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Our Lady of the Lake's Jena Walker, right, high kicks the ball past Stouffville's Maddie McCormick during York Region soccer action in Stouffville Monday. Stouffville won 1-0 over the Keswick school. They won again Wednesday to improve to 3-0.

Spartans gear up for YRAA track finals

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The Stouffville District Secondary School Spartans' track and field team finished fifth overall in the two-day Bill Crothers Invitational meet that concluded at the Unionville school Wednesday.

Amassing 112 points, the Spartans were led by their first-overall midget boys' team.

Leading the midget boys' contingent was Jackson Savery, who won the shot put with a toss of 14.56 metres and discus with a winning throw of 38.52m.

Braden Amin finished second in the discus and was fifth in shot put. Ray Alibux was second in the 300m low hurdles. Emmanuel Lipari finished second in the 3,000m.

In the junior boys' field, Daunte Thompson-Bruce was second in the 300m low hurdles. David Fan was fifth in the long jump. In the 300m low hurdles, Aiden Lucas was fifth.

Among senior boys, Greg Barker earned a pair of seconds in the shot put and discus.

Highlighting the girls' team was Monnae Gordon with a second in the midget javelin.

Tianna Taylor was third in the 200m.

Alycia Holt ran her way to a third-place effort in the 3,000m. In the senior girls' triple jump, Erin Dobson was third.

Host Bill Crothers was first in the team competition with 344.5 points.

The Spartans' next meet will be the YRAA championships at York University Wednesday and Thursday.

Soccer girls still perfect

The Spartan girls' soccer team won its third YRAA tier two senior match in as many outings with a 6-1 verdict over Pierre Elliott Trudeau in Unionville Wednesday.

Jacqueline Rintjema scored three goals for the Spartans while Vanessa Mangos added two and Cassandra Caggianiello added one.

The Spartans are scheduled to host Richmond Hill High School Tuesday at 3 p.m.

Rugby girls, boys sweep Aurora school

The Spartans senior boys won their York Region Athletic Association tier one rugby match against visiting St. Maximilian Kolbe (Aurora) 22-5 Thursday. The Spartans are 3-0.

Zach Bauman, Tolu Odalume, J.R. Newlands and Chris Matsoukas each had tries. Marnus Coetsee kicked one convert.

In the junior match, the Spartans received a pair of tries from Kyle Laird and one from Nick Rabito in a 17-14 win over Kolbe. The juniors are also 3-0.

The Spartan girls had an easy time of things against St. Maximilian Kolbe after cruising to a 49-0 win.

Jasmine Russel recorded three tries while Abbie Bauman and Stormm Cerelli each had two. Brianna Miller and Erin Batty one each. Mackenzie Harrington kicked two conversions for the 2-0-1 Spartans

Torres suspended again by NHL

Raffi Torres will not be seeing any more ice time during the National Hockey League's Western Conference semifinal series for the San Jose Sharks.

The 31-year-old Whitchurch-Stouffville resident who grew up in Markham was suspended for the remainder of the best-of-seven series against the Los Angeles Kings after he delivered an illegal hit to the head of Kings forward Jarret Stoll during Tuesday's series' opening game in Los Angeles, the NHL's department of player safety announced Thursday.

Acquired by the Sharks from the Phoenix Coyotes at the NHL trade deadline, Torres was assessed a minor penalty for charging at the 19:02 mark of the second

period.

Under the terms of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, Torres was considered a repeat offender.

During last season's playoffs with the Coyotes, Torres was suspended for 25 games after delivering a hit that contacted the head of Chicago Blackhawks' forward Marian Hossa.

A first round draft pick of the New York Islanders in the 2000 NHL entry draft, Torres had served 13 games during the playoffs and missed the first eight games of this regular season before his suspension was reduced to 21 games on appeal during the offseason.

The Kings lead the best-of-seven series two games to zero. Game 3 will be played tonight in San Jose.

One in three Canadian kids are left on the side of the rink

In Canada, one in three families cannot afford to enrol their children in organized sport or recreation activities because of financial barriers (Vision Critical 2011).

Six years ago, Marlee Stein wanted to learn to skate but she didn't think it would be possible coming from a family of four kids and facing the struggles of a parent battling illness.

Through a family support service in her community, Marlee and her family were introduced to Canadian Tire Jumpstart. The Jumpstart program supported Marlee's skating lessons and skate Canada membership through financial assistance.

A year after lacing up her skates for the first time, Marlee decided to turn her desire to skate into a goal...to one-day join the Canadian Olympic Figure Skating team. Through Jumpstart, Marlee is able to continue her skating lessons and is working to achieve this dream.

"Jumpstart helped me get the lessons I needed to enter some very challenging provincial and national figure skating competitions in Canada," said Marlee Stein. "With all the lessons I have taken, I hope it opens up opportunities to eventually become a part of the Canadian Olympic team."

"The benefits of kids participating in sports affects their entire lives," said Johnny Misley, President, Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities. "Jumpstart is dedicated to removing barriers so financially disadvantaged children can simply participate, and ultimately pursue their dreams."

Kids who are able to participate in organized sport and recreation, outside school hours, gain many short and long term benefits including increased self esteem, greater self confidence, leadership skills, and better grades.

Despite the financial hardships many Canadian families face, there is a way to get kids into the game, no matter what barrier. By covering the cost of registration, equipment and/or transportation, Canadian Tire Jumpstart has helped 570,000 (and counting) children like Marlee participate in the sport of their choice.

Help kids from your community by visiting Canadian Tire, Sport Chek, Atmosphere, Mark's and Canadian Tire Gas+ stores as well as Pita Pit locations throughout the month of May to donate \$2 in exchange for a red ball, with 100% of all donations going to help kids play. The May campaign will be celebrated on Jumpstart Day on Saturday, May 25, with fun activities taking place at participating Canadian Tire Retail stores across the country, including charity barbeques or GoClean waterless car washes.

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