

Sports

# Senior Spartans hope to spike it rich at OFSAA playdowns

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It was a pair of firsts for Stouffville District Secondary School teams at the recent York Region Secondary Athletic Association girls' volleyball finals.

The Spartans senior girls' volleyball team made history by winning the YRSSAA AA crown to become the first school girls' volleyball unit to compete in the OFSAA finals.

The midget Spartans grabbed the title in their first ever YRSSAA AAA championship after moving up from AA this season.

The senior Spartans, who left at noon Tuesday for the OFSAA senior girls volleyball championship in Stratford, won all three sets played at the YRSSAA finals at Woodbridge HS Feb. 23. The Spartans swept the host squad 15-1, 15-6, the outlasted Sutton DHS 15-8, 10-15, 15-5 in a three game set in preliminary pool play.

The Stouffville squad dumped Sutton 15-9, 15-6 in the finals.

The effort was helped by Jen Cowley and Jen Pare, who divided the setting duties. Melissa Austin, Christi Henderson, Andrea Crothers, Michelle Gilroy and Leana Milos stood out defensively. Jean Turchan and Jen McLeod contributed as well.

Spartans coach Sheila Coleman said the Spartans will add junior Spartans players Nicole Bardell and Stephanie Summerill for the OFSAA competition, which runs today and Thursday. She said she has no idea of what to expect from the competition at the Stratford event.

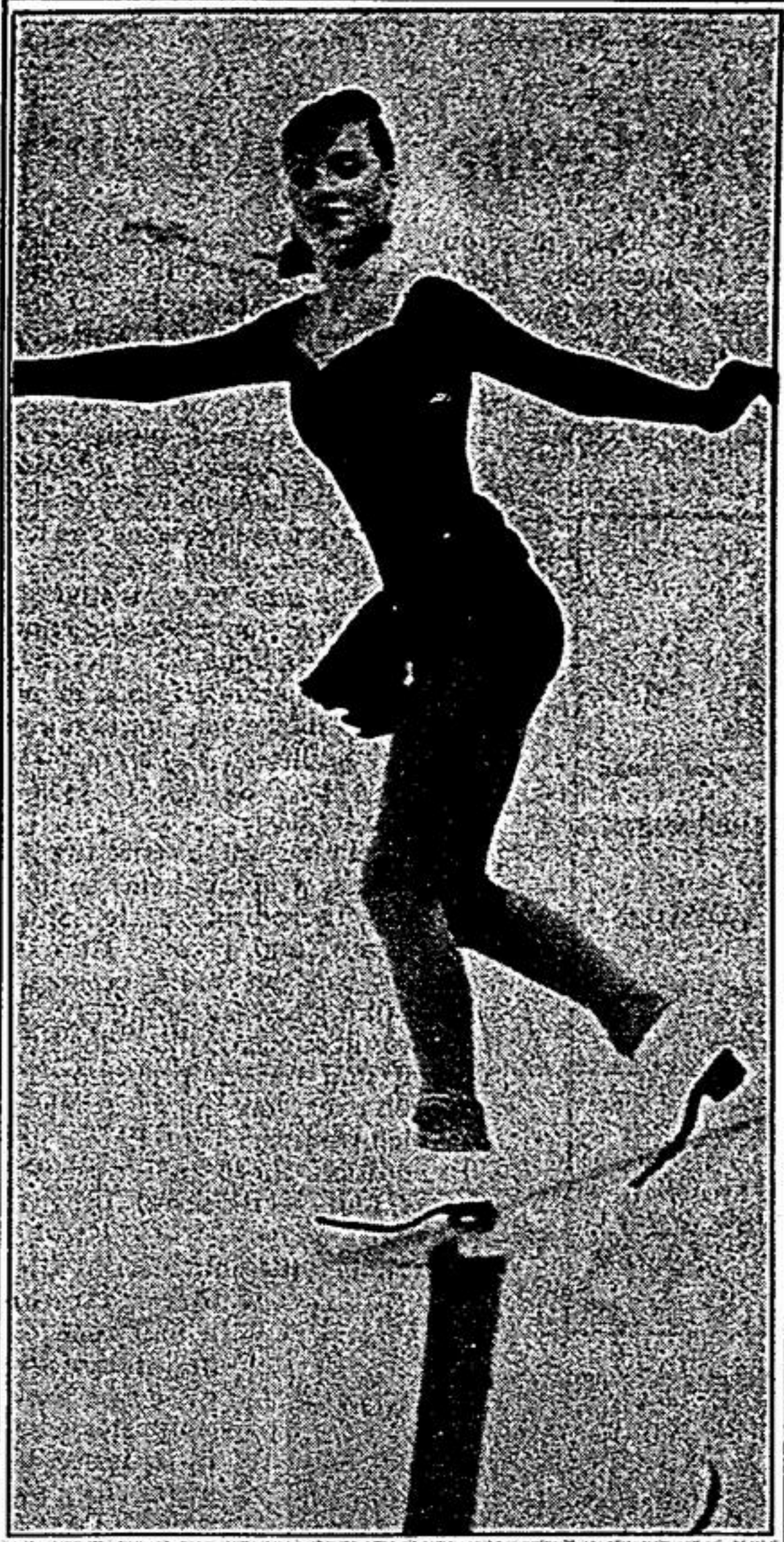
"I really don't know how we'll do," said Coleman. "But I don't think we've got the height and overall size to win it all," added the veteran coach. "I just hope we do well."

The school's midget Spartans downed Markville SS in two straight games in the YRSSAA midget AAA showdown played Feb. 24 at Vaughan SS. The Spartans took the first game 15-10, then prevailed 16-14 in the second contest. Danielle Timms got the Spartans off on the right foot in the nerve racking final, serving up nine consecutive points to put her team ahead 9-1. But Markville came back with 13 points in a row to take a 14-9 lead.

However, Alison Crowder sealed the win by offering up seven straight successful serves.

"They've played better, but it was exciting volleyball," noted Spartans coach Sue Leroy. Leroy pointed to the efforts of Crowder, Timms, Tanis McKnight and Denise Gaeta as being key to her team's victory.

The junior girls' Spartans placed third in their YRSSAA AAA final on Feb. 24.



Earning good figures

Stouffville Skating Club performer Julie Selwyn graced the ice surface in Barrie recently and is shown here applying the finishing touches to her routine in the Open Gold Ladies Solo Dance event at the Upper York Interclub competition.

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## Atom girls' ice two more victories

Chalk up another two North Metro Girls Hockey League victories for the Dean Myers atom girls' rep hockey team.

The Meyers' crew handed Mississauga a 3-2 defeat in a recent Metro League contest, then came back to blank Leaside 3-0 in their next outing.

It was Emily Patriarche, Jacqui VanKoughnet and Lisa Jacque scoring for Stouffville in the win over Mississauga.

Assists went to Jessica Clayson (2), Ashley Martin, Theresa Ella and Karlee Dudley.

In the Leaside contest, Clayson netted a pair of goals

and Gillian Apps added a single. Jacqui earned an assist, with Julia Summerhill picking up the shutout.

## Angie's wins Durham West Tourney

Kari Sandiford scored the only goal of the game from Candice Miller and Lindsey Reid to give the Stouffville Angie's peewee girls' rep team a 1-0 victory over Barrie in the title game of the Durham West Tournament Sunday.

It was the second shutout of the tournament for Jennifer Dupont, as the Angie's outfit blanked the Bluewater Hawks 4-0 in the game before. Miller, Jenny Deacon, Reid and Mandy Vandenberg scored in that contest. Assists went to Miller and Deacon.

The Angie's squad won all four games played at the competition, starting with a 2-1 triumph over Durham West Lightning. Sandiford notched both Stouffville markers, with assists going to Michelle Dulude and Miller.

Sandiford, Deacon and Laura Johnston found the range in Angie's 3-1 win over the Oakville Hornets in game two.

Angie's followed up their tournament success by edging another Barrie team 2-1 in their first provincial qualifier. Alison Edward and Melissa Theoret scored for Stouffville.

## Abbot, Robertson earn special honors

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Canadian squad which won the World Junior Men's Fastball Championships in New Zealand in 1993.

Robertson the 52-year-old operator of the High Perspective Hang Gliding and Paragliding School in Clarendon, has been an advocate of those sports for 25 years. He is currently co-president of the Ontario Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association and is an honorary director of the United States Hang Gliding Association.

He was in charge of instructional standards for Canada in 1979 and developed a teaching system for risk management for the sport. His efforts resulted in insurance rates becoming much more reasonable for hang gliders and ultra lite flying machines. He has spent considerable energy through the years trying to convince the public that hang gliding and paragliding are extremely safe activities when practiced properly.

Tribune carriers Brian Montgomery, Andy Gibson and Shawn Burns had just cause for not being on the job on Feb. 25. The trio were helping their SVB minor atom

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Two area residents were among 25 Ontarians to be presented with a Special Achievement Award for their contributions to amateur sport at the 1994 Ontario Sports Awards dinner in Toronto on Feb. 28.

The awards, which are the highest honors given volunteers who have dedicated at least 10 consecutive years to one of 81 sports recognized by the province, went to Siloam's Bob Abbot and Clarendon's Michael Robertson.

Abbot, a former coach with the Stouffville Stingers intermediate ladies softball team, was recognized for his ongoing efforts on behalf of softball in Ontario and Canada. He is currently vice-chairman of Softball Ontario, chairman of the National Teams Committee for Softball Canada and is past president of the Ontario Amateur Softball Association. He was team manager of the

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