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Storm squad had blueprint for E. Canadian championship

Committed families key, 15-year coach says

BY MIKE HAYAKAWA
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When Stouffville Storm head coach Mike Heffernan took over a group of second-year mite boys softball players in 2001, he had a vision.

The Stouffville resident had an intuition that, given time, his youthful charges would achieve greatness.

After knocking on the door for the last two seasons at the Eastern Canadian championships, the crowning moment for the now bantam-aged Storm came Sunday in Torbay, Nfld., when they claimed the coveted title with a 3-1 win over Newfoundland (Conception Bay Central) in the gold-medal contest.

"I knew there was a chance that one day something like this would happen," said Mr. Heffernan, who works at Schell Lumber.

Success did not come overnight, obviously.

It came pre-Storm, when he coached his daughter's team for nine seasons, from squirt to midget.

Although the girls never won a provincial title, they did come close. All the while, the coach was developing deals he would use with the boys.

"I knew I could be successful with this team because I would be using 100 per cent of my own coaching philosophy," he said.

It began before the players

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KICK IT AROUND



STAFF PHOTO/MIKE BARRETT

Alyssa Mihail (left) of Metal Door and Jennifer Bell from the Timber Creek squad battle for the ball in girls under-12 action at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Soccer Club's year-end tournament at Bruce's Mill Conservation Area Saturday.

More retail for Stouffville shoppers

Hotel possible for Canadian Tire site

BY HANNELORE VOLPE
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You'll be seeing new commercial and retail buildings sprouting up in the near future along Main Street Stouffville, especially west of Ninth Line.

Other buildings will temporarily become empty or be demolished. The widening of Main Street is also slated to begin later this year.

Shortage of industrial and office buildings in Whitchurch-Stouffville, town CAO says/page 11.

A new retail building, of about 12,000 square feet is being planned for the southwest corner of Main Street and Ninth Line. The existing two-storey building is to be demolished. The new building will have seven units.

No tenants are confirmed yet, town CAO Dave Cash said.

Although the zoning, approved at the Aug. 14 council meeting, permits offices, clinics, private clubs, restaurants and retail stores, drive-through restaurants aren't recommended by the town because the building is at a busy intersection.

There will be access to the building from Ninth Line and Main Street. Some of the road access onto Main Street may be located on a small portion of the land now occupied by the

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