

## Hall varsity girls take ROPSSAA hockey title and head for OFSSAA

Girls' hockey is back with a bang at Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School.

This year marked the return of the Hall varsity girls' hockey team. The team had a tremendously successful year, finishing league play with an 8-2-1 record. The girls won the ROPSSAA 'AA' championship and will represent ROPSSAA at the Ontario Championships later this month in Sudbury.

'The girls have shown a great enthusiasm and commitment to the program. They have set the bar high for the future of girls hockey at Hall,' said Coach Stephanie Slokar. 'The girls have really bought into the team concept.'

Coach Ann Horton, who herself played varsity hockey for the University of Toronto, thinks it is so important to offer the opportunity for young women to play the game.

'There are so many skilled players in Caledon, Orangeville and surrounding areas that it would be so unfortunate if we did not have a girls' team,' she commented. 'The support from the parents and grandparents really demonstrates how important girls' hockey is to the community. And having the ice pad just down the street makes life a lot easier for practices and home games.'

In order to help the girls with the financial realities of traveling to Sudbury for OFSAA, the girls are cleaning the insides and outsides of the two school busettes.

'We are saving the school over \$1,000 doing it ourselves,' Slokar said laughing. 'But Coach Horton and I promised the girls we would buy them pizza for all their efforts.'

So in their shiny new busettes, the girls are off to Sudbury to compete against the very best schools in the province.