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Season finales for many local teams

It promises to be a busy and decisive week for male and female hockey players of all ages in Stouffville.

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Girls Hockey Association houseleague division was to hold its season-ending championship games this past Monday at the Rec Centre.

This coming weekend sees a record seven WSGHA rep level teams making the trek to Mississauga and Brampton for the Provincial Women's Hockey Championships.

The Stouffville organization qualified teams from all levels for this year's finals, with two bantam squads vying for Ontario honours.

Six of the seven girls' rep outfits warmed up for the provincials show down by competing at the annual Brampton Canadettes Tournament over the Easter weekend.

The peewee Stars went the furthest of the six, finishing in a first-place tie with Belleville in their pool.

But they failed to advance due to their one and only loss of the tournament to Belleville.

While the other five WSGHA squads

failed to advance, the weekend marked a huge moral victory for the intermediate Stars, who managed a 1-0 win over their traditional nemesis, Ottawa.

The game's lone goal was scored by Katie White.

It was the only win in three tries for the intermediate Stars.

The Canadettes tournament included 380 teams, making it the largest ever women's hockey competition ever.

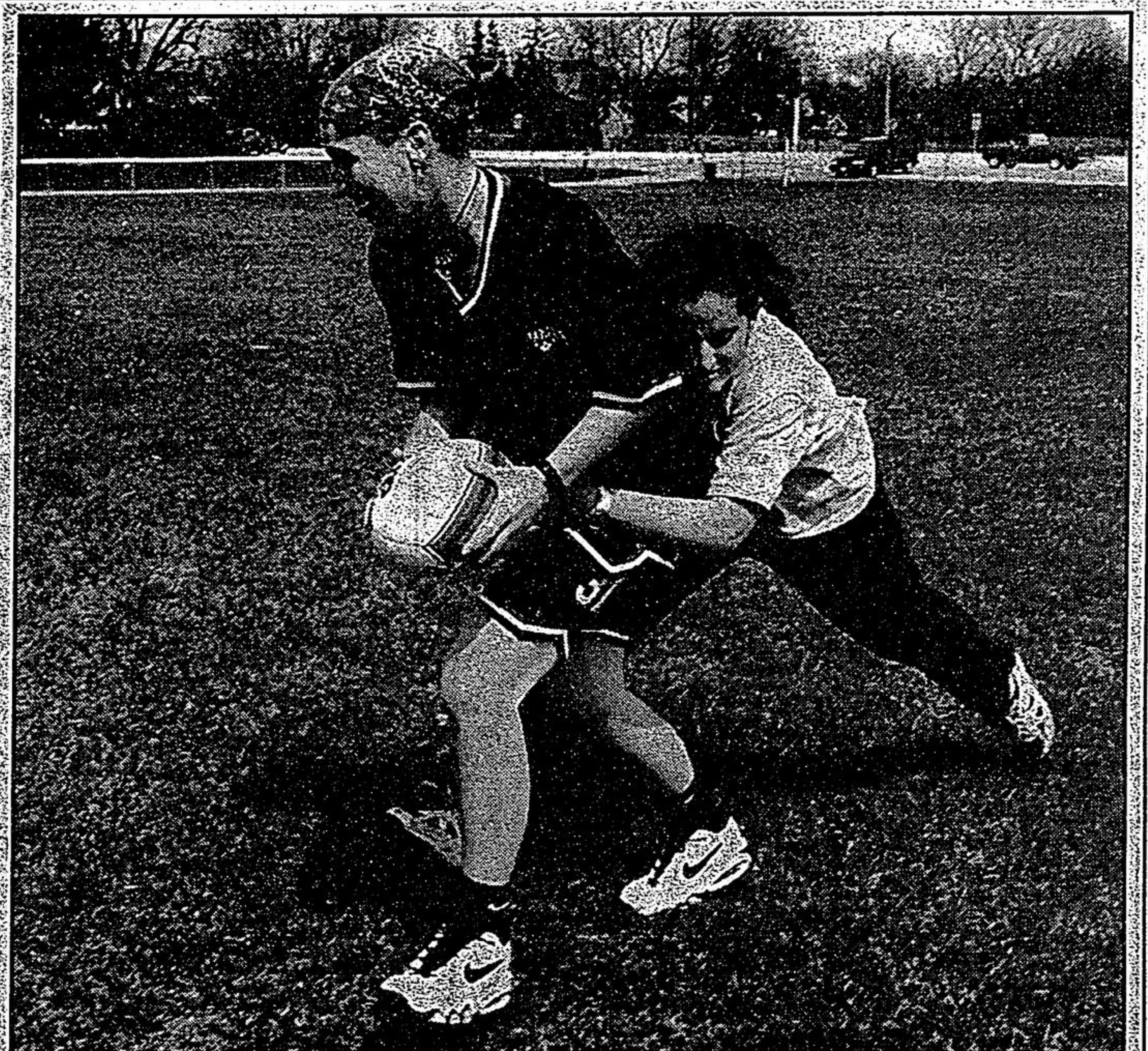
This weekend also sees two major competitions being held at the Rec Centre.

The Stouffville Amateur Hockey League will play its three playoff championship games Saturday evening.

The under-40 consolation final gets under way at 6 p.m. followed by the over-40 championship game at 7 p.m. and the under-40 title game at 8 p.m.

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey Association puts the wrap on its 50th anniversary season with a select tournament running Friday through Sunday.

The competition is to include tyke, atom and peewee divisions.



TACKLING A NEW SEASON: With another high school rugby campaign just around the corner, Nicole Brugger (left), and Claudia Petrmala, both students at Brother Andre Catholic High School, work on their ballhandling and tackling skills at the Memorial Park ball diamond on Monday.

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Scoreboard

WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION HOUSELEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES
ATOM - APRIL 4
"A" DIVISION
Multiservice 5 vs TD Bank 2
Multiservice goals: Tim Hill 1g, 2a; Justin Brugger 1g; Curtis Potter 1a; Michael Short 3g, 1a; Andrew Hewlett 2a
TD Bank: Kurtis Paisley 2g; Kyle Knox 1a; Simon Horton 1a; Brendan Wetheral 1a
"B" DIVISION
Metro Waste 2 vs Cable Tech 0
Metro Waste: Benjamin Smith 1g; Christopher Ritchie 1a; Christopher Popovich 1a; Ryan Laduca 1a; Daniel Campitelli 1g; Wesley Wideman 1a
Shutout: Jeremiah Fisher
"C" DIVISION
Schell Lumber 11 vs Houston Ford 5
Schell Lumber: Daniel James 1g; Joshua MacPherson 1a; David Salvagna 1g, 2a; Jeffrey McVicar 1a; Nikolas Ristich 4g, 3a; Michael Muto 2a; Colin Eles 3a; Kyle Schell 5g, 2a; Michael Normandeau 1a
Houston Ford: Keegan Donaghey 1g, 1a; Cash Nicastro 1g, 1a; Brandon Sage 1g, 2a; Robert McKay 1g, 1a; David Virro 1g, 1a; Bradley Harchal 1a
ATOM - ESSO AWARDS
Most Improved: Robert McKay (Houston Ford); Kellen Gray (Metro Waste); Adam Morawietz (Multiservice); Colin Eles (Schell Lumber); Roy Bartell (Cable Tech); Shawn Smith (TD Bank)
Most Dedicated: Bradley Harchal (Houston Ford); Jeremiah Fisher (Metro Waste); Nicholas Singh (Multiservice); Wesley Hutton (Schell Lumber); Ryan Hargrave (Cable Tech); Chris Rand (TD Bank)
Most Sportsmanlike: Keegan Donaghey (Houston Ford); Christopher Popovich (Metro Waste); Michael Ellis (Multiservice); Nikolas Ristich (Schell Lumber); Erin Pappas (Cable Tech); Gary Hallman (TD Bank)
PEEWEE/BANTAM - APRIL 4 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
Michelle Snack Bar 5 vs Patti-Lynn Interiors 4
Game was tied 3-3 after regulation time and Michelle won in a shootout: Michelle; Christopher Tipson 2g, 1a; Logan Jennings 1g, 1a; Aaron Hastings 1g, 1a; Fraser Smith 1g, 1a
Patti-Lynn: Ben Crawford 2g; Ryan Olivero 2g; Tealon Sarafian 1a; Chris Sorichetti 1a; Michael Norris 1a; Christopher Husbands 1a
Michelle Snack Bar also finished first in the regular season.

PLAYOFF FINAL GAMES
Todd Pools 4 vs Schickedanz Brothers 4
Todd Pools: Corey Andolina 2g; Tyler Norwood 1g; Kevin Rand 1g; Andrew Lowrie 2a; Michael Bozian 1a; Derek Wilcock 1a; Brent Turner 1a
Schickedanz: Carlo LaDuca 1g, 3a; Andrew D'Annunzio 1g; Jonathan Hill 1g; Sean MacIntyre 1g; John Riley O'Handley 2a; Brett MacIntyre 1a; Michael Lawrence 1a
Metro Waste Paper 3 vs Stevens Tree Farm 2
Metro: Paul Fujimoto 2g; Renzo Mendoza 1g; Giancarlo Mendoza 1a
Stevens: Riley McDowell 1g, 1a; Mark Vaheer 1g; Corey Ferguson 2a; Charlie Scorrar 1a
MASH 6 vs Credit Union 2
MASH: Cameron McInnes 3g; Ryan Bolton 2g; David Trott 1g, 2a; Chris McVicar 2a
Credit Union: Jonathan Paynter 2g; Steven Cliff 1a
BANTAM/MIDGET/JUVENILE DIV. MARCH 29
Giles Chev Olds 8 vs Inside Out Decorating 2
Giles goals: Jamie Alston (3); Shawn Barton (2); Shawn Carmanico; Tim Kerswill; Peter Deacon. Assists: Ardan Boyd (3); Justin Kerswill (2); Adam Kerswill (2); Tim Kerswill; Shawn Barton; Jamie Alston; Lee Akey
Inside Out goals: Colin Thompson (2); Travis Geldart; Chris Lager; Darren Chappel (2). Assists: Colin Thompson (2); Darren Chappel (2); Colin Griffin; Ken MacDonald; Armen Jamjakian; Travis Geldart
MARCH 30
Giles Chev Olds 6 vs Moller Insurance 2
Giles goals: Shawn Carmanico (3); Justin Kerswill; Peter Deacon; Mike Rhynold. Assists: Shawn Barton (4); Adam Kerswill (2); Francis Bourqui (2); Peter Deacon; Justin Kerswill
Moller goals: Joseph Lombardo; Joe Cherkas. Assists: Chris Weatherill; Brandon Bain; R. Lougheed
APRIL 5
BRONZE MEDAL GAME
Pickering Honda 5 vs Inside Out Decorating 4
Pickering Honda goals: Doug Richardson; Jason Maier; Chris Lee; Bryant Hulshof; Jeremy Clubine. Assists: Chris Lee (3); Bryant Hulshof (2); Jason Maier; Jeremy Clubine; Jeff Korb
Inside Out goals: Colin Thompson (2); Ryan York; Travis Geldart. Assists: Ken MacDonald (2); Paul Gibson; Travis Geldart; Colin Griffin; Armen Jamjakian; Andrew Wannup; Colin Thompson
GOLD MEDAL GAME
Giles Chev Olds 4 vs Moller Insurance 0
Giles goals: Shawn Carmanico; Adam Kerswill; Shawn Barton; Jamie Alston. Assists: Tim Kerswill; Shawn Barton; Peter Deacon. Shutout: Chris Tucker
Champions: Giles Chev Olds
Scoring Champion: Joseph Lombardo (Moller Insurance)

Local runners make their mark in Toronto

The premier road race of the spring season most commonly known as the season opener was held at High Park in Toronto recently.

Many runners returned to test their feet against the same course.

This route of hills and valleys intertwines through the park.

The famous central hill road came at about halfway and was followed one kilometre later by a large drop down to Grenadier Pond.

One would think that the flatness would make it easy for the rest of the run.

However the head wind out of the north made for a chilly and challenging final two kilometres to the finish.

The final 400 metres (all uphill) to the banner is up "guts hill".

Most runners proved that it is impossible to run the entire hill full speed, especially at the end of eight-km road race.

Stouffville was part of the 2,000 plus runners and all placed in the top 50 per cent of the crowd.

Jim Goudis was able to match his time with a solid effort of 40:21. This placed him 608th overall.

Elsie and Steve Pinder from Goodwood were a nice surprise to see back running again. Elsie loves the challenge and the improved warm weather she is hoping to increase her training runs. Steve was glad to be part of this exciting

On the Run

Fred Robbins



start to the spring road races. He placed 821st overall in a time of 43:09.

Elsie was questioning the posted results. She placed 509th with a time of 38:32.

Aaron Lilly, a novice to the road racing scene,

placed 91st overall and 13th in the 15-19 age group with a time of 31:29. This was a little slower than hoped for. However the toughness did not keep him from finishing even up that brutal hill at the end.

Entered in the Masters field I had to work hard in the first four kilometres battling back and forth for the third spot.

Having lost the energy to push any harder I settled for fourth place in the M40 position. This was also 21st overall with a time of 27:39.

LOCAL RUN ON APRIL 19

On a more local note, the Markham Stouffville Hospital will hold their 5-km run to raise money for the hospital on April 19.

Some of the local runners will be there testing out the course. Cliff Dunkeld will be there to participate as well he said he would walk the whole route. The setting is a new development on Ninth line south of the hospital, by 14th Ave.

Start time is 10 a.m. so get their early warm up and go the distance for the hospital. Let's support the hospital and runners by cheering them on to a good day.

See you there.