

Stars win third title of season

The Markham Stouffville pee-wee BB Stars won the 32nd annual Scarborough New Year's Classic Tournament that culminated with a 2-1 win over the Sudbury Lady Wolves in the final.

It was their third tournament championship of the season to go with a silver.

After losing their first two round-robin games against Scarborough and Sudbury by identical 1-0 scores, the Stars rebounded to blank North York 2-0 in their final round-robin tilt. That enabled the Stars to advance to the semifinals where they defeated the host Scarborough Sharks 1-0.

Coached by Steve McCusker, Dave Ducheck and Dave Fantini, team members included: Logan Assinck, Sydney Degrauw, Madison DiBello, Zoë Ducheck, Amanda Fantini, Kelsie Fung, Juliana Hill, Isabelle Kastanis, Olivia Mara, Gillian Marsh, Paige McCusker, Jade Morton, Emily Paisley, Amy Soetikno, Ella Sullivan, Mali Tucker and Reese Wallace.

Additional staff include trainers Grace Jung and Gloria Paisley and manager Jennifer Fantini.

Spartans end season with victory – barely

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The Stouffville District Secondary School Spartans might have anticipated a rather easy time of things when they took to the ice for their York Region Athletic Association tier one senior boys' ice hockey regular season finale against the host Sir William Mulock Ravens Tuesday.

After all, the Ravens entered the game marred in last place and had not won a game all year.

But that's why the games are played. While the Ravens put up a feisty battle, the Spartans emerged with the two points when the game concluded in a closer-than-anticipated 3-2 decision.

LAST PLACE

A goal by Matt Hunt with around seven minutes remaining in the third period proved to be the difference for the Spartans, who won their third straight game and will finish no lower than in third place with a 5-3 won-loss mark.

"We didn't play well at all," lamented Spartans' head coach

Jamie Hewitt. "Everything that we did in winning our last two games (over first-place Bill Crothers Secondary School and second-place and defending provincial and YRAA champion St. Brother Andre) we didn't do today.

BIG WINS

"It looked like the guys were playing pond hockey out there."

In explaining his club's lackadaisical performance, Hewitt was at a loss.

However, he speculated they might have taken their opponents too lightly.

Owen McKnight and Vaughn McCusker added the other goals for the Spartans, who battled the Ravens to a 0-0 draw after the first period before taking a 2-1 lead after two.

With their regular season now concluded, the Spartans will advance to the postseason, which is scheduled to begin Feb. 4 when they play a first-round, first-to-three-point series against an opponent yet to be determined until the regular season concludes this week.

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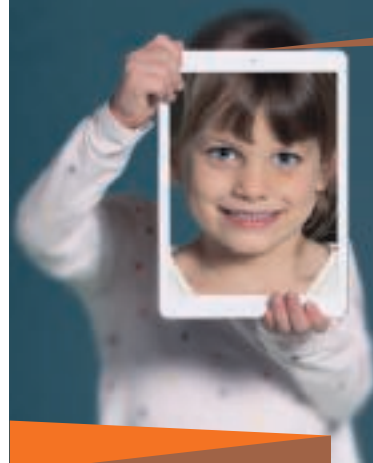
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