

Stars girls show heart in turnaround

From winless to respectable and a tournament final

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John Wilson believes in the adage that you gotta have heart.

Based on the way his Markham

Stouffville bantam C Stars girls' hockey team performed this past season, the head coach thought his troops exhibited plenty of it. They had 12 victories, four ties and a berth in a tournament final.

Some of the girls were members of a Stars peewee rep C team that won just one game last year and none two seasons ago.

"Each and every girl had numerous special moments throughout the year," Wilson said. "Everybody gave 100 per cent. This team had a lot of heart."

Wilson attributed the turnaround to the players' enthusiastic approach.

The grade 8 and 9 girls played 52 rep games. As well, the players faced each other during a 25-game house league season.

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"It's almost the same as an 82-game NHL regular season," Wilson said.

Their diligence paid off at the season-ending Brampton Cougars Tournament as the Stars advanced to their first final, where they lost 4-0 loss to Barrie.

Among those who contributed to the club's success this year are goalkeepers Cara Sebastyan and Jordan Girolametto-Prosen.

Playing on the forward lines were Stephanie Halkidis, Krista Rovo, Annamaria Avarino, Julia Lennox, Talia Faubert, Elizabeth Wilson, Caitlin Pacini, Kelsey Hagan, Victoria Christofolis and Courtney Gibson.

Toiling on defence were Annalise Mathers, Dominique Cunningham-Reimann, Jennifer Lee, Maxine Schmidt, Carlee Schollen and Hilary Sherrard.

Assisting Wilson on the bench were Bill Lee, Sal Pacini, Voula Christofolis and Randy Hagan.

Aileen Grant and Sandra Mathers were team managers.

Rugby teams prepare for tournament play

A slow start proved costly to the Stouffville District Secondary School Spartans senior boys rugby team in its exhibition tilt Wednesday against host Lindsay Collegiate Institute.

After trailing 10-0 in the early going, the Spartans fell 19-7. Kyle Miller scored the lone try for the Spartans and Matt Raguseo added the convert.

Despite the loss Spartans head coach Jamie Hewitt was happy with his club's effort.

"Lindsay is an amazing team. They have one or two national team players and another two to three guys who are provincial team players," he said. "But I was pleased with the way we played."

The loss came on the heels of a 30-24 win a week ago Friday against host Dunbarton Secondary. Bruce Preston, Dylan Stewart, Jamie Gregory, Miller, Jason Lock and James Beare each had a try.

In other games that day, the Spartan juniors fell 30-0 to Dunbarton.

In a bantam match, the Spartans fell 10-5 to Dunbarton. Sam Carrick scored the lone try.

The Spartan seniors will resume exhibition play Tuesday when they travel to Stratford for the Miller Cup.

They host the Spartan Invitational tournament Friday.

The senior side will see the Spartans play Huron Heights (Newmarket) at 8:30 a.m. Other first-round matches include Uxbridge against Birchmount Park (Scarborough) at 9:05 a.m., Alexander Mackenzie (Richmond Hill) against Dunbarton (Pickering) at 9:40 a.m. and Dr. G.W. Williams (Aurora) against Brock High School at 10:15 a.m.

Junior entries include Alexander Mackenzie, Uxbridge, Brock, Huron Heights, Dr. G.W. Williams, Sir Oliver Mowat (Scarborough), the Spartans and Birchmount Park.

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