

Junior Spartans spike York gold....again

Gold again.

That was the story as the Stouffville District Secondary School (SDSS) Spartans junior girls' volleyball team hit, served and blocked their way to a repeat York Region Athletic Association (YRAA) AAA volleyball title.



The Spartans outlasted Thornlea S.S. at the YRAA finals Thursday at St. Robert's C.H.S., edging their opponents two straight in a hard fought, back and forth best of three set.

It was only the second defeat of the season for Thornlea, the only other loss coming at the hands of the Spartans in an exhibition game in January.

Spartans team leader Alison

Crowder once again stood out offensively and defensively for the Spartans in a solid team effort.

Danielle Timms' steady setting played a major part as well, while Tanis McKnight made a large contribution.

The Spartans advanced to the YRAA finals by prevailing at the east division playoff round robin Tuesday. The SDSS squad swept past St. Robert and King City before splitting with Aurora, giving the Spartans a first place finish in their pool.

They then swept Newmarket H.S. in the YRAA semi-final round that same day.



Stouffville District Secondary School's Brad Johnston (right), unleashes a shot on net during action in Thursday's YRAA junior boys' semi-final hockey game against Huron Heights at the Rec Centre. Huron Heights won the game 4-2.

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Spartans defeated in ice semis

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No tears were shed but the disappointment was written all over the Stouffville Spartans faces as they left the ice Thursday at the Stouffville Rec Centre.

They had just suffered a 4-2 defeat at the hands of the Huron Heights junior boys' hockey team in their York Region Athletic Association semi-final match.

The first period was a defensive battle with the goaltenders coming out on top. Both teams failed to score but it was not due to lack of effort.

Huron Heights dominated the second period with an impressive display of offence.

Penalties hurt the Spartans when Huron Heights scored a power play goal with 2:08 left in the period off a scramble in front of Stouffville goalie Carmen Auerello who was

sprawled on the ice after having already made a pair of saves. This goal put the home team down 3-0.

After the second period Spartans coach Bill McKnight remained optimistic.

"The team has been trying their best but down three goals and going into the third period, anything can happen."

The third period started with a bang for the Spartans with two quick shots 10 seconds into play. Mark Meyer put Stouffville back into the game with his goal off a pass from Tyler Markle.

The Spartans cut the lead to one when Tyler Markle netted a goal with the man advantage. Their comeback was stopped short after a late goal by Huron Heights captain Bill Hurton.

"We came out hard in the final period but ran out of steam," said McKnight.

He was quick to congratulate his opponents on a hard fought victory and he wished them the best of luck in the final against King City.

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