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Students hit lawn at club

BY JIM THOMAS

The Stouffville Lawn Bowling Club is rolling out the green carpet to students of Stouffville District Secondary School.

Club president Bob Stover, working with physical education instructor Jamie Hewitt, recently issued an invitation to athletes of grades 11 and 12 to participate in a lawn bowling workshop.

With amazing results. Eighteen young people, 14 boys and four girls, have signed up. They'll spend four consecutive mornings on the greens, June 4, to 7, with a mini-tournament planned for the final day.

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It's hoped an evening competition can be arranged at which time students will compete against their parents.

"We were scratching our heads, wanting to crack the youth barrier," Stover said. "For too long, lawn-bowling's been unfairly categorized as a seniors' sport."

Stover described Mr. Hewitt as very supportive of the idea and receptive to the invitation.

Previously, Stover said, the club attempted to organize a summer lawn-bowling program for youth, with little success.

This spring, the executive went a different route and now, for the first time, lawn bowling has been successfully introduced as part of the school's leisure sports unit.

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Stouffville District Secondary School's Sara Leccese is wrapped up by Bayview Secondary School defenders during Stouffville's 27-0 win in York Region high school action in Richmond Hill Friday.

Trip to cup final Ducky with Brad

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For Brad May, the long wait is over.

After 15 years and 882 regular season games in the NHL, the 35-year-old Stouffville native is finally going to play in a Stanley Cup final.

That long-awaited dream turned to fruition Tuesday when May's Anaheim Ducks defeated the Detroit Red Wings 4-3 to wrap up the Western Conference best-of-seven final in six games.

The Ducks face the Ottawa Senators for the cup. The best-of-seven series begins Monday in Anaheim.

Acquired by the Ducks at the trade deadline from the Colorado Avalanche for goalkeeper Michael Wall, May has played in 12 post-season contests and collected one assist.

Brad's father, Stouffville realtor Ken May, was expecting a call from his son yesterday.

"I'm sure they would have been celebrating pretty good," Ken said.

It was exciting to see his son finally reach his goal of playing for the Stanley Cup and possibly extending his career.

"He's hoping a good series here, he can get another two to three-year contract. He's looking forward to at least playing another year," Ken said.

Brad warned Ken the Ducks could be legitimate contenders.

He drew similarities with this team and ones he played on in Buffalo and Vancouver. The 2002-03 Canucks had plenty of momentum just prior to the Todd Bertuzzi mugging of Colorado Avalanche forward Steve Moore and seemingly endless fallout.

"Like the Ducks, Brad said both of those teams had great atmosphere," Ken said.

During the regular season, May suited up in 24 games with the Avalanche and Ducks and collected four assists.

A former Stouffville and Markham minor hockey player, May was the 14th player chosen in the 1990 NHL draft by the Buffalo Sabres.



BRAD MAY: Stouffville native hopes to win Stanley Cup and sign another NHL contract.

The graduate of the Niagara Falls Thunder of the Ontario Hockey League launched his NHL career with the Sabres, where he played six-plus seasons before he was dealt to the Vancouver Canucks.

His "May Day" series-clinching goal with Buffalo in 1993 is a highlight-reel favourite.

May spent two seasons in Vancouver before going to the Phoenix Coyotes in 2000-01 for another two years.

The rugged forward was dealt back to the Canucks during the 2002-03 season. He joined the Avalanche in the 2005-06 season.

Earlier in this year's playoffs, May was handed a three-game suspension after an incident in the Ducks' first round series against the Minnesota Wild. During the latter stages of the fourth game, which was won by the Wild, May was given a match penalty and game misconduct for punching Minnesota's Kim Johnsson in the back of the head.

Brad, his wife, Brigitte, and their children, Samantha and Tyler, live in Vancouver.

Brad is big on charities, especially the Shoot For a Cure Foundation, which funds spinal cord research.

For more on May and the Ducks, go to anaheimducks.com and bradmaya.ca to view the May Day goal, go to wgr550.com/sabres/top10/02.php

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