

Marauders tackle junior title

Moxley's two majors powers MDHS to a 14-0 win over Richmond Hill in York Region final

The Markham District High School Marauders seniors aren't the only football champions in the York Region Athletic Association.

On Wednesday, the Marauders juniors followed suit by capturing this year's YRAA gridiron title with a 14-0 win over the visiting Richmond Hill High School Raiders.

The Marauders jumped out to a 14-0 first-half lead on touchdown runs from Mike Moxley. The Marauders made up for a missed convert on the first major by getting a two-point conversion from Erich Knechtel on the second touchdown.

Marauders' head coach Mryon Dnes said Mr. Moxley's ability to carry the mail was key.

"Moxley was a real workhorse out there today on the offence," said Mr. Dnes. "We were able to move the ball well in the first half and that got us in front."

The Marauders' stingy defence also shone, grabbing a pair of interceptions, one which led to a touchdown and recorded a few sacks. In the fourth quarter, they put an exclamation mark by shutting the door on two Raiders' drives.

"The defence played extremely well as a unit," said Mr. Dnes. "Everyone played well. There was no one who really stood out from anyone else."

In summing up the year, Mr. Dnes said the dedication from his team was the key to their success.

"Our boys made a huge commitment this year and the feeling is just great."

MILLIKEN MILLS CAGES TWO YORK REGION HOOPS TITLES

Just call the Milliken Mills High School Knights: the champions of the YRAA tier two girls' basketball league.

On Wednesday, the Knights senior and junior girls' teams won respective tier two titles at Keswick High School.

The junior Knights began the proceedings by defeating Keswick 38-20.

For the junior Knights, the postseason was a complete reversal of form



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Markham District High School running back Mike Moxley dives over this Richmond Hill High School Raiders' defender to score his second touchdown of the game in Wednesday's YRAA junior final at Markham. The Marauders won the game and title with a 14-0 win.

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But in the playoffs, the Knights got on a roll defeating Sutton 35-33 in their quarter-final game and Thornhill Secondary School 41-38 in the semi-finals.

The playoffs were a complete reversal of form from the regular season which saw them win just one game.

"Because quite a few of the players were only in Grade 9, they blossomed late," said Knights senior coach Liana Williams of the club's turnaround.

Players who made major contributions included Lisa Yang, Lauren Chin-Fook and Pameela Bisram.

Not to be outdone, the senior Knights followed suit by defeating Bayview Secondary School of Richmond Hill 39-31 in their title tilt.

Keying the club's fortunes was centre Celeste Scott, who averaged 15 points a game during the season. As well, the Knights received major contributions from forward Nadia Adjei, small forward Fionna Yau and guards Janelle Firebrace and Maria Doucas.

"We had plenty of leadership and consistency," said Ms Williams of her club, which had a 12-1 record during the season after winning just two games a year ago in tier one.

A six-foot centre who is in Grade 11, Ms Scott likes her team's chances again next season.

"I'm proud of the overall results this season. Everyone has worked hard to maintain a high standard of play and we hope to maintain our ability to be com-

petitive next year. We will have four of our top players returning," she said.

In reaching the final, the Knights defeated Alexander Mackenzie High School of Richmond Hill in their semi-final game on Monday 49-29.

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Scouts watch Spirit win

Mike Forgie picked a good time for a big night in the Provincial Junior A Hockey League.

The Scarborough resident scored his 11th and 12th goals of the season to help the Stouffville Spirit to a 7-4 win over the Couchiching Terriers Thursday night at the Stouffville Arena.

Scouts from at least three U.S. colleges and NHL Central Scouting watched the 14-10-1-0 Spirit dominate the game, outshooting the short-staffed Terriers 48-21. The Spirit is in third place in the North Conference.

Mr. Forgie, a Markham Waxers midget graduate, is visiting an NCAA Division 1 college in Michigan this weekend.

"We let up, twice in that game and you can't do that in this league," he said. "You have to play 60 minutes. But, hey,

we'll take the two points."

Two players who have already committed to colleges for next season had big games. Kevin Jarman (University of Massachusetts) had two goals and an assist on eight scoring opportunities for the Spirit. Couchiching's Luke Dubbin (Western Michigan) had a goal and two assists.

Michael Comisso, Mitch Dillon and J.D. Smithson had the other Spirit goals. Rookie goalie Steven Carota earned his ninth win for the Spirit.

The Spirit played in Huntsville last night and visits the Vaughan Vipers and former Spirit captain/MVP Anthony Minicucci on Monday.

The 17-5-1-2 Wexford Raiders, the first place team in the South Conference, make their only visit to Stouffville on Thursday.

