

Sports

Spartans ice tourney title

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The Stouffville District Secondary School (SDSS) Spartans overcame a mountain of adversity to bring home the gold from the St. Michael's College School Invitational Junior Hockey Tournament over the weekend.



The Spartans won all five games in the 16-team tournament, defeating Mississauga's Gordon Graydon S.S. 4-1 in Saturday's championship show down.

For coach Bill McKnight's Spartans, it was a matter of making do with a short bench.

The SDSS team went into the competition minus their three top players, who were playing in an AAA level tournament in Quebec. Add to that the injury of key players Brad Clubine and Tyler Markle in the second match of the three game round robin and the Spartans were forced to go into the title tilt with only 11 players.

Markle, who bruised his thigh when he was kneed in a play that resulted in a five minute major penalty, came back to score a goal early in the championship match before having to leave the game.

"I was really proud of the whole team," beamed McKnight. "It was unbelievable the way they all played so well."

McKnight wasn't the only one who was impressed by the SDSS effort.

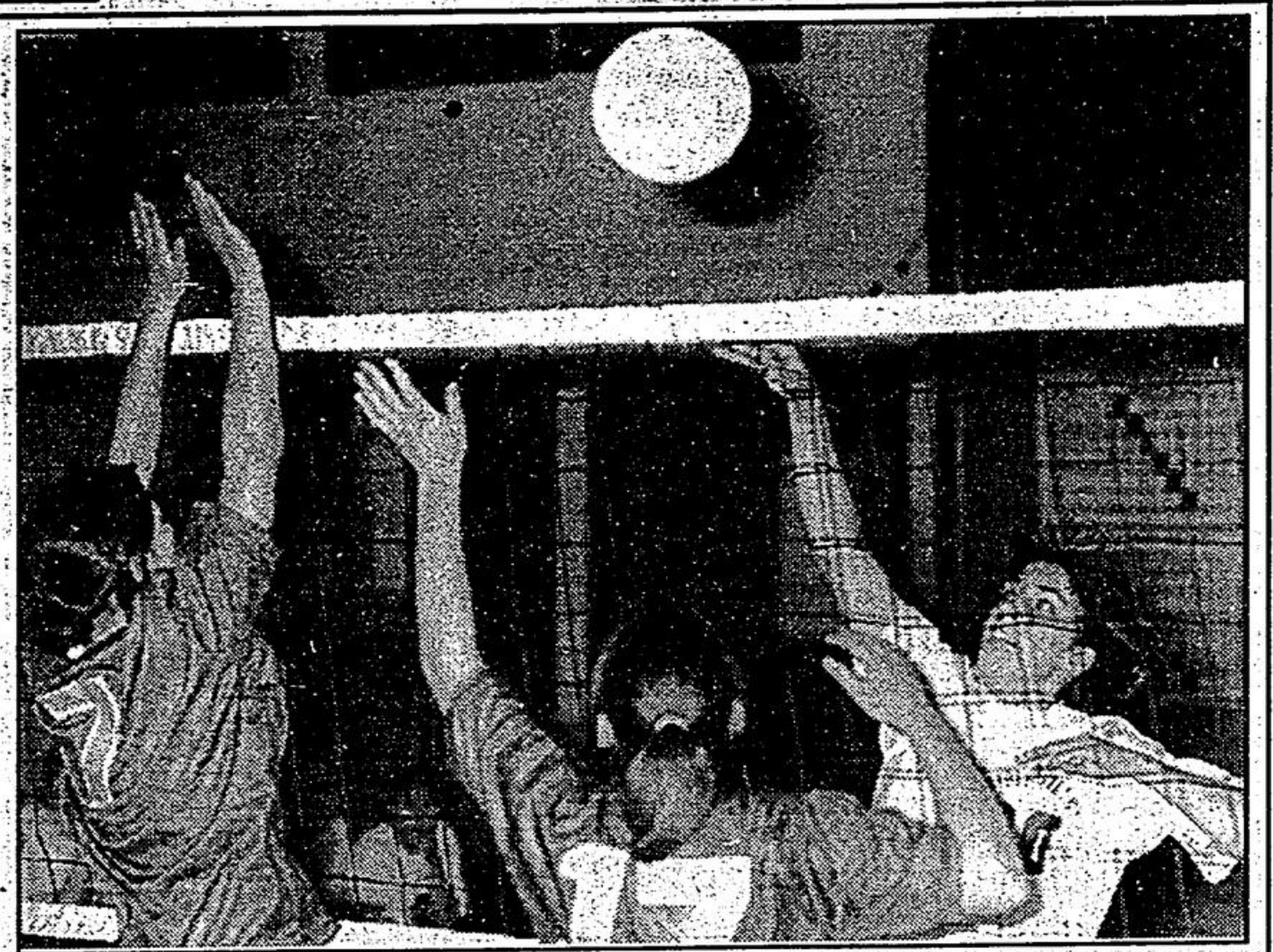
Three Spartan players were named to the tournament's six player all star team, including goalkeeper Carmen Auciello, who recorded two shutouts, Kevin Hackert (five goals, two assists) and Peter Mabley. Mabley, who had seven goals and five assists, was named tournament MVP, netting himself a trophy and a St. Michael's ring, along with a hockey sweater and bag.

The Spartans started off with a 6-2 win over the host St. Mike's Double Blues. They then blanked Montreal's Loyola Warriors 3-0 in a hard hitting second match.

The Stouffville school closed out the preliminary round robin with a 7-0 win over Mississauga's Phillip Pocock Pirates, leaving them in first place in their pool.

The Spartans defeated their York Region Athletic Association (YRAA) rivals from Cardinal Carter C.H.S. (Aurora) 3-2 in the semi-finals after trailing 2-0 in the opening period. The SDSS outfit then downed Gordon Graydon in the final.

The Mississauga team advanced to the final by defeating last year's YRAA championship King City S.S. squad.



Spiking it rich

Stouffville District Secondary School's Amy McElroy attempts to spike this ball past the outstretched arms of these two Newmarket players during action in Friday's Midget Girls' Volleyball Tournament at Stouffville District Secondary School. Stouffville won the match 2-0.

Photo/STEVE SOMERVILLE

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK GEOFF SMITH



Geoff finished out an accomplished Minor and Junior A hockey career in Stouffville last week. The 20-year-old 2-time OMHA champion Stouffville Clipper scored the winning goal for the Spirit of Stouffville Jan. 6 before being dealt to the Newmarket 87's, 4 days later.

Good luck Geoff!

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Major atoms win two of three at tourney

The Branick Group major atom Clippers took two of three games played in a tournament in Lindsay over the holidays. The Clippers were shaded 2-1 by Barrie in their opener, with Brian Taylor scoring for Stouffville, from Chris Flanagan. Taylor, Michael Pickering, Stan Clark, Mark Carruthers and Derek Wilcock scored as the Clippers rebounded for a 5-2 win over Trenton.



Stephen Relf, Pickering and Logan Jennings assisted. The Clippers slipped past Clarington 2-1 in game three, with Relf and Jesse Maillet scoring, from Jordan Smalley, Taylor and Carruthers.

But the team fell just short of advancing to the playoff round according to the tournament's points system.

Spirit downed twice

The Spirit of Stouffville were looking to pick themselves up again after getting blitzed by a couple of high powered opponents at the Rec Centre over the weekend.

The Spirit were downed 11-2 by the Provincial Junior A Hockey League leading Newmarket 87's Saturday, then fell 7-3 to the Phillips Division second-place Collingwood Blues Sunday.

For the Spirit, who had seen their four game winning streak snapped two nights earlier, it was a matter of taking their lumps.

"Newmarket is the number one ranked (Tier II Junior A) team in Canada right now, and Collingwood is also up there in the national rankings," said Spirit coach Dan Larmer. "Both teams are built around 20 year old players, while

we've gone with young kids this season. We're in one of the toughest divisions in the country."

Rob Frost and Tate Philips were the only Spirit players able to penetrate 87's goalie Frank Ivankovic, who was a third round draught choice for the Pittsburgh Penguins of the National Hockey League. Sunday, it was Scott Martin, Jason Ellis and John Lowrie finding the range.

Larmer is confident his players can get back on track when they play the Muskies Friday in Lindsay, with the Orillia Terriers in town Saturday night.

"We're still looking to make the playoffs," said Larmer, whose team trails Lindsay by 10 points in the chase for the final Phillips Division playoff spot.

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HOCKEY SCHOOL

Shoppers Drug Mart 4 - Fairgate Homes 2
Shoppers - Sam Carrick, 3G; Jordan Glendenning, 1G; Ryan Mason, 1A; Andrew Mingay, 1A, Good Goaltending: Connor Stevens, Good Game: Andrew Jones, Jason Deveny

Fairgate - Michael Sooley, 1G; Carter Hassard, 1G; Christopher Mauro, 1A, Good Goaltending: Ryan Adrian, Good Game: Jamie Gregory

Lebovic Homes 5 - E.C. Flyers 2
Lebovic - Ricky Thorne, 1G; Scott Bolton, 2G; Andres Sanders, 2G
E.C. - James Potter, 1G; Adrian Reynolds, 1G; Jeffrey Raymer, 1A

Houston Ford 3 - EMS Carpet 5
Houston - Kurtis Hulshof, 2G; Robin Laing, 1G; Jeffrey Normandeau, 1A; James Boylen, 1A; Stephen Hunter, 1A
EMS - Haily Hughes, 2G; Brad Maxwell, 1G; Wesley Campbell, 1G; Fraser Rochon, 1G, Good Goaltending: Mathew Raguseo

Pronto Muffler 2 - Weston Produce 8
Pronto - Jonathon Naylor, 1G, 1A; Josh Adams, 1G; Wesley Davis, Good Game: Brayden Todd, Good Goaltending: Jeff Bassett

Weston - Michael Delzotto, 7G; Tyler Neil, 1G; Gavin O'Handley, 2A; Aaron Clubine, 1A, Drew Brown, 1A, Taylor Bousquet, 1A; Good Game: Kevin Patterson, Good Goaltending: Jonathon Stansfield

Blackstone 7 - Case Dismissed 5
Blackstone - Nathan James, 4G, 1A; 2 Brad Hord, 2G; Justin Lacy, 1G; Chris Lombardo, 1A; Wes Wittenbols, 1A; Fletcher Muir, 1A, Good Game: Mathew Mauro, Good Goaltending: Ryan Barkey

Case - Timmy Boudreault, 3G; Jeff Kavluk, 2G; Elizabeth Jordan, 1A; David Brumwell, 1A; Geoffrey Devine, 2A; Brent Tobin, 1A, Good Goaltending: Daniel Lewis, Good Game: Kate Devine

Stouffville Mites 3 - Mississauga 2
Stouffville - Michael Delzotto, 3G; Ethan Werer, 1A; Scott Bolton, 1A; Patrick McEachen, 1A

Stouffville Houston Tykes 2 - Thornhill 2
Stouffville - Kyle Miller, 1G; Mitchell Raithby, 1G; Patick Salvagna, 1A; Richard Downing, 1A; Jake Carrick, 1A

Todd Pools 3 - Swirlers Restaurant 2
Todd - Matthew Easter, 2G; Christopher Hamm, 1G; Brenden McNeely, 1A
Swirlers - Mike Muto, 1G, 1A; Mike Ellis, 1G; Kyle Bassett, 1A

IGA 9 - Tim Hortons 1
IGA - Devin Paynter, 2G; Dale Williams, 2G, 2A; Kendall Knox 1G, 1A; Ryan Allan, 2G, 1A; Andrew Hewlett, 1G, 1A; Joshua MacPherson, 1G, 1A; Brandon Garth, 2A; Matthew Fockler, 2A; Daryl Robson, 2A
Tim - Mike Husbands, 1G

Multi-Service 2 - Money Concepts 1
Multi - Kurt Brillinger, 1G; Mikhael Metauro, 1G
Money - Brandon Sage, 1G; Gavin Brillinger, 1A

Inside-Out Decorating 4 - Greyfield Construction 0
Inside - Ben Sampson, 2G, 1A; Glenn Ratcliff, 1G; Arlie Shaban, 1G

ATOM

Metro Waste 5 - Cupe 2
Metro - Daniel Campitelli, 2G, 1A; Ben Smith, 1G; Keith Barrick, 1G; Jason Audette, 1G; Gary Hallman, 1A
Cupe - Riley McDowell, 1G; Chris Popovich, 1G; Mark Sutcliff, 1A

Houston Ford 7 - Smalleys Trees 5
Houston - Gabrian Barnett, 3G; Adrian Wobito, 3G; Joseph Zuccolingo, 1G
Smalleys - Dana MacDonald, 3G, 1A; Brenden Weatherall, 1G; Steven Cliff, 1A

Schell Lumber 9 - Claremont Chiropractic 4
Schell - Kyle Schell, 3G; Carlo Laduca, 2G; Chris Baetz, 2G; Matt Pennenan, 1G, 1A; Lewis Lott, 1G; Danny Schell, 1A; Kyle Knox, 1A
Claremont - Norman Fretz, 2G, 1A; Tommy Yule, 1G; Gary Balsdon, 1G; Brad Hurchel, 1A; Daniel Goddard, 1A

TD Bank 3 - Rock Cliff Pools 2
TD - John Riley O'Handley, 1G; Taylor Lougheed, 1G; Ryan Jenkins, 1G; Corey Andolina, 1A
Rock - Bennet Hallas, 1G; Ryan Bolton, 1G; Stephen Metcalf, 1A; Ben Grasse, 1A

PEEWEE

Stevens Tree Sales 3 - Patti-Lynn Interiors 2
Stevens - Andy Haines, 2G; Jason Davis, 1G; Darren McMullen, 2A; Michael Sutton, 2A
Patti - Braden Pare, 1G; Shane Timms, 1G; Scott McDougall, 1A; Cameron McInnes, 1A

Michelle's Snack Bar 3 - Alternative Recycling 0
Michelles - Adam Pappas, 1G; Marc Michaud, 1G; Chris Loughlin, 1G; Greg Smitt, 2A; Jeremy Cushing, 1A; Matthew Cushing, 1A, Shut-out: Ryan McCurdy

Pickering Honda 6 - Markham-Stouffville Credit Union 3
Pickering - Norm Fretz, 2G; Taylor Lougheed, 2G; Ben Lowrie, 1G; Adam Cox, 1G; James Wood, 1A; Mike Sandiford, 1A
Markham - Michael Gainsbrook, 2G; Kevin Rand, 1G; Danny Cherkas, 1A