

Sheffield students make the grade in Lethbridge

Stouffville has once again found itself awash in medals at a national-level judo competition.

Members of the Sheffield Judo Club returned with three gold medals, a silver and two bronze from the recent Junior and Juvenile Canadian Judo Championships in Lethbridge, Alta.

Kerry Lynne Hulshof and Kyle Chee-a-tow repeated their gold-medal standings from last year by finishing first as Canadian juvenile champions.

Hulshof finished on top in the under-42 kilogram juvenile girls' 14-year-old category.

Chee-a-tow won the under-54kg juvenile 15-year-old boys' division. He also picked up a bronze medal in the older International Judo Federation under-56kg 15-year-old category.

Meaghan Fulton won gold in the under-48kg IJF junior girls' 16-year-old flight. In addition, she is awaiting confirmation of her qualification in the 2000 Junior World Championships.

Jennie Jones earned a silver in the under-63kg juvenile girls' 15-year-old category.

Seiji Ishiguro earned a bronze in the under-69kg juvenile boys' 16-year-old division.

Chad McClintock was fifth in the under-59kg juvenile boys' 15-year-old bracket.

Finishing out of the medals were: Dusty Chee-a-tow, Trevor Chee-a-tow, Adam Howe and David Reid.

Sheffield club coach Aartje Sheffield was thrilled with the results achieved by her students.

"All Sheffield judo athletes competed extremely well," she said. "If it were not for a couple of controversial calls resulting in losses for our competitors, the team could have claimed a couple more medals."

Werek helps Stars shine

While Zeev Werek came to the aid of the Spirit of Stouffville by assuming some of the team's ownership responsibilities last fall, there is another resource in the Werek household which could prove to be a future consideration for the club.

Zeev's son, Ethan, is an eight-year-old centre with the Richmond Hill Stars minor novice AAA rep team. He scored 95 goals and helped set up 57 scores to lead the league in points.

He also helped lead his team to a 23-4-3 record and a provincial championship.

At the recent Ontario championships in Burlington, Ethan and the Stars won three of their four games to take the gold, rebounding from a second game 6-4 loss to Whitby to blank the Durham squad 4-0 in the title tilt. Ethan, who collected 12 goals and one game Most Valuable Player nomination



Bruce Stapley

in the tournament, had two assists in the final.

Earlier in the season, the Stars took the gold at the Barrie tournament and were finalists at tourneys in Hamilton and Montreal, where they were ripped in double overtime by a team a year older.

Such is the youngster's value to the team that the Stars' coach begged the

Wereks to cut short Ethan's British Columbia ski vacation when the team faltered in its first playoff series a few weeks back.

Ethan returned to the ice to score a goal and add an assist in a 3-2 series-clinching win over York Simcoe. Ethan and the Stars then went on to sweep Peterborough three straight to advance to the five-team Ontario championships.

Last year with the Markham Waxers tykes, Ethan, who started out as a sniper in the Stouffville house league, counted more than 100 goals while spearheading the Waxers' drive to the zone championship.

With the Spirit having had such success this season with graduates of the Richmond Hill Stars AAA bantam and midget programs, Ethan may well be wearing Spirit colours in another eight or nine years.

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