

# SDSS student born to lead championship teams



**FLETCHER MUIR:** SDSS star student-athlete comes from family of volleyball players.

BY JIM THOMAS

Fletcher Muir is an athlete for all seasons.

The 17-year-old Grade 12 Stouffville District Secondary School student plays volleyball, badminton and rugby.

Muir's interest in sports can be traced back to his days at St. Mark elementary, where he was introduced to volleyball. Later enrolling at St. Brigid School, he added basketball and cross-country running to his resume.

Upon enrolling at Stouffville Secondary, he expanded his repertoire.

Rugby, however, remains his favourite sport.

On three occasions, Muir has enjoyed leadership roles in taking Spartan teams to the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations championship tournaments, including two appearances by the volleyball team under the direction of Steve Jimmo, and once in rugby, where he's coached by Jamie Hewitt and Rob Edmondson.

### HELD TEAM TOGETHER

"Muir's competitiveness and intensity has held the rugby team together," Hewitt said. "He has a unique leadership quality that aids all players in competing at their highest level."

Jimmo says Muir, who comes from a family of volleyball players, brought intangibles that helped the senior Spartans make OFSAA this year.

"His enthusiasm and leadership style helped during key moments in games," Jimmo said of his back row setter.

"Skill-wise, he's a good jump server who helped rally us through during the season."

In addition to game situations, Muir continues to work quietly with his teammates, resulting in improved skills and techniques.

The five-foot, nine-inch, 145-

pound senior keeps in top physical condition by logging hours in the school's weight room. He's hoping this activity can be expanded when Stouffville's new high school opens in 2007.

### HELPS COACH GIRLS' SQUAD

When Muir isn't working out on his own during the gap between volleyball and rugby, he assists the senior girls' volleyball team.

"We have an excellent program," Muir said. "I love it. Good coaching has helped me immensely."

Muir's efforts haven't gone unnoticed as he was named the school's athlete of the week earlier this year.

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