

Spartans capture consolation title

The Stouffville District Secondary School Spartans junior boys' basketball team captured the consolation final of the Middlefield Collegiate tournament in Markham last Thursday with a 44-36 win over Cedarbrae Collegiate (Scarborough).

Leading 29-18 at the half, the Spartans were led by guard Johnny Balik, who poured in 16 points.

Stars tie one on with Durham

Emily McMahon scored a goal that enabled the Stouffville Markham pee-wee B Stars to earn a 1-1 tie against Durham West in North Metro Girls Hockey League action last week in Ajax.

Brittany King earned an assist. Now 4-5-5 on the season, the Stars remain in third place in the east division standings and trail first-place Uxbridge by just three points.

Swimmers make waves in Guelph

BY JIM THOMAS
Correspondent

The Stouffville Swim Club created a resounding splash at a recent competition in Guelph.

Jake Silverthorn, 10, swam off with 10 medals; five gold and five silver.

He was also the recipient of the 10-and-under High Point Trophy, a first-ever for Stouffville.

Bethany Philpott, 15, also performed well, placing seventh in the 200-metre butterfly. She established a time of 3:15.83.

Despite an earlier injury, Lauren Wallis, 17, achieved a ninth-place finish in the 400m freestyle. Her time was 5:46.47.

Twelve-year-old Jaimee Mellor-Hill enjoyed a remarkable meet with 75 per cent best times. She placed 18th in the 200m freestyle with a time of 2:48.79.

Silverthorn was outstanding in several categories, posting 10

best marks.

In the 200m individual medley, his time of 3:04.70 ranked him 17th in all of Canada.

In the 400m freestyle, he placed 22nd; in the 100m backstroke, 23rd and in the 200m freestyle, 24th.

Silverthorn's record of 5:48.19 in the 400m freestyle, topped the pre-requisite provincial time of 6:00.50. He hopes to qualify in the 100m butterfly at a meet in Markham next month.

"Jake has a very promising future in swimming," said Stouffville Swim Club coach Brandon Oates, "he's already faster than most boys in the next age group although he won't be a part of that for another year."

Philpott was at her best in the 200m butterfly with a time of 3:15.83. She placed seventh among all competitors.

In the 200m backstroke she was 11th. Her time was 2:43.29.

She scored a 13th in the 400m individual relay with a time of 6:15.89.

"Bethany's strokes are showing more power every time out," said Oates.

Two of her times were best-ever, he noted. "I'm sure 2006 will be her best swimming year yet."

Lauren Wallis had 75 per cent best times. In addition to her ninth-place finish in the 400m freestyle, she was 16th in the 200m backstroke. Her time in this event was 3:11.74.

In the next six months, Wallis will be training hard to make the University of Western Ontario team.

Oates described the performances of Mellor-Hill as "remarkable."

Mellor-Hill's competing with five other 12-year-old girls from Aurora in an effort to establish one of the strongest relay teams in Ontario, he said.



Stouffville Swim Club performer Jake Silverthorn, 10, displays the High Point Trophy and 10 medals that he won at a recent meet in Guelph. Also competing for Stouffville at the meet were (from far left): Bethany Philpott, Lauren Wallis and Jaimee Mellor-Hill.

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Minor atoms ice top spot

The Stouffville minor atom A Clippers received an early Christmas present last Friday by clinching first place in the York Simcoe Hockey League regular season standings for the second straight season with a 5-1 win over TNT at Stouffville Arena.

Evan Smith scored twice while Chris Jarett added a goal and one assist and Mitchell Smith and Spencer Roberts each had single tallies. Owen Pearce, Chris Cadaret and Josh Burkholder earned single assists. Cameron Nowikow played a solid game in goal.

Now 18-4-5 on the season, the Clippers finish league play Jan. 4 against East Gwillimbury.

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Newmarket	22	9	3	1	48
Collingwood	15	16	5	1	36
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Seguin	8	19	7	2	25
Huntsville	8	22	3	3	22

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