

High school prepares for fall sports, Welsh visitors

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Stouffville District Secondary School's varsity fall sports calendar remains virtually unchanged from a year ago.

The Spartans will continue to field boys and girls varsity teams in several fall sports offered by the York Region Athletic Association.

On the girls calendar, the Spartans will feature teams in junior and senior basketball, field hockey, cross country and golf.

Among sports taking place for boys, the Spartans will have teams in junior and senior volleyball, cross country, golf and rugby.

"Everything is status quo," said Jamie Hewitt, head of physical education.

The girls field hockey team, coached by Sarah Bubnick and Sarah Langandoen, will compete in tier one.

Also competing at that level will be the senior girls basketball team directed by Sharon MacFarlane.

The junior girls basketball team,

to be coached by Jack Hammond, will play in tier two.

The junior and senior boys volleyball teams will compete in tier one. Steve Jimmo will coach the seniors and Randal Eaton the juniors.

"I leave it up to each of the coaches as to what level they want to compete in," Hewitt said. "But if senior teams hope to go to OFSAA (Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations championships), they have to be in tier one."

Schedules are expected to be

released following coaches meetings this week.

While there is no official YRAA fall rugby season, the school is fielding bantam (Grade 9), junior and senior fall tournament teams.

As a part of their fall schedule, they will host two touring teams from Wales next month, including a junior entry from Cardiff. They will make their first-ever appearance in Stouffville during the third week of October.

The other entry from Brecon, Wales, played here two years ago.

Brecon will bring two squads for games Oct. 29.

As a part of their overseas tour during the last March break, the Spartans seniors played Brecon.

"They will be very good," Hewitt said. "They beat us when we were there last March and they have one player, a prop, who is with their under-20 national team that we didn't play against. But we've been told he will be coming on this trip."

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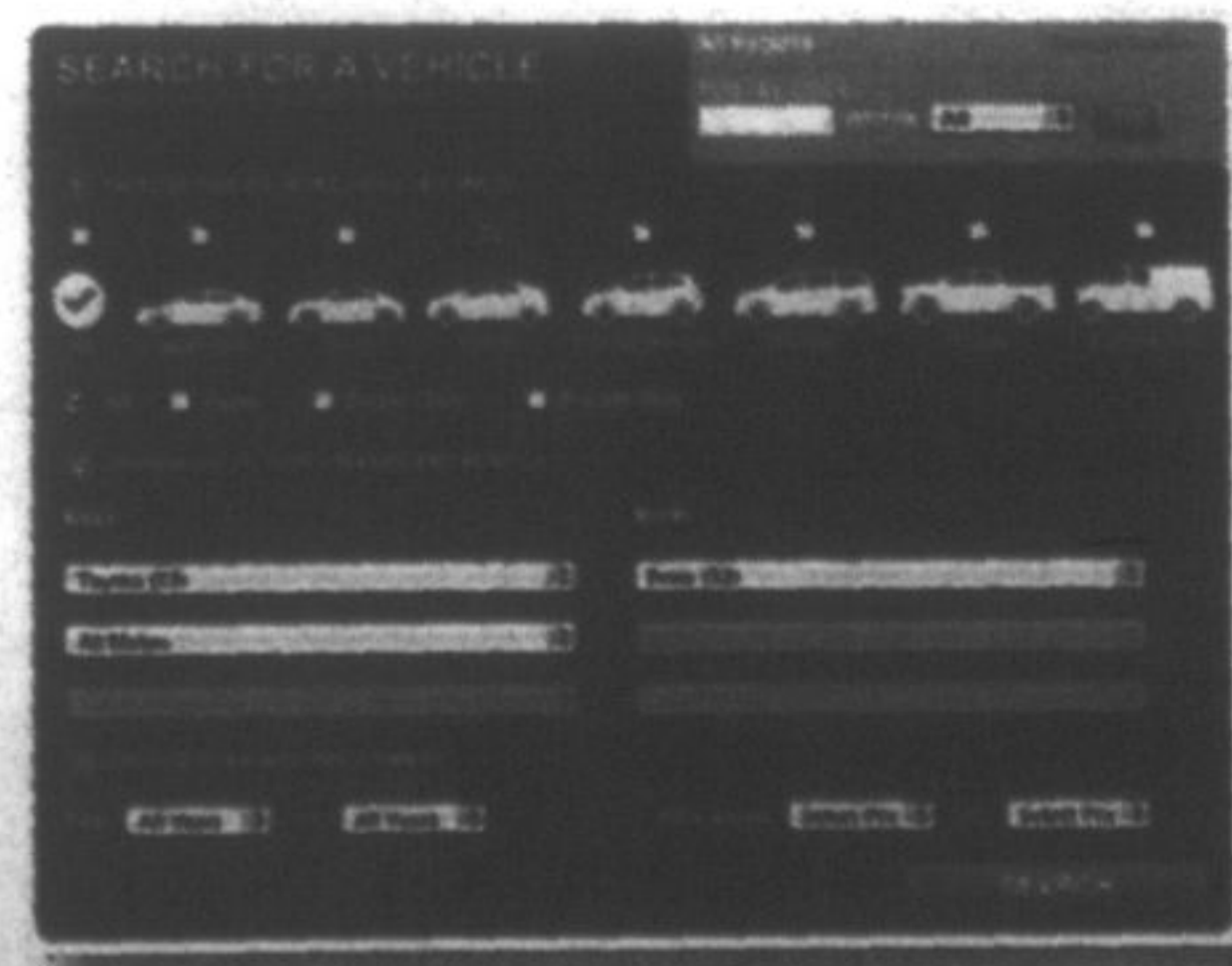
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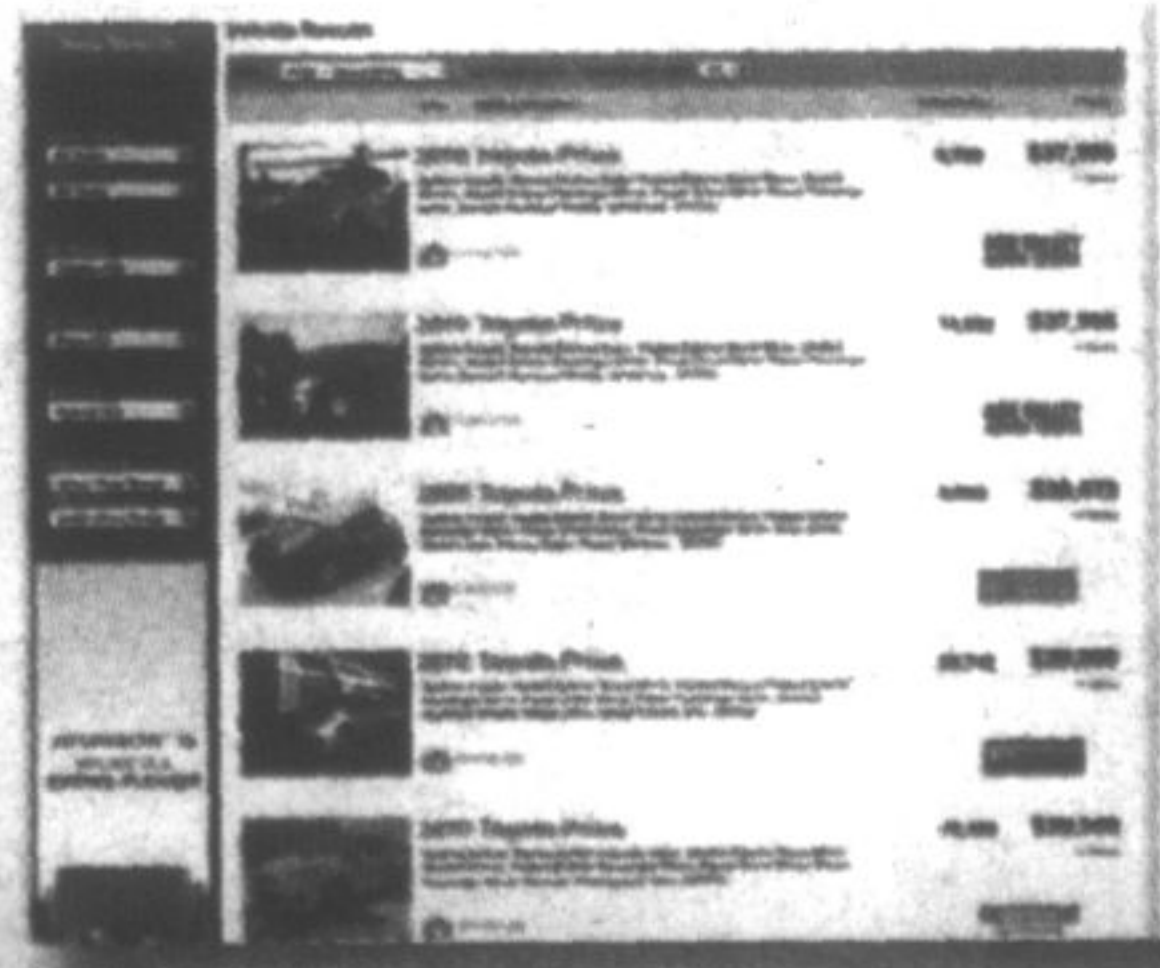
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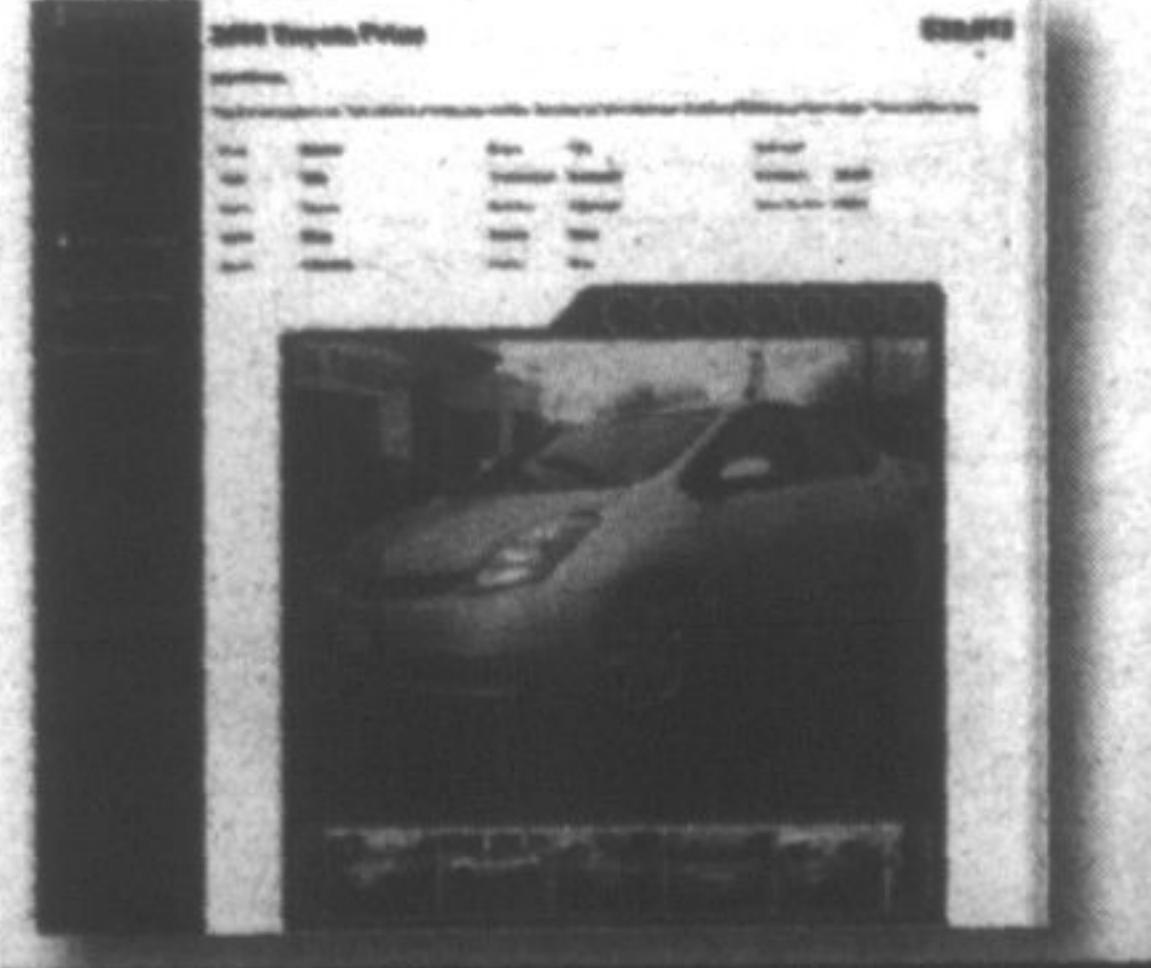
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