

Stouffville Spartans hope to score big goals

In describing his Stouffville District High School Spartans senior boys' hockey team, Jamie Hewitt says it's a year older.

But at the same time, the Spartans head coach adds it's also a year wiser.

Combining those two elements has Hewitt talking optimistically, as another York Region Athletic Association hockey campaign opens this week.

Opening its nine-game regular season today against Markville Secondary School at the Stouffville Arena, the Spartans enter the contest after a fairly successful pre-season slate in which they won six games, lost

two and tied two.

That includes a victory over Iona Catholic High School (Mississauga) 9-0, a 4-4 tie against St. Mary's Catholic High School (Pickering) and a 3-2 loss to Sir Oliver Mowat Secondary school (Scarborough) at last weekend's Spartan Early Bird Tournament at the Stouffville Arena.

St. Mary's won the tournament with a 4-3 win over Sir Oliver Mowat in Friday's final.

PLENTY OF RETURNEES

Losing just four players from last year's team to graduation, the Spartans are comprised of two Grade 10s, six Grade 11s and the remainder in Grade 12.

Armed with plenty of returnees, Hewitt thinks he has a

competitive entry in the 10-team east division, which includes last year's champion Brother Andre Catholic High School Cardinals of Markham.

The top six teams in the west and east divisions earn a spot in the postseason.

Hewitt says his roster possesses good balance.

"We have no superstars on this team, but we're solid and talented," he said. "And we don't have any glaring weaknesses."

What Hewitt believes is his club's biggest assets are good team speed, the best he's had since going behind the bench, and solid netminding from the tandem of Shaun Gibson and Adam Davis.

On defence, Hewitt is pleased

with the emergence of Jon Wonch and Jordan Artundale, who played Junior C the last two years.

Up front, the Spartans expect to receive contributions from several individuals including Cory Tanaka, Brandon Walker, first-year senior Matt Mulder, Josh Spang and Justin Hitchen.

"We're definitely not relying on just one line," Hewitt said.

Considering he's employing systems which he only began to institute near the end of last season, Hewitt is pleased with the club's progress.

Off the ice, Hewitt is also installing additional discipline and at the same time, bonding the team closer together by installing a weekly study hall session Tuesday evenings at the

school.

Hewitt notes if a player misses a study hall session they must sit out a game.

"The guys are really committed this year. They've been working hard and I'm excited about this team," he said.

Spartans spike eighth seed at OFSAA tournament

The Stouffville District Secondary School Spartans senior boys' volleyball team enters this weekend's Ontario Federation of School Athletic Association AA playdowns as the eighth seed.

The 20-team event is in Mississauga at Mentor College tomorrow and Saturday.

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AS OF NOV. 18					
TEAM	W	L	T	OTL	P
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Stouffville	16	9	1	0	33
Collingwood	11	10	2	3	27
Couchiching	7	11	3	2	19
Huntsville	0	23	0	0	0

Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor

NOVICE/MINOR ATOM					
NOV. 15					
Burger King 6	Joseph Hutchison 3	Gregory Barker 3	Shutout by Chris Donoghue vs. Nautavac 0		

Golden Mike 7 (Evan Smith 2, Chris Matsoukas, Zack Stevenson, Curran Trenouth, Ryan Gregory, Michael Demelo) vs. Ken Prentice Financial 4 (Chad Burrows 3, Dustin Haw), Giles Chevrolet 10 (Andrew Baggis 4, Brett Thompson 3, Ryan Maloney, Calib Winters, Brent Allen) vs. Money Concepts 2 (Connor McCormick, Josh Carrick)

MAJOR ATOM/PEEWEE
NOV 8: Maple Lodge Farms 4 (Kevin Mackay 3 and Kody King) vs. Giles Chev. Olds 1 (Ethan Manninen), Kytech 2 (Carter Kroen and Kris Kelly) vs. East Side Mario's 1 (Michael Benacquista), Schell Lumber 3 (Travis Conner 2 and Kyle Schroeder Reid) vs. Lionel's Pony Farm 1 (Drew Grasse), Harvey/Swiss Chalet 5 (Scott Hopkins 3, Adam Paulikot and Brandon Walsh Henings) vs. Fairgate Homes 3 (Greg Keen, Zack Burk Fagan and Jesse Johnson)

Markham Stouffville Girls

NOV. 15-17
ATOM: Uniomille Motors 4 (Christine Starke 2, Charlotte

Hodgson, Allison Neville) vs. Harry Bowes 2 (Lauren Convey 2), Schollen Landscapes 5 (Rachael Girolametto Prosen, Hallie Wannop, Hannah Tunney, Jesselyn Cook, Sarah Dunn) vs. Caithness Marketing 3 (Cassandra Stanton 3).

PEEWEE: Radical Stunts 3 (Cassandra Guida 2, Lauren Arena) vs. Moller, Insurance 2 (Kelly Hobson, Katie McCormick), William Lee, Chartered Accountant 3 (Kelsey McGuckin, Kristina Sokolowski, Stephanie Halkidis) vs. Merry Maids - Markham 2 (Sarah Lever, Caitlin Wagg).

BANTAM: Tim Hortons-Stouffville 2 (Chelsea Trenouth, Lauren Barber) vs. Noma Cable Tech 1 (Whitney Slightham), Mr. Electric 5 (Tracy Wong, Jenny Tabar, Stephanie Heim, Amanda Frechette, Linda McCabe) vs. Coach's Sports 4 (Julie Belman, Taylor Whitmore, Anne Silgren, Rachel Rice).

Stouffville Amateur League

AS OF NOV. 18

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TEAM	W	L	T	P
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Smartlawn	7	2	0	14
pendesign	6	2	1	13
National Sports	6	3	0	12
Boyd's Sports	5	4	0	10
Miller Waste Systems	4	4	1	9
All-Weld Co. Ltd.	4	5	0	8
Burrows Landscaping	4	5	0	8
KenDon Contracting	1	8	0	2
K.R. May Real Estate	0	9	0	0

Pointers Edge	4	3	2	10
Bully Boys Sports	5	4	0	10
Schell Lumber	4	4	1	9
MGH Office Repairs Ltd.	4	4	1	9
Williamson's Unbridge	4	4	1	9
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