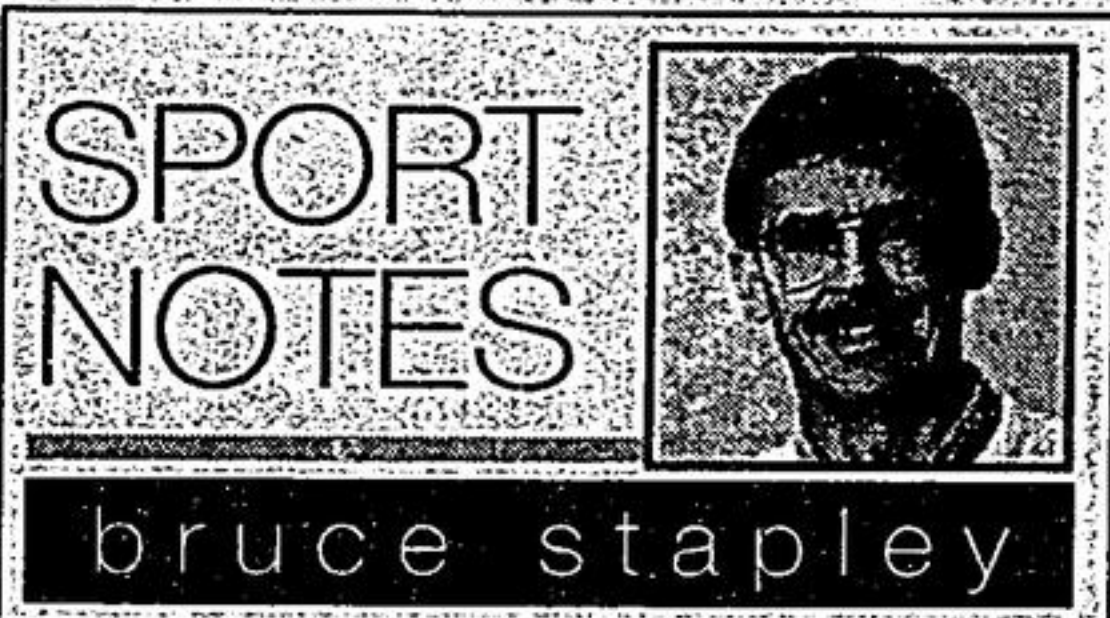


Sports

Spartan ladies serve up a storm in Collingwood



Heather Hendricks and Sue LeRoy were forced to pay the price after their Stouffville District Secondary School Spartan squads claimed gold and silver medals respectively at the annual Collingwood Girls Volleyball Tournament recently.

Hendricks, whose senior unit capped nine non-stop hours of volleyball by taking the title, and LeRoy, whose midgets recovered from a snail-like start to finish second, found their vehicles creatively decorated when they headed out to the parking lot at the end of a long day in the gym. For Hendricks, the pretzels, toilet paper and other miscellaneous touches adorning her vehicle made up the second unexpected victory surprise. The first was the cold mini-shower that greeted her after the championship match, much like that given winning NFL football coaches.

However, LeRoy, whose van was afforded the same treatment as the car of her coaching colleague, was overheard in the school cafeteria a few days later mouthing the famous, "I don't get mad, I just get even" maxim. Time, she said, is on her side. After all, she grinned, her midgets will be at the school another three or four years. Look out ladies!

On the court in Collingwood, it was Danielle Timms, Alison Crowder, Melissa Miller, Lisa Swain, Jen Reesor and Sara Jefferson leading the way for the junior Spartans in a solid team effort.

For the midgets, the high light was coming back from a 13-3 deficit to defeat Stayner in their second match early in the morning. "It wasn't a slow start, it was a dead start," quipped coach LeRoy, who credited a caffeine and sugar buzz with turning things

around.

The senior Spartans managed a second place finish in pool play, before dropping their quarter final contest.

GILROY, SPYTZ EARN RECOGNITION

Melissa Gilroy and Rob Spytz were the school's athletes of the month for January in the Works Fitness Centre (Markham) sponsored program. Gilroy, a multi-sport athlete, plays power for the senior Spartan girls' volleyball team, and made a large contribution at the Collingwood tourney. The fourth-year student has been as asset to all teams she has played for.

Spytz, who sacrificed a chance to play hockey for the Uxbridge Junior C Bruins when he chosen to suit up with the school junior hockey team, has led the team to an undefeated season so far. He leads the team in points, plays on the power play, and has incurred only four penalty minutes.

ICEMEN CLINCH TOP SPOT

The Spartans hockey team was to close out the regular season with road games Feb. 7 and 14. They are guaranteed a first-place finish in the YRSSAA East Division, and will open up the playoffs at the Rec Centre Feb. 19 at 2 p.m. As of Feb. 6, the team had a record of seven wins, a tie, and no defeats. They also won the very competitive North York high school tournament held earlier this winter. Not bad for their first year as a team.

COACHES HONORED

Spartans coaches Erin Wilkinson, Ron Dempster, Dave Connell and Freddie "The Flash" Robbins were honored in a recent issue of YRBE Board Briefs, a York Region Board of Education publication. Wilkinson and Dempster were recognized for coaching the girls' field hockey team, which took the York title last fall. Connell and Robbins coached the school's junior and senior boys' cross country running teams to first place finishes in the York championships last November.



Racing on frozen pond

Snowmobiling enthusiasts were out on Musselman Lake last weekend to participate in the Musselman Lake Winterfest '96. Among those racing their snowmobiles on the frozen surface included Charlie Gaudet on his EXT Arctic Cat (left) and Jamie McDowell on his Formula Z racing machine.

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Spirit playing for pride

The Stouffville Spirit Clippers will be playing for their pride when they take on the Lindsay Muskies tonight in the second last home game of their inaugural Provincial Junior A Hockey League season.

The Spirit, who were elim-

inated from playoff contention, will be offering the chance for entire families to watch tonight's game, along with next Saturday's season-ending Rec Centre match with the Collingwood Blues for \$10.

The Spirit, which gets four more chances to add to its total of 13 wins and 30 points, has fared relatively well in a trying inaugural season, says head coach Steve Sedore.

"No one expected us to

make the playoffs, but we still had a shot at it until recently," said Sedore.

"We've got to look at the bright side. We're ahead of Ajax and Peterborough, and they are established clubs. Getting over 30 points in our first season is an accomplishment."

The Spirit will take to the road on Tuesday for a game with the Ajax Axemen and then travel to Orillia on Thursday to face the Terriers.

Midget girls inch closer to the top

The Angie's Eatery midget girls hockey team climbed to within three points of first place in the North York League standings with a 7-0 win over Stoney Creek Feb. 3.

Angie's goal keeper Fiona

Robertson recorded her seventh shut out of the season while lowering her goals against average to a league leading 1.25. She also earned an assist.

Kellie Cornell and Kate Treacy each picked up four

points, while Sarah Abrahams, Katie Cuff, Dallas Hegland and Dawn Williamson also scored for Stouffville. Stephanie Allen, Heather Allen and Deanne Hibbert also had assists.

Goal drought hurts major peewees

The Aiken's I.D.A. major peewee Clippers were solid in goal, but lacking on offence at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey Association tournament held over the Feb. 2-4 weekend.

The Clippers goalkeeping tandem of Graham Smith and Dan Joyce held the opposition to seven goals in three games, but the Aiken's outfit managed only four of their own as they won one of three games played.

The Clippers edged Whitby 2-1 in their opener as Ryan Fontanna netted both goals. Brent Meyer had an assist. Lukas Williams was the only Clippers to score in each of the next two matches as the Clippers fell to London and Cambridge by identical 3-1 scores. Blair Cain and Geoff Dunn had assists.

London defeated Port Perry 4-3 in Sunday's tournament final.

Minor bantam Clippers, Uxbridge fit to be tied

Jamie Alston, Shawn Barton and Brett Jennings were the marksmen as the Bouwmeister Landscaping minor bantam Clippers held Uxbridge to a 3-3 tie in Uxbridge on Feb. 2 in game three of the playoff series.

Brad Clubine pitched in with three assists, while

Tyler Markle had two set ups. Jeremy Marshman was solid in the Clippers net.

The draw evened the series at a win, a loss and a tie as the Clippers were edged 6-5 in game two at the Rec Centre on Jan. 29. Clubine had a hat trick in a losing cause, with Markle and Jennings adding

singles.

Markle had two assists, while Jennings, Clubine, Ian McDougall, Steven Grossett, Shawn Barton, Tyler Armstrong and Paul Bouchard also had assists.

The Clippers won the series opener on Jan. 19.