

# Teams shooting for top-ranked Spartans at OFSAA

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Jamie Hewitt has no objections to his Stouffville District Secondary School Spartans senior boys' hockey team being the top seed in

next week's Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations AA championships.

But the Spartans head coach knows being seeded as the top dog in the tourna-

ment, which begins Wednesday in London, comes with a price.

"As a coach I would rather not go into the tournament as the top seed because when you're ranked in that position, everyone will be gunning for you.

"But it's a tribute to the guys on the team. Our hard work during the season has paid off during the year," Hewitt said Monday.

Compiling a 28-4-4 overall mark, Hewitt was surprised his York Region Athletic Association champions were awarded the top seed in the 16-team tournament.

That considering, the club will be without two of its top

players in forwards Cory Tanaka and Brandon Walker. Both will be suiting up with the Richmond Hill Stars minor midgets at the Ontario Hockey League Cup tournament, which take place at the same time as OFSAA, in Toronto.

"But it shows how much depth we have to still be considered the top seed," Hewitt said.

He thinks his team could receive a formidable challenge from several clubs at the tournament.

Among the more notables, he said, are second seed Lord Elgin Secondary School (Burlington), fourth-seeded Essex District High School and fifth-seeded Haliburton

Highland High School (Haliburton).

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Hewitt saw Haliburton Highland play at the Father Goetz tournament while assistant coach Rob Edmondson watched Essex

District High School play in its regional playdowns while he was at the OFSAA wrestling championships in Windsor.

"These teams are all good. We've just got to take things one game at a time," Hewitt said.

### MARCH BREAK PRACTICES

The Spartans have exhibited their commitment, Hewitt said, by remaining at home during March break and practising at Stouffville Arena.

"We're ready for the challenge," he said.

For more information on the OFSAA playdowns, log on to: [www.ofsaa.on.ca](http://www.ofsaa.on.ca)

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