

Sports

Spartans boys' capture Bradford ball tourney

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The Stouffville District Secondary School Spartans boys' fastball team applied the finishing touches on an undefeated regular season and tournament schedule by rolling to victory at the Bradford Tournament on Friday.



The Spartans outscored their opponents 42-2 in their three games, claiming the title with a convincing 14-0 win over Huron Heights Secondary School of Newmarket. Paul Koert pitched a one hitter in the final, striking out 11 and helping his own cause by swatting out three hits and driving in four runs. Graham Crowder contributed with a home run.

The Spartans started off the competition with a 22-0 win over Holy Trinity Catholic High School of Bradford.

Chris Karam belted a grand slam home run, with Ian Ellis and Shawn Sargeant also homering.

Pitcher Jay Nesbitt fanned seven batters to earn the win.

In their second game, Sargeant's two-run homer early in the game set the tone as the Spartans prevailed 6-2 over Bradford High School.

Ellis had a home run as well for the Spartans. Koert fanned 12 in picking up the win.

Spartans' co-coach Bill McKnight said the tournament win was significant.

"This is a tournament we've only won a couple of times in its long history," said McKnight.

"They played like a team, everyone contributed to the wins."

The Spartans wrapped up the regular season with a 3-0 victory

over Huron Heights on May 23. Koert struck out 12 batters in earning the shutout.

Offensively, Crowder had a two-run single and Scott Clubine scored as well.

Defensively, the entire club played well to help preserve the shutout.

In explaining his club's success, McKnight said the Spartans have a depth of talent which makes them hard to beat.

"We had a difficult time making final cuts at the beginning of the season so we elected to have a big bench at the beginning of the season so it is difficult some times to get everybody in."

"But we have and it doesn't matter who we put in the lineup, as they have all played well. We are fortunate to have so many good players due to the excellent baseball program here in town."

The Spartans, who finished first during the regular season, begin playoff action on Thursday.



A hit worth smiling about

Stouffville District Secondary School baserunner Danielle Timms (left), is all smiles after reaching third base on a triple and driving home Michelle Gilroy, who also hit a triple, during last week's YRSSAA girls' softball contest against Thornlea at the town park diamond.

Photo: SJOERD WITTEVEEN

Rebels sound off with two victories

The Claremont Rebels added another pair of wins to their early season total last week in North York Fastball League play.

The Rebels got home runs from Jason Yoshida and Dale Jones and a 16-strikeout pitching performance from Scott Evans in a 5-2 victory over Chicken Deli in Claremont Wednesday.

The next night, Tim Evans made his pitching debut for the season, throwing a five-hitter in a 6-3 triumph over JR Electric.

Rob Parcella blew the game open with a two-run double in the sixth inning.

Tom Watson played a key role with a sacrifice leading to a run in the second inning, an RBI single in the third and a run in the three-

run sixth. Evans fanned seven batters.

In the game with Chicken Deli Yoshida and Jones hit back-to-back round trippers to put Claremont ahead to stay in the third. Rebels catcher Jamie Showers knocked a two-RBI single in the fourth, while Scott Evans helped his own cause with an RBI single in the fifth.

The Rebels play their home games on Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. at the Claremont Park.

Junior A tryouts on Saturday

Players looking to try out for Stouffville's proposed Ontario Hockey Association Provincial Junior A Hockey League team will get their first chance on Saturday. A rookie tryout session is slated to be held from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at Centre Ice Arena (Victoria Park Ave. and Steeles Ave.).

Stouffville team president George Stavro notes there is to be a limit of 34 players at the audition.

Players wishing to attend should contact Stavro at (905) 770-3771.

Stavro will also be looking for volunteers and billets looking to help with the team at the Whitechurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey Association banquet tonight from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Recreation Centre.

Buttermakers rout Pickering

Marcus Makinin was outstanding on the pitching rubber, and Brad Johnston clouted a home run and triple, as the Ricci's Sports Bar mite Buttermakers trounced Pickering 31-6 at the town park last week.

Michael Dambrosio had three hits for the Buttermakers, while Marc Latouche banged a triple. Other safeties came off the bats of Chad Wilson, Steven Metcalfe, Ryan Thom, Nathaniel Martin, Josh Spang and Makinin.

The Buttermakers will host the Stouffville Mite Boys Invitational Tournament at the town park this Saturday.



Senior Games are coming

Sam Elliott, president of the York Region Senior Games committee (left), presents Stouffville resident Cyril Back with the official opening ceremonies document. Back was instrumental in bringing this year's York Senior Games to Stouffville.

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Mustangs off to a good start

Nicole Redshaw's grand slam home run gave the Goodwood Mustangs girls' midget softball team a come-from-behind 7-6 win over Oak Ridges in their season opener Tuesday.

The Mustangs fell behind 4-0 in the third inning before rallying for the victory. Angela Durante was outstanding in the outfield for the Mustangs. Jenna Racoe contributed offensively with several clutch hits, while Kealy Morgan pitched with determination. Cynthia McCaul provided the team with solid defence at the catcher's position.

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