

# Girls kick up a storm indoors

The opposition is seeing double as the Stouffville York Attack under-16 girls soccer team has split into two squads for North York Indoor Soccer League play at the Hangar in Downsview.

The Attack tandem managed a pair of victories in their league openers Nov. 5 as the Attack downed Oshawa Turul 3-1 while the Stouffville Angels prevailed by the same score over the Etobicoke Thunder.

The Angels got goals from Kaelyn Greenland and Elizabeth Bent in a 2-1 triumph over Oak Ridges Nov. 12.

Gwen Kern booted home both Attack goals in a 2-2 tie with Scarborough United the same day.

"It doesn't make much sense having six or eight players on the bench when your indoor league game is only one-hour long and you can only play six players at a time," said Attack coach Alfons Rubbens.

In total, the Attack has 16 players competing on the indoor winter circuit.

Rubbens' duties will not be confined to just coaching the Attack. On Nov. 14, he was named acting Whitchurch-Stouffville Soccer Club president.

Victor Szabo was forced to step down due to an increase in his workplace responsibilities.

Rubbens was the charter president of the association and has been active since.



**ALFONS RUBBENS:** Attack coach also named acting president of Whitchurch-Stouffville Soccer Club

# Spirit stretches unbeaten streak to nine

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The Stouffville Spirit did it by the book Thursday night at the Rec Complex.

The Spirit went to the play book for the go ahead goal then resorted to textbook defence the rest of the way to earn a 3-2 victory over the Collingwood Blues in the Provincial Junior A Hockey League match up.

The Stouffville squad, which trailed twice in the contest, broke a 2-2 deadlock when Chris Large drilled a rising shot that went in off the cross bar after taking a pass from Alain Duchesne following a face-off in the Blues zone mid way through the third period.

"It's a play we use," said Spirit head coach Brian Perrin of Duchesne's set up of Large at the top of the right face off circle. "Large always seems to get the big goals."

"It was a perfect draw," said Large. "Duchesne got it back to me and I one-timed it."

Duchesne said it took four tries to set up the play before game officials finally spotted a face off to the right side of the Collingwood zone after a Blues icing. "They kept putting the draw on the other side," Duchesne said it was never in doubt once Large let go with his blast. "He powered it home. I had my hands up in the air before it went in the net," quipped Duchesne.

The Spirit defence closed the door for the remainder of the period. "Our guys

found a way to win then we protected the lead for the last nine minutes," said Perrin. The coach credited the strong goaltending of George Eliopoulos, along with a solid defensive effort, for the victory. "George made some really big saves. And our defence played well the entire second half of the game. They started doing the little things."

The Blues took a 1-0 first period lead before Michel Bond tied it five minutes into the second. The Blues regained the lead but Alain Veilleux's shot from the slot found its way through a scrum and into the net to draw the Spirit even again with 35 seconds left in the period, setting the stage for Large's big goal.

The win extended the Spirit's unbeaten streaks to nine games, enabling them to remain in first place in the North Conference a point ahead of the Newmarket Hurricanes. It was the Stouffville club's eighth straight win on home ice.

Bond, who moved into a tie for the Spirit points lead with Michael Tucciarone with his goal, said the Spirit put it all together in the game's second half to gain the victory. "Everybody did what they had to do in the second half. Our line (Bond, Veilleux and Tucciarone) is getting better every game and we came up with two big goals tonight. We're keeping our goals against down."

Eliopoulos said the Spirit have changed their approach to defence in recent weeks. "It was another good

defensive effort tonight. Our defence wasn't allowing the second shots. This is a totally changed defensive hockey team from the start of the season. That's what wins championships."

Bond ran out the clock with five seconds to play when he fell down and smothered the puck on three consecutive face-offs in front of Eliopoulos. "I had been having trouble with him (Blues centre Paul McDonald) on face-offs all night so I had to do something," said Bond. The Blues held a 36-31 edge in shots on goal.

The two teams were to square off again in Collingwood last night. The Ajax Axemen are in town for an interlocking game with the Spirit next Thursday night.

**Spirit Notes:** Large, Jon Smyth and Duchesne were named the Spirit three stars of the game.

Seven police cruisers arrived on the scene in the wake of a mini-brawl that broke out in the passageway in the stands in front of the Spirit players exit in the game's final seconds. The fracas, which involved several players from both teams watching the game from the sidelines, left Spirit player Andrew Francone with a nasty welt around his left eye. The Spirit was going to view a video of the affair before deciding whether to take any action.

"I don't understand why their (Collingwood) players were up by our door," questioned Perrin. No charges were laid.

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# Clipper team continues on hot streak

The Stouffville juvenile Clippers continued its torrid pace on the ice by skating off with two more wins to raise its record to 12-1.

Last Tuesday, a short-staffed Clippers entry travelled to Pickering and skated off with a hard-fought 3-2 win.

Playing host to East Gwillimbury Sunday, the Clippers prevailed 11-2.

Scoring for the Clippers were: Mark



## SPORTS DIGEST

Meyer and Brent Meyer two goals, one assist; Jeff Dunn, Tyler Markle and Kyle Harrison two goals; Luke Williams one goal, three assists; Pete Smit and Brett Boyd one goal, two assists; Ian McDougall one goal, one assist; Ryan Fontanna, Lawrence Bungaro and Jesse Miller two assists.

### Major novices downed

Mark Austin and Lee Averill each scored once in a losing effort as the Stouffville Toronto Electricians L.U. 353 major novice Clippers suffered a 6-2 loss to Newmarket last Friday.

### Ransom rides tall in saddle

Markham equestrian rider Lindsay Ransom and her mount, Daddy's Airplane, earned an eighth-place overall finish in the Children's Division of the recent North American Marshall and Sterling finals in Raleigh, North Carolina.

The 18-year-old Markham resident was the lone Canadian to compete in this age group division and earned the highest placing of a Canadian in this event.

A total of 34 riders took part in the one-day competition, which was based on how fast a horse can negotiate a

course.

### Winstonettes go on tour

Several members of the Winstonettes Gymnastics Association gained berths on Ontario tour teams that will compete at various upcoming international, national and provincial level meets when they took to the hardwood floor at the recent 2000 Tour Selection Meet in Mississauga.

Jennifer Charlebois, 16, and Jennifer Simbhudas, 15, will represent Ontario in England early next year after finishing second and third respectively in the High Performance Senior all-round.

Rachel Goddard, 19, finished fifth in the National Open all-round and will represent Ontario at a meet in Florida.

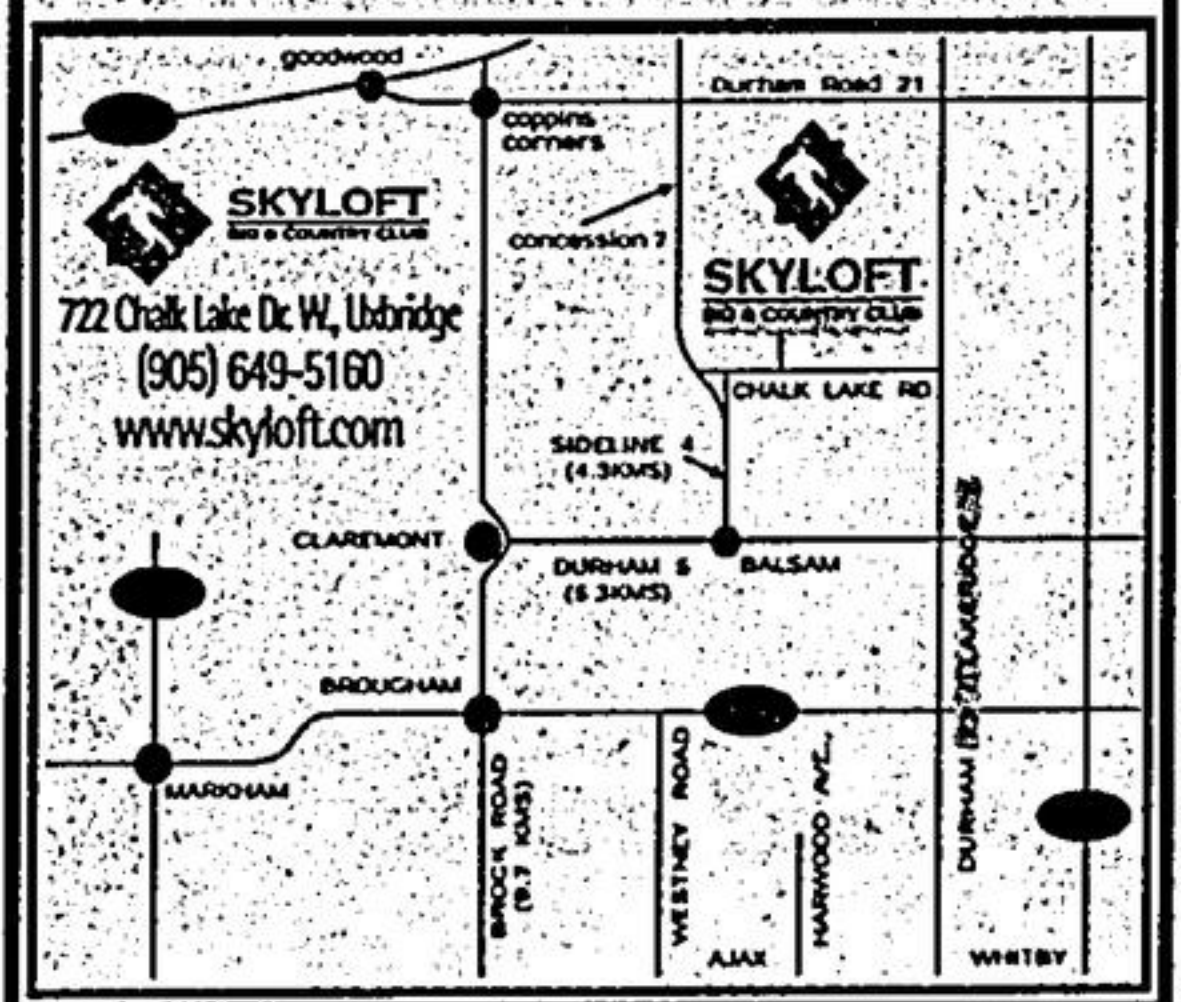
Ellen McCarthy, 12, was seventh in the National Novice all-round while Stacey Thomasos, 18, was fifth in the Provincial Level 3 all-round. The pair will represent Ontario at a meet in Columbus, Ohio.

Among other results, Laura McLaren, 17, was eighth in the National Open all-round; Katie Brooks, 12, was sixth on beam in the National Novice group; Casie Ursel, 14, was seventh on bars and eighth on floor in Provincial Level 3; Megan Rowland, 15, was eighth on bars in Provincial Level 3 and Arran Black, 15, was sixth in the Provincial Level 2 all-round.



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