

Spartans get set to play some baseball this season

In past years, Stouffville District Secondary School was a perennial contender in boys' fastball.

With the York Region Athletic Association spring sports calendar about to commence, the Spartan boys will take to the diamond again.

But when the season starts, they will be a part of the ever-expanding YRAA baseball league.

Spartans head coach Andy Stoikos said the decision to form a team, the first in recent school

history, came just after the March break. Stoikos credits the enthusiasm of Kevin Hayward, a Grade 12 student and member of the Stouffville Spirit junior A hockey club, with getting the ball rolling.

A rugby player with the Spartans last year, Hayward was forced to drop the sport after he incurred a knee injury and had to don a brace. Because the support was partially constructed of metal, rugby rules prohibited him from taking to the pitch. Hayward then turned to baseball

since it has a close resemblance to fastball, another sport he is adept at.

"(Hayward) just came to me one day and asked if I would be the coach and I said 'absolutely,'" Stoikos recalled.

TWENTY PLAYERS

A healthy gathering of 20 players attended the first team meeting.

Being a first-year entry, the Spartans will play in the 18-team YRAA tier two circuit, which is divided into three, six-

team divisions. The Spartans will play in the North-Central Division with Richmond Hill High School, Bayview Secondary School, Keswick High School, Our Lady of the Lake (Keswick) and CHAT.

Because Memorial Park is not equipped for baseball, Stoikos said his team will play its entire six-game schedule on the road.

The Spartans are scheduled to debut May 4 at Benjamin Vaughan Park in Vaughan against Richmond Hill at noon.

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Cringan rink edged for top spot at provincials

Jennifer Cringan was part of a Niagara Falls-based curling team that finished in a tie for second at the provincial bantam mixed championships in London.

A 15-year-old Stouffville

resident who is in Grade 9 at Stouffville District Secondary School, Cringan played lead on a team comprised of skip Matt Stoll, vice Brenna Cochrane and second Rhys Etherington.

The team finished with a 5-

2 won-loss mark and was tied with Leslie McCormick's four-some from the Brampton Curling Club.

Andrew Clayton's Brant Curling Club rink won the event with a 6-1 mark.



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		May 1	9:00 AM	PAD A
TYKES Born 1997	Mike Sear 905-642-5737	April 24	2:00 PM	PAD A
NOVICE Born 1996	Greg Roberts 905-642-6585	April 18	1:00 PM	PAD A
		April 24	4:00 PM	PAD A
M.ATOM Born 1995	Chris Miller 905-642-6954	April 18	2:00 PM	PAD A
		April 23	7:00 PM	PAD A
		April 24	5:00 PM	PAD A
ATOM Born 1994	Steve Lovett 905-640-4911	April 18	3:00 PM	PAD A
		April 24	6:00 PM	PAD A
		May 1	10:00 AM	PAD A
M. PEEWEE Born 1993	Gary Hembruff 905-640-5519	April 18	4:00 PM	PAD A
		April 23	8:00 PM	PAD A
		April 25	4:00 PM	PAD A
PEEWEE Born 1992	Andy Cartwright 905-640-6796	April 24	7:00 PM	PAD A
		April 25	5:00 PM	PAD A
		April 28	6:00 PM	PAD A
		May 1	11:00 AM	PAD A
M. BANTAM Born 1991	Ian McLeod 905-640-8557	April 24	8:00 PM	PAD A
		April 25	6:00 PM	PAD A
		April 30	7:00 PM	PAD A
		May 1	8:00 PM	PAD A
BANTAM Born 1990	Steve Gregerson 905-888-5257	April 28	7:00 PM	PAD A
		May 1	9:00 PM	PAD A
M. MIDGET Born 1989	Don Easter 905-642-2795	April 25	7:00 PM	PAD A
		April 30	8:00 PM	PAD A
MIDGET Born 1988/87	Brent Stachel 905-640-2384	April 25	8:00 PM	PAD A
		April 30	9:00 PM	PAD A
JUVENILES	Brent Gibson 905-640-8578	August Tryouts		

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