

Sports



Too hot to handle?

Stouffville District Secondary School's Sherry Hartnett (22) and Lisan Kayum (far right) strip the ball away from a Milliken Mills player during action in Wednesday's YRAA midjet girls' basketball game at Stouffville District Secondary School. Photo: SJOERD WITTEVEEN

Female Spartans have a field day

Last week was a huge week for Stouffville District Secondary School (SDSS) female athletes.

The SDSS Spartans girls' field hockey team walked the gauntlet to win all three playoff games and the York Region Secondary School Athletic Association (YRSSAA) championships.

It's the first YRSSAA crown ever for an SDSS field hockey squad.

The girls downed Markville S.S. 2-1 on Lori Giancoulos' overtime goal in the quarter finals on Oct. 23. Nicole Bardell scored the first SDSS goal.

In the semi-finals against Thornhill S.S. Tuesday, the Spartans were outplayed but got great goal keeping from Tegan Bennett in a 1-0 win. Giancoulos (surprise!) had the game's lone goal. Bardell's early goal stood up to give the Spartans another 1-0 triumph in the championship game with Denison H.S. on Thursday.

Now it's off to North York's Sunnyside Park to participate in the prestigious Ontario Federation of School's Athletic Association (She's OFSAA, girls!) field hockey finals. Action got under way on Thursday.

Good luck Spartans!

WRIGHT ON TIME

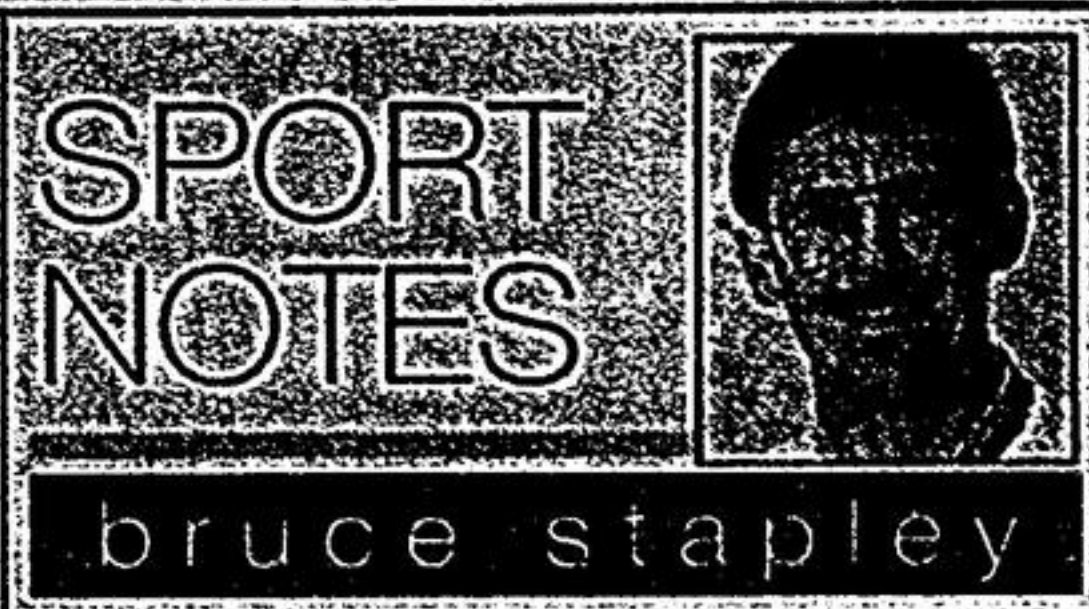
And if that wasn't enough, SDSS Wendy Wright finished first in a field of 85 runners in the midjet girls category to help the school team to a third place overall finish at the YRSSAA finals at the Boyd's Conservation area.

Finishing right behind the lean, mean midjet running machine was the teammate Rebecca Davis. Sarah Cliff was sixth in the senior girls race, qualifying for the fourth OFSAA meet of her high school cross country career!

The three girls will compete at the provincial high school championships today at the Fanshawe Conservation Area in London.

WILLIAMS MAKES GOOD TIME

Lukas Williams of Summitview P.S. ran to a scintillating second place finish in a field of roughly 200 runners at the York Regional Elementary School Cross Country finals Oct. 24 at Bruce's Mill.



Summitview's Wesley Jackson was 20th in the junior boys, Jennifer Lloyd was 27th in the atom girls, Dylan Harrison came 34th in the intermediate boys.

Other Summitview runners placed as follows: Andrea Newmarch, 38th, intermediate girls; Kevin Hayward, 76th, atom boys; Denise Reesor, 82nd, atom girls; Samantha Forgie, 103rd, atom girls; Katelyn Button, 111th, atom girls.

DI MARCO TAKES AIM

Tony Di Marco of Stouffville's T and R Donuts is not only skilled at helping his father Ralph come up with creative names for such creations as the shop's all new 'Izza Lunch pizza roll.

He's one of four Stouffville residents on the York team playing in the elite Trillium Counties Dart League. Tony, who is in his fourth year with the eight man squad, is accompanied to the Wednesday night competitions each week by Jason Rutter, Rob Duffy and Kent Davidge.

Tony told me between packing apple fritters in a box that the league is looking to eventually expand to include teams from towns from all across Ontario.

SKIING ANYONE?

Stan Newmarch, master skier and former head honcho of the Stouffville Ski Club and Yacht Team is looking to put together a group of skiers to travel to Lake Placid, New York, for a weekend of skiing Dec. 7-10.

Along with his granddaughter Andrea Newmarch, Stan is inviting Stouffville Alpine Ski Team members and their friends, along with senior and junior enthusiasts who are not team members. Those taking part will travel in private vehicles.

Call Stan or Andrea for further info at 640-4535.

Spirit set to face Newmarket tonight

By BRUCE STAPLEY
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The Stouffville Spirit will be out to stretch their undefeated string to four games when they face off against the Newmarket 87's

tonight at the Rec Centre.

The Spirit, who erased a 4-1 deficit to

tie the Collingwood Blues 5-5 in a road game Tuesday, will be looking to hand the Provincial Junior A Hockey League Phillips Division front runners their second loss of the season.

The Spirit haven't lost since undergoing a complete management and ownership shakeup last week. Team

spokesman Dave Probert said the players are just coming into their own after a period of uncertainty.

"The boys are looking forward to Saturday's game," said Probert. "On the bus to Trenton last Friday night after they were told of the changes, they really didn't know what was going to become of them. But driving to Collingwood Tuesday, they were relaxed and confident.

There was a great atmosphere. They think they can beat anybody now."

Mark Conrad opened the scoring against the second place Blues Tuesday, but Collingwood roared back to score four goals before the first period was out.

Team captain Tyler Rommelaere, back in the lineup after being sidelined with a shoulder injury, notched his first of two goals to cut the

lead in half in the second. Mark Russell clicked to bring the Spirit to within one, before Rommelaere evened it with his eighth of the season in the third.

Jason Robinson put Stouffville up front on his seventh of the campaign, but the Blues squared things while the Spirit were playing two men short with five minutes to play.

The teams played through a scoreless overtime period.

The draw left the Spirit with a record of 4-7-2, good for fourth place in the five-team division, two points behind the Lindsay Muskies.

Tonight's game gets under way at 8:30 p.m.

The Spirit are in Bowmanville to take on the Eagles on Sunday. They travel to Peterborough Tuesday before returning home to host Lindsay next Saturday.

pers scoring. Assists went to Bungaro (2), Brad Johnston, Chris McDonald, Kurb, Boyd and Mark Meyer.

The Clippers had fallen 8-3 to another Oshawa team the previous Sunday.

Boyd, Dan Thompson and Meyer were the Stouffville marksmen. Johnston and

Boyd assisted.

MINOR ATOMS EARN TIE

Michael Manson found the net twice, while Geoff Campbell and Derek Wilcock scored as well to give the Chimo Hotel minor atom Clippers a 4-4 tie with Bradford in a road game last week.

Assists went to Stan Clark

(2) and Logan Jennings.

The Clippers couldn't get untracked Sunday at the Rec Centre, bowing 4-0 to Uxbridge.

MAJOR PEEWEES WIN

The Aikens I.D.A. major peewee Clippers scored with just 17 seconds left in the game to defeat Lindsay 6-5 in a game

played at the Rec Centre on Oct. 29.

Lukas Williams netted a pair for the Clippers. Matt Sullivan, Ryan Fontanna, Blair Cain and David Brown added singles.

Assists went to Brown (2), Williams (2), Brent Meyer and Fontanna.

Major bantam Clippers put Canadians on thin ice

Brett Boyd netted a hat trick to back up the shutout goalkeeping of Carmen Auciello as the Edward Murphy Painting and Decorating major bantam Clippers blanked the Oshawa Canadians 5-0 at the Rec Centre on Sunday.

Andrew Korb and Lawrence Bungaro rounded out the Clip-