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SPORTS

## Juniors bounce back to keep title at home

The Stouffville Secondary junior boys' rugby team got off to a slow start at its Spartan Invitational Friday.

What mattered most was the end result.

Stouffville romped to a 31-0 win over David and Mary Thompson (Scarborough) in the final.

Connor Cadaret and Brandon Paulino each scored two tries while James McLeod booted three converts and Adam McGilvray had one try.

"We just got better and better as the day went on," Spartans head coach Rob Edmondson said. "The guys learned from their mistakes in their first game."

After a 12-0 loss to Birchmount Park in their opener, the Spartans rebounded to defeat another Scarborough school, Sir Oliver Mowat,

and then Alexander Mackenzie (Richmond Hill) in a semifinal.

Against Mackenzie, the Spartans overcame a 12-0 deficit to tie the game on the last play of regulation time to force penalty kicks. In the third round of kicks, Stouffville's Jared Kuettel gave the Spartans a 15-12 win.

In the senior division, the Spartans fielded two entries. Their A team lost in the final, 15-0.

"I think Lindsay is the best team in the province," Spartans head coach Jamie Hewitt said of the tournament winners, who won all of their games by shutouts.

In reaching the final, the Spartans A team defeated Dr. G.W. Williams (Aurora) 15-0, Mowat 25-0 and the Spartans B team 20-5.

—Michael Hayakawa

## HAIR-RAISING GAME



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Stouffville Secondary bantam Hayden Gibson tries to escape two Keswick tacklers as the teams opened their York Region Athletic Association season last week. Gibson had the lone try for the Spartans in a 10-5 loss in the junior tier two division.

# Humphreys calls timeout on youth hockey work

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During his 14 years with the Whitchurch Stouffville Minor Hockey Association, Mike Humphreys witnessed a lot of highs and lows. But, the positives far outweighed any negatives in recent years.

### 14 YEARS WITH MINOR HOCKEY

On that note, Humphreys felt it was time to take a step back and formally resign as president when the association held its annual general meeting last week.

"We had our most successful year ever in Whitchurch Stouffville minor hockey. We won an unprecedented six titles (three Ontario Minor Hockey Association and three York Simcoe) and we had finalists in each, too.

"Under my watch, it was pretty good," he

said with a laugh. "But really, it comes from everybody involved on the board."

Wanting to help children and give back to the community, Humphreys began as an assistant coach with a mite team, before becoming a head coach and convenor.

He was with the Stouffville Spirit Jr. A team for four years, including being assistant general manager in 2004-05. His family has billeted Spirit players for several seasons. He coached a Clippers AE team the last two seasons.

The association is in great shape for his successor, Don Easter, Humphreys said. Easter was second vice-president last year and coached the Clippers minor midgets to an OMHA A title.

"Financially, the association is sound. Everything is in good shape. I couldn't have asked for anything else," Humphreys said.

Humphreys, who didn't dismiss a possible return, will have more time to watch his daughter Courtney play for a Stouffville Markham Stars girls team next season.

Easter commended Humphreys.

"I've witnessed some significant progress in the nine years I've been on the board. Our enrollment this year was at an all-time high, the association is on a solid financial footing and our rep program produced better competitive results this past season than at any time in our history," he said.

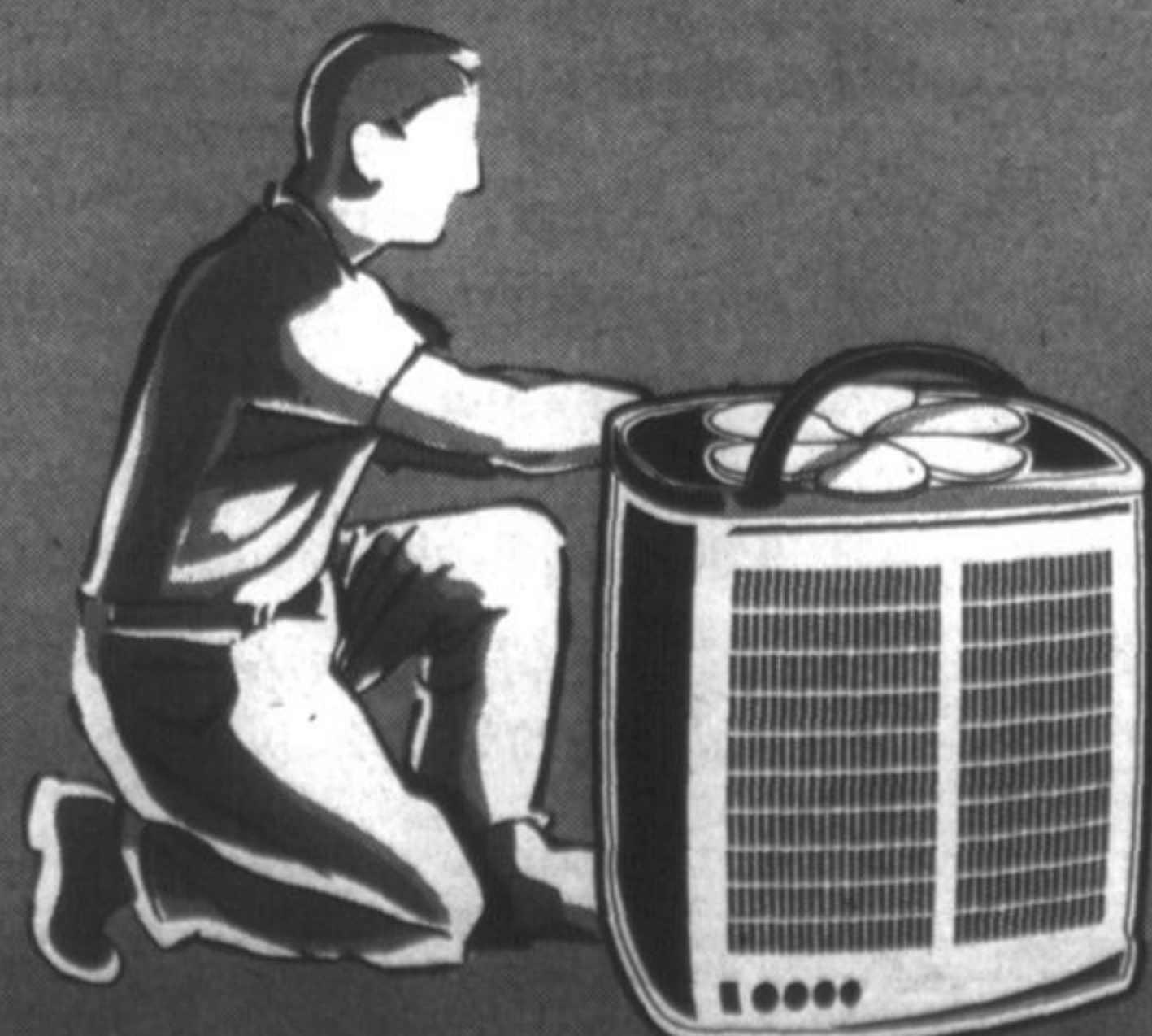
"None of this would have been achieved without a lot of hard work and commitment from the executive and our volunteer coaches and convenors, but I'd be remiss if I didn't specifically acknowledge the instrumental role our outgoing president, Mjke Humphreys, has played in our recent success."

Easter knows there will be high expectations placed on him and the board to continue where Humphreys left off. With the construction of a new twin-pad arena and introduction of new coaching and team selection programs, Easter is hopeful.

### NEW BOARD ELECTED

Josie Robinson remains as first vice-president on the 13-member board while Greg Smith, who served last season as association coach mentor, is now second vice-president. Joe Sutherland will continue as treasurer and Lee Palladino, secretary. Other returning board members include Wendy Armstrong, Bruno DeRocchis, Ross Newlands, Eric Ross and Mark Savery.

New members voted to the board include Shawn Leonard, Louie Volpe and Joe Palma.



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