

SDSS girls hold on to York U title

The Stouffville District Secondary School Spartans varsity girls' rugby team retained their title at the York University Lions Den Tournament after reeling off three victories and one tie at York University Friday.

The Spartans reeled off wins over Sacred Heart (Newmarket) three tries to none, St. Marguerite d'Youville (Brampton) two tries to one and Senator O'Connor (Toronto) three tries to none. The tie came against Mayfield (Caledon) at one try apiece.

Anna Horner led the Spartans' with four tries while Alexa Feasby had three and singles went to Lauren Halse and Denise Laghavi.

Spartans' co-coach Jim Monk was pleased with the effort given by his defending York Region Athletic Association champs.

"The girls were awesome," he said. "They played really strong defence throughout the tournament, creating multiple turnovers."

In particular, he praised the work of their back row comprised of Vanessa Mainella, Kate McClellan and Kaylene Thompson-Bruce along with the play of Destiny Brown in the set piece.

The Spartans are scheduled to commence their YRAA Tier One schedule at Bill Crothers in Markham Thursday at 3 p.m.

Boys get ready for regular schedule

The Spartan junior boys tuned up for their YRAA Tier One season by taking part in the Saltfleet Tournament at McMaster University in Hamilton Friday.

Fielding a 35-player squad comprised of Grade 9 and 10 students, the Spartans lost

against Brantford 15-0 and then fell to Medway (Arva) 25-0 before edging Guelph 5-0.

The Spartans concluded their tournament appearance with a 30-0 loss to Lorne Park (Mississauga).

Rhys Garlough scored the lone try for the Spartans in their win.

"It's still early in the season yet and we want to try and get the kids in the right position and give them as much playing experience as we can," said Spartans' coach Jamie Hewitt.

The Spartan junior boys are scheduled to begin their YRAA Tier one season at Dr. J.M. Denison (Newmarket) next Thursday.

The Spartan senior boys will kick off their Tier one season against Newmarket High School at St. Maximilian Kolbe in Aurora Wednesday at 2:30 p.m.

Easter returns as WSMHA president

Things were relatively status quo when the Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey Association conducted its annual general meeting last week — at least in terms of the executive that will be in place for the 2016-17 campaign.

Returning to serve as president is Don Easter, while Kristal Kobold maintains the position as first vice-president and Don Barker, second vice-president. Sharon Taylor will be back to take on the treasurer's position and Matt Whitham, Ontario Minor Hockey Association representative and secretary.

Those chosen to the association's board include: Ron Bremner, Tammy De Luca, Mike MacDonald, Cam Veitch, Bill Di Sensi, Paul Johnson, Brian Mackenzie, Julia LaMarca and Mike McLean.



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REGIONAL HEALTH CENTRE

Moving Forward Together

Southlake's Commitment to Community Engagement

THERE IS SOMETHING SPECIAL ABOUT SEEING LONG STANDING

Southlake volunteer Marjorie Brewster help children diagnosed with cancer smile when they come to the clinic for treatment. Each child gets a toy from Marjorie and they learn that Southlake is all about caring for each other. These moments define who we are. We're here for you and your loved ones to celebrate moments of joy and we're here to help you through some of life's challenges. Everyday our hospital staff, physicians, and volunteers go the extra mile to help through individual acts of compassion, empathy and support.

LOOKING FORWARD, WE ARE COMMITTED TO THE CONTINUED

renewal of hospital equipment needs as well as key infrastructure projects. These projects include the construction of a 10-bed residential hospice, plans to enhance our mental health program through the addition of twelve new in-patient beds, the renewal of our cardiac catheterization labs and plans for the redevelopment of our operating rooms. These projects will further strengthen our ability to provide our community with the care that all of us expect and deserve. But we need your help now more than ever before. Major projects are only partially funded by the government and must rely heavily on the community to make up the difference. We look forward to continuing to work together with our community to ensure that Southlake has what it needs to achieve the ultimate patient experience.

AS A TEAM WE HAVE WORKED VERY HARD OVER THE PAST YEARS

to be a leader in healthcare funding reform while focusing on the quality of our clinical programs. Every four years Southlake participates in an accreditation process with Accreditation Canada, an independent national organization that champions patient safety and quality. In 2012 Southlake achieved Exemplary Standing and in March this year Southlake again achieved Exemplary Standing, awarded to less than 16 percent of Canadian healthcare organizations that demonstrate rigorous adherence to over two thousand best practices in healthcare delivery. This is a tremendous achievement for our hospital that demonstrates our commitment to continuous improvement and the results of collaborative teamwork.

SPRING ALSO PROVIDES SOME FUN AND EXCITING WAYS TO

get involved with Southlake. Sunday May 1, 2016, Southlake is hosting its annual Run or Walk for Southlake. We hope that you can join us for this wonderful morning of fun and fitness that is widely supported by our community and staff.

THE HOSPITAL AND THE FOUNDATION BOARDS HAVE WORKED

tirelessly to redefine and strengthen our commitment to working together to meet the needs of our community. Together, we have implemented a new Framework for Philanthropy at Southlake and a Shared Leadership Model to ensure we stay in sync. Following an extensive review process, the new frameworks incorporate the best management and governance practices in healthcare philanthropy and healthcare delivery to ensure we are able to achieve our commitment to patients, their families and our community. We need your help to achieve the vision for our Hospital and we are very appreciative of the support of our donors and community.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT AND YOUR

generous donations; it is what drives us to continue to push the envelope and empower our clinical teams to deliver world-class care close to home. We are very excited to work together with our community to ensure that Southlake continues to be at the forefront of healthcare delivery and builds its capacity to meet the future needs of our community.

AT SOUTHLAKE SPECIAL MOMENTS DEFINE WHO WE ARE.

We are here for you and your loved ones whenever you need us. You can help support Southlake in achieving its objectives through your generosity and together we can all make a difference. We look forward to sharing our journey with you over the next year and commit to keeping you informed about new developments at your hospital, and how you can get involved. Stay tuned!

SPRING IS A SEASON OF NEW BEGINNINGS, EXCITEMENT AND

opportunity. At Southlake we are relentless in our continued commitment to provide world class care close to home. The recent openings of a new fourth radiation treatment machine in our Cancer Centre as well as the new heart rhythm interventional suites represent great achievements for our hospital. Additionally, the completion of our diagnostic imaging campaign provided funding for a new interventional radiology suite and the planned installation of a new MRI. These achievements would not have been possible without the shared efforts of our Foundation, our Hospital, key volunteers and the generosity of our donors and community.

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