

Stouffville volleyball alumni back in town

Calling all former Stouffville District Secondary School volleyball players.

That's the calling card from Jim Fletcher, former boys' volleyball coach at Stouffville District Secondary School.

Fletcher is looking for former Spartans to take part in his annual Millennium Cup volleyball tournament at Stouffville Secondary this Saturday.

Teams are already booked from Thornhill, Stouffville and Durham Region.

Fletcher now coaches at Thornlea Secondary in Thornhill with SDSS grad Steve Hutchison. Fletcher runs a series of summer sports camps in Stouffville.

The tournament will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Former players who would like to take part should contact Fletcher at 905-985-3489.

Spartan juniors finish third in division

The Spartans junior girls' basketball team clinched third place in the York Region Athletic Association tier one east division with a 38-17 road win over St. Rob-

SCHOOL SPORTS

ert Catholic High School Friday.

Haley Preston led the Spartans offence with 12 points while Brook Kiatipis added 11 and centre Annalise Mathers 10.

Finishing the regular season with a 5-5 mark, the Spartans were to play host to Richmond Hill High School yesterday in a first-round playoff game.

The winner of that game advances to Friday's quarter-final game at Bill Crothers Secondary School in Unionville at 4 p.m. and will face Aurora High School, which earned a first-round bye after finishing second in the north division.

The semifinals and final are Saturday at Crothers.

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College, under-22 team next on Heather's list

BY MIKE HAYAKAWA
Staff Writer

Heather Hughes recently concluded her career as an under-18 hockey player on a winning note.

The Stouffville resident played a key role as the Team Ontario Red squad won the 2008 National Under-18 Women's Hockey Championships in Napanee Sunday. The team's fifth straight title came in dramatic fashion after they edged Team Quebec 2-1 in double overtime in the final.

"It sure felt great," Hughes, a forward, said. "I'm now finished with my under-18 career and this was a nice way to end it."

Hughes acknowledged there was pressure on the team since they had won the four prior championships.

Even as a first-year player on the squad after being one of the late cuts during last year's trials, Hughes sensed those expectations were high. Especially since the Ontario Red entry defeated Quebec in last year's final.

"This year, we had to go out there and show them that we deserved to win and I think we just wanted it more," she said.

Scoring two goals for her team during the week-long tournament, including one in last Saturday's 5-2 semifinal victory over Manitoba, Hughes felt the competition lived up to her expectations.

"It was awesome to play against the best players in Canada," she

said. "I was a little nervous at first. But once I got comfortable with my teammates after our first game I thought I worked hard. And since it was my first tournament I didn't expect to get too many points."

"I knew this (to play in the tournament) would only happen once in my lifetime. It was an amazing experience."

As the youngest member of a hockey-playing family including her brother Bobby, a member of the Carolina Hurricanes' American Hockey League affiliate in Albany, N.Y., and sister Hayley, a sophomore on the Cornell University women's team, Heather hopes to follow a similar path.

She would like to take the next step by trying to earn a berth on the under-22 national team, whose coaching staff scouted the tourney.

The Grade 12 student, who played for Stouffville District Secondary School and the Toronto Aeros of the Provincial Women's Hockey League, is weighing several collegiate scholarship offers.

Inquiries have come from the University of Connecticut, Boston University, Quinnipiac College and Cornell.

"I'm definitely looking for a scholarship like what my sister has and I could be making a decision soon. I would like to get it out of the way. But at the same time I want to take time to make the right decision," she said.

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HOCKEY

Whitchurch Stouffville Minor Hockey Association

BANTAM

NOV. 8: Michele's Snack Bar 4 (Nick Florus 3, Andrew Muirhead) vs. LCE Aviation - 2 (Alex McMahon, Kevin DeRocchis); Todd Pools 2 (David Peddigrew, Matt Mathers) vs. Canadian Tire 2 (James Wiseman, Elliot Pick).

Stouffville Markham Girls Hockey

House league

NOV. 8

NOVICE DIVISION: Red Timbits 12 vs. Blue Timbits

3; White timbits 3 vs. Black Timbits 2; Red Tier Two 1

vs. Green Tier Two 0.

ATOM: Tim Horton's 5 (Miranda Sharp 4, Bridget Bethell) vs. McDonald's 4 (Elie Sasaki 4); Re-Max Asif Khan 6 (Anjana Dhiman 2, Fallon McGee 2, Leah Cannon, Melanie Costa) vs. Timber Creek 0.

PEEWEE: Mr. Electric 4 (Jennifer Chesson, Gabriella Francis, Emma Li, Mikhaela Slavin) vs. Pace Savings 0; Entertainment One 4 (Madison Frechette, Haley Catalano 2, Rhyena Miller) vs. Unionville Motors 2 (Marina Bettencourt, Victoria Campanale-Freitas).

BANTAM: Southwire 2 (Allie Kemp, Logan Westcott) vs. Stouffville Fish N Chips 1 (Claudia Guarasi); ATC Corral 3 (Brittany Barber, Meghan Timewell, Kylee Templeton) vs. Styles of Creation 1 (Alexandra Smith).


NOV. 9

NOVICE: Black Timbits 7 vs. Blue Timbits 3; Red Timbits 6 vs. White Timbits 4.

NOV. 10


BANTAM: Stouffville Fish N Chips 5 (Claudia Guarasi, Meghan McDougall, Jessica Weir 2, Farrah Testa) vs. ATC Corral 1 (Brittany Hulshof); Southwire 4 (Shauna Bartlett, Logan Westcott, Britney Brunelle, Jessica Ng) vs. Styles of Creation 2 (Alexandra Smith 2).

MIDGET: William R. Lee - CA 3 (Breann Coulter, Kali Hillier, Claire MacKichan) vs. Moller Insurance 2 (Cassandra Guida 2); Stouffville Lions 3 (Courtney Gibson 2, Meaghan Todd) vs. Shoppers Drug Mart 2 (Samantha Burt 2).



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