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## Spartan Bantams come close in Barbarian Cup

BY MIKE HAYAKAWA  
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While the Stouffville Spartans rugby team won a gold medal at last week's provincial high school championships, the bantam boys almost matched the feat in the Barbarian Cup at Fletcher's Field last Sunday and Monday.

The Grade 9 Spartans' ended up with bronze after routing Brantford Collegiate 32-5 in the consolation final.

Sam Carrick scored three tries for the Spartans while Patrick Laffan, David Amy and Atiq Wasim each had one.

Chris Chekay booted one convert.

The Spartans' bid to play in the championship were dashed in the semi-final when they suffered a heartbreaking 13-12 loss to Sinclair Secondary School (Whitby).

The Spartans held a 12-8 lead late in the contest before Sinclair scored what would be the game-winning points on a try with less than one minute remaining in regulation time.

Wasim and Laffan each scored a try for the Spartans and Chekay booted a convert.

In pool play Sunday, the Spartans routed St. John's College (Brantford) 27-19 and Bracebridge and Muskoka Lakes Secondary School 30-5 to finish first in the pool.

Despite falling short of the gold medal game, Spartans head coach Tom Minchev was pleased with the team's effort.

"The boys showed tremendous skill and great heart," he said.

"In the bronze medal game, they were down a bit after losing in a close semifinal game. But they mustered up the fight to do well."

Minchev felt this year's cast of bantams was the best the school has had. He attributed it to the number of good athletes and their willingness to learn the game.

For more on high school sports, log on to: [www.yraa.com](http://www.yraa.com)

### No ump, no game

The Stouffville Mennos' Oshawa City and District Fastball League contest against Aurora at Memorial Park Thursday was postponed because of a umpire shortage.

The game will be rescheduled for Aug. 16.

The Mennos' next scheduled game is June 21 when they host Lake Simcoe at 8:30 p.m.

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