

Sports



A hands-on approach

Stouffville District Secondary School's Jenny May (left), tries to keep the ball away from Milliken Mills defender Monique Johnson during action in a York Region Secondary

Schools Athletic Association midget girls' basketball game in Stouffville on Tuesday. Visiting Milliken Mills, however, recorded a 55-29 victory.

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Cross country team is off and running

It's five weeks and counting for the Stouffville District Secondary School (SDSS) cross country running team in its goal of sending a sizeable contingent of runners to the Ontario high school championships.

The SDSS team got off to a fast start as the school's junior boys squad finished first overall at the East York Harriers Mud Run on Wednesday.

The meet included many teams from large Toronto area schools.

Running through muddy conditions that made for numerous spectacular spills, the juniors were led by Chris Weatherill, Luke Anderson, Chris Lamont, John Tamlin and Joe Cherkas.

At the senior girls level, SDSS runner Sarah Cliff posted a time of 20 minutes and 54 seconds over the five kilometre course to place second overall in the individual standings. Maran Lougheed, the only junior girls runner with the SDSS team, was 12th.

Ian Hazelwood led the SDSS midget boys team as he placed eighth overall.

The SDSS midget girls crew placed ahead of King City S.S., the only other York Region school entered in the event.

SDSS coach Fred Robbins was pleased with the overall performance of the SDSS team.

"The kids did really well in their first big outing," said Robbins.

"There's five weeks to go until OFSAA and that's what we're focussing on."

The team was to compete at the High Park Invitational meet today, before heading off to the Octoberfest Invitational in Kitchener on Wednesday.

Darts league a success

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In these days of athletic unrest when big time sport is all tied up in crippling labor disputes and small town sport is hampered by chronic facilities shortages, it is refreshing to report on a local league that has almost doubled in size going into its second season.

Yet despite the meteoric growth of the Stouffville Dart League, there's no clamoring for more money from greedy owners or players, and there's more than enough dart boards and restaurant-bars to satisfy the demand. In fact, local swimming pool contractor and recreational games supplier Betz Pools has been most co-operative in providing the necessary equipment to the darts league at fair prices, reported league president and founder Shirley Hellyer the other day.

Hellyer phoned to proudly relate that her organization, which came to be as the result of a passing comment she made while watching a darts game in a Stouffville watering-hole last year, had gone from six to 11 teams in its sophomore season.

Each team plays out of a bar-restaurant, with Chariots Family Restaurant, the Earl of Whitchurch, Angie's Eatery, and Stouffville Billiards joining last year's establishments, which included the Greens, Spyder Joe's, and Fullerton's Place.

With six to eight players per team, this represents a sporting night out every Tuesday night for upwards of 88 men and women. In fact, one crew, playing out of the Chariots location, is made up exclusively of women, accentuating the gender equity aspect of the league.

Hellyer said the big draw lies in the fact that there is virtually no travel involved as there is in other leagues such as the York Region Darts League.

That means when the weather gets rough, or if

someone should consume one too many throughout a course of a night of serious dart throwing, they don't have to worry about driving home to another town. In many cases, they'll be able to walk home.

The prez also said she will once again be playing the role of roving official rather than actually playing herself this season.

Hellyer maintains she's quite happy to "bar hop", collecting results and statistics while doing the rounds of all seven league venues.

As for people still looking to join, she said things are pretty well at capacity for this season, which began in mid September and runs through March.

But hold that thought. Next year, there may be another run on franchises. For if pro sport continues to go down the tubes, it could be the only game around!

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey Association rep season kicks into gear this coming week as teams play their final preseason games this weekend. This

year's schedule will see the minor novice and minor peewee Clippers squads playing Monday nights at the Rec Centre at 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. respectively.

Thursday night, it's the minor atoms taking to the ice at 8 p.m. Friday sees the major novices at 7 p.m., the atoms at 8 p.m., and the major peewees at 9:15 p.m. On Sunday nights, the bantams face off at 7 p.m., and the midgets at 9 p.m.

Speaking of the Rec Centre, Ian Boyd is beginning his 10th season operating the pro shop at the arena. He recently marked the start of his third season in his west end Stouffville main location. Boyd's Source for Sports, with his annual Hockey Days extravaganza.

The likeable entrepreneur reports there are no revolutionary changes in equipment for the 1994-95 season, mainly cosmetic alterations in items like skates and gloves. He's brought in a new fibre stick, called the "Slick Stick", which is a relatively affordable composite stick.

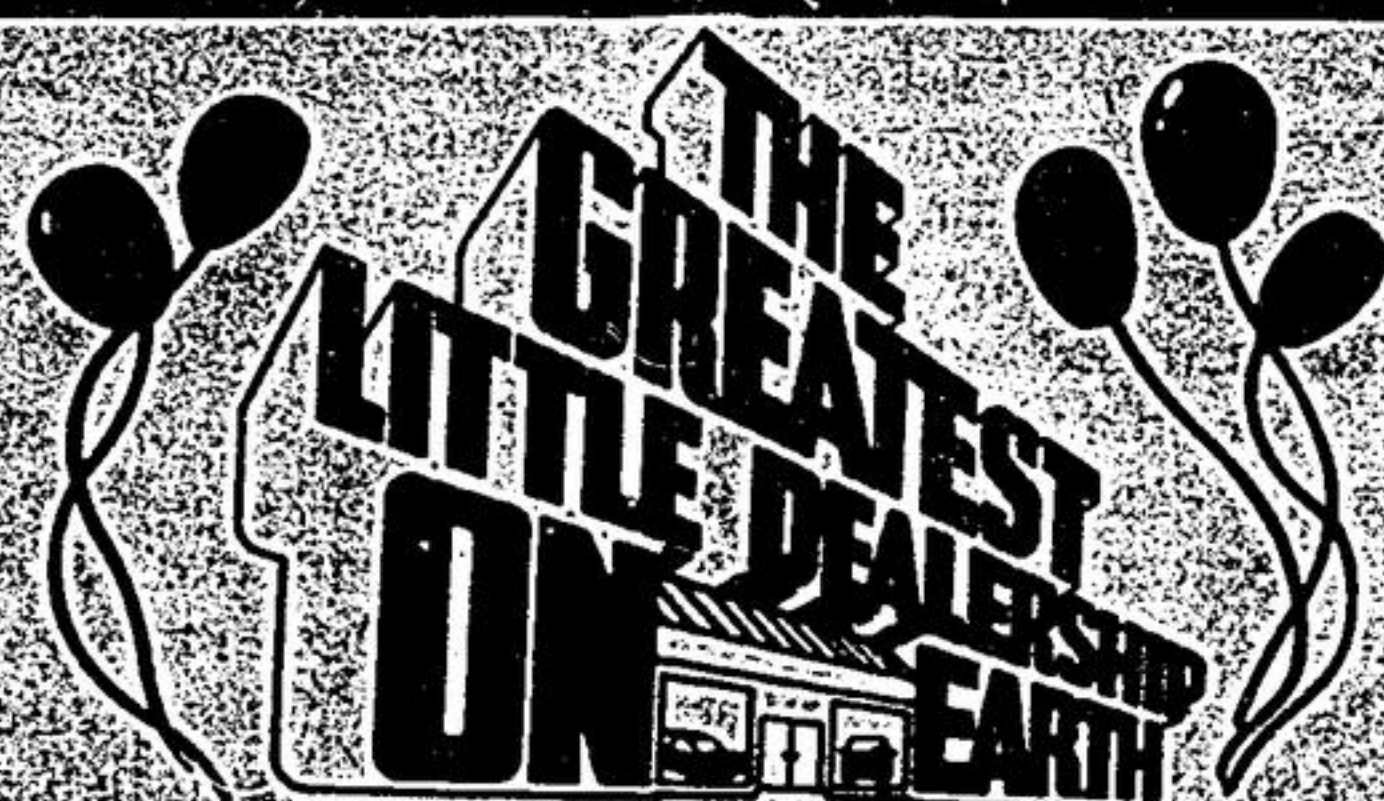
Major novice Clippers post win and loss

The Stouffville major novice Clippers started off the 1994-95 hockey season with a split in a pair of exhibition games.

The Clippers managed a 5-4 win over East Gwillimbury in a road game on Sept. 22, before falling 4-2 to Uxbridge at the Rec Centre the following evening.

The Clippers pulled their goaltender in an attempt to tie the score with Uxbridge ahead 3-2 late in the game, but the move backfired when Uxbridge scored into the empty Stouffville net.

The Clippers lineup includes Logan Jennings, Michael McManus, Trevor McNeely, Bradley Johnson, Kevin Hayward, Mark Carruthers, James Guinane, Jordan Smalley, Derek Wilcock, Alex Bollo, Nick Hawkins, Brian Taylor, Geoffrey Campbell, and Mike Root.



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