and Andrew Korb scored twice, as the Stouffville Credit Union major peeewee Clippers downed Trenton 5-1 in an OASA league contest played Nov. 20 at the Rec Centre.

Chris McDonald, Jason Fontanna, and Mattie Egan also scored for Stouffville, with assists going to Korb, McDonald, Brett Boyd, Brad Johnston, and Fontanna.

At a tournament played in Ingersoll the same weekend, the Clippers won their first two games, before bowing out with a loss.

The Stouffville squad started off with a 3-1 win over the host team Dan Rumeo, Kyle Harrison, and Boyd scored.

Assists went to Chris Johnstone (2), and Chris Howland.

The Clippers then routed Tilsonburg 8-0 in game two.

Boyd and Rumeo each netted a pair, with singles going to Egan, J.P. Belanger, Fontanna, and Brad Johnston. Assists were earned by McDonald, Howland, Belanger, Fontanna, Korb (2), Mike Wood (2), Harrison, Mark Meyer, and Johnstone.

But the Clippers were defeated 3-1 by Clearwater in their next outing, eliminating them from further play.

McDonald scored the lone Stouffville goal from Korb.