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## SPORTS

Lone rep team  
making noise  
in first seasonBY MIKE HAYAKAWA  
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For a first-year rep team, the Stouffville Mustangs under-12 girls are giving a good account of themselves on the pitch.

Competing in the York Region Soccer League and facing teams from Peterborough, Oshawa, Whitby, North Toronto, Wexford, Oak Ridges, Unionville-Milliken and East Gwillimbury, the Mustangs have played eight matches to date and sport a respectable 4-1-3 mark.

They're the only rep team representing the Whitchurch Stouffville Soccer Club.

The club's last league game took place last Thursday when they battled Oak Ridges to a 1-1 tie.

Sarah McGilvray accounted for the lone Mustangs' marker.

To prove that was no fluke, the Mustangs have also played two York Region Soccer League cup games and have prevailed in each.

The latest was Saturday when the Mustangs edged Peterborough 2-1 on goals by McGilvray and Victoria Wicks.

As a result of that, the Mustangs advanced to the semifinals and will face North Toronto Aug. 16.

A victory there would vault the Mustangs into the final Aug. 17 against Oak Ridges.

Mustangs' manager Christine Ferguson attributed the early success to several factors, including the solid foundation in the club's house league circuit and developmental teams.

"We are Stouffville's first rep team that came from years of being together on house league teams and three years with Stouffville's developmental teams," she said.

She also feels the club is fortunate in having coaches Grant Nairn and Gary McGilvray.

"Grant and Gary have been absolutely superb with the girls. I believe our group of 16 fine young ladies have a definite rapport with each other and have learned to gel together completely as a team," she said.

Other team members are Cassie Ferguson, Shannon Grinnell, Raquel McGee, Robyn Paxton, Rebecca Deforest, Dakota Fenz, Rochelle Foo, Cristina Opreescu, Courtney Nairn, Sarah Storey, Emily Kaunismaa, Jennifer King, Karlene Stoby and Carly Murray.

## PREPARE FOR LIFT-OFF



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Ballantrae Lion Caleb Vincent hits versus Silver Jubilee Club during house league action in the Whitchurch-Stouffville Softball Association on the Thicketwood Park diamond in Stouffville last week. For more on the association, go to [wssa.ca](http://wssa.ca)

## Spirit plays Markham, Aurora in pre-season

Summer is still upon us.

But for the Stouffville Spirit, the end of summer is near with the start of training camp.

Mark Joslin, Spirit general manager and associate coach, said the Provincial Jr. A Hockey League club's training camp will begin Aug. 18 at the Stouffville Arena with a two-hour session beginning at 6 p.m.

Joslin hopes to have 40 skaters in camp plus four to six goalkeepers.

Camp will resume Aug. 19 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m., Aug. 20 and 21 from 6 to 8 p.m.

The public is welcomed to attend training camp for free, Joslin said.

► Go to [stouffvillespirit.com](http://stouffvillespirit.com) for more information and updates on the Spirit.

The Spirit will play a four-game pre-season slate starting Aug. 22 against the Markham Waxers at Centennial Arena and return to the Stouffville Arena Aug. 23 against the Waxers. Both games will start at 7:30 p.m.

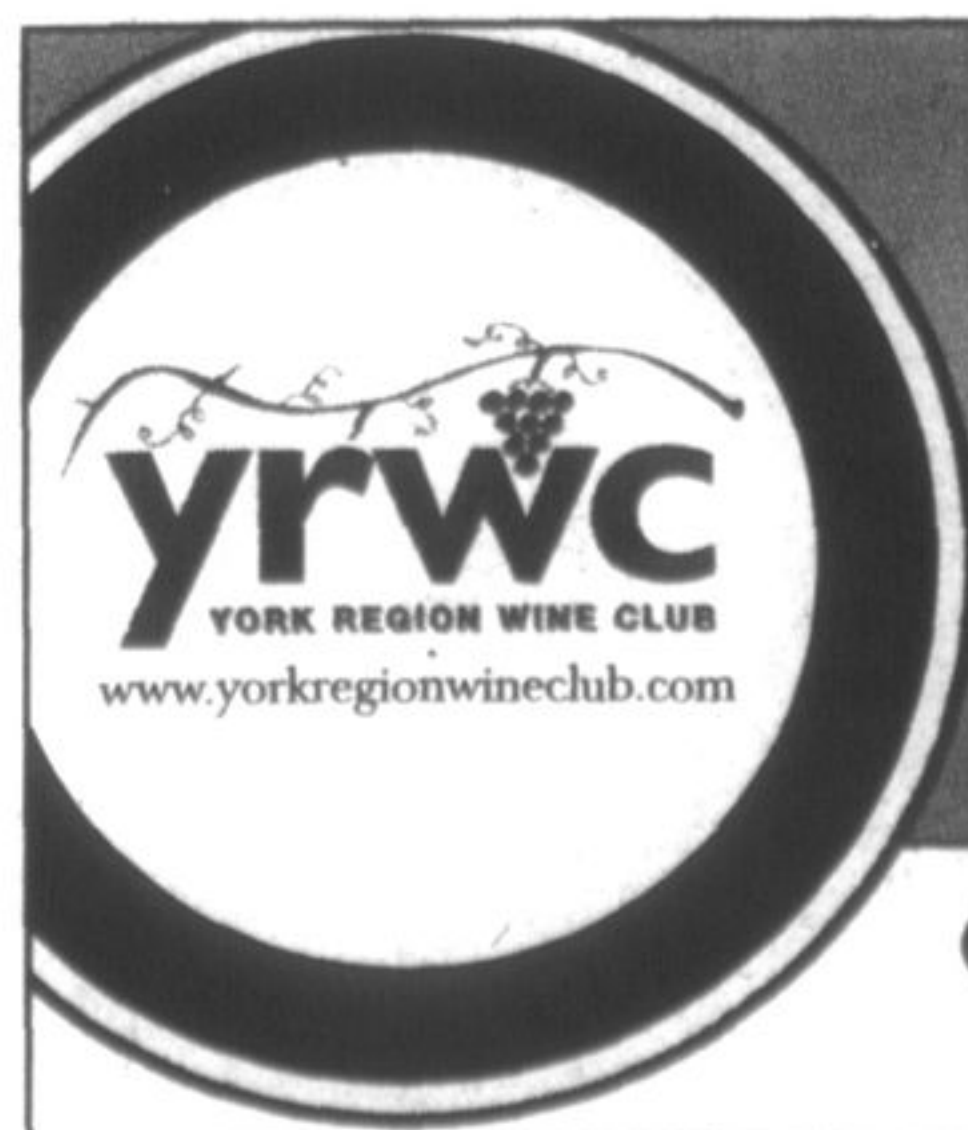
The Spirit will play their final two pre-season games against the Aurora Tigers starting Aug. 28 at the Stouffville Arena at 7:30 p.m.

The final game between the two clubs will take place in Aurora on Aug. 29 or Sept. 5,

which had yet to be determined as of press deadline.

Markham won the South Conference and South-East championship last season. Aurora won the North, defeating the Spirit in the conference final for the second straight season. The Oakville Blades won the 2008 league and Central Canadian championships.

The Spirit will play in the league's new Central Conference this year. The goal of the one-year project is to focus on player development for the Ontario Hockey League and university hockey in Canada and the United States.



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