

SDSS volleyball squad eyes playoffs

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The way Steve Jimmo sees it, his Stouffville District Secondary School Spartans senior boys volleyball team is coming together at the right time.

With the York Region Athletic Association regular season quickly winding down, the Spartans currently occupy third place in the East Division with a 4-4 mark and have a chance to move up a notch if they can win their remaining two games Oct. 31 at Milliken Mills Secondary School against the host Knights and Pierre Elliott Trudeau Secondary School.

"If we win out, I think we can get second place, which is good," Jimmo said. "We're constantly getting better."

With their new gym incomplete early in the season, the team had to practise at the Eastridge Evangelical Missionary Church and utilize lower nets tailored for junior players.

However, once their new facility was ready and the club had a break for practice, the Spartans showed improvement.

One positive sign took place last weekend when the club won the consolation final in a tournament at Bear Creek Secondary School in Barrie.

Jimmo likes the team's athleticism and

experience, with several players returning from last year's squad.

Anchoring the team are captain and middle Fred Bell, six-foot, six-inch right side Devin Paynter, power John Reesor, setters Ryan Pontone and Fletcher Muir, middle-power Alex Mangotich and libero Maverick Muir.

The club is expected to get a big lift with the return of middle Matt Raguseo, who had been nursing a concussion suffered while making the under-18 national rugby team.

"He's definitely a huge player for us," Jimmo said of Raguseo, who was also last year's senior athlete of the year at the school.

There's been a change in the playoff format this season with the top four clubs in the east zone playing a crossover against the top four from the west zone.

Here, the first place in the east plays the fourth in west while second in the east plays third in the west, third in east faces second in west and fourth in east against first in west. The same format will apply with the top four in the north crossing over to face their counterparts in the central division.

Quality and win one game and the Spartans are in the playoff tournament.

While the Spartans' goal is to win the YRAA title, their season will not end if they are eliminated. Classified this year as a AA entry,

the Spartans will try to earn the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations AA York Region bid Nov. 15 when they face Sutton District High School and host St. Jean de Brebeuf Catholic High School (Woodbridge) in a one-day event.

"We've really stepped up our game lately," Jimmo said. "We're starting to improve at the right time."

Basketball team atop division

The Spartans junior girls' basketball team concluded its regular season on a winning note Monday by downing host King City Secondary School 40-16.

Annalise Mathers was high scorer for the Spartans with 11 points while Brooke Kiatipis added nine and Laura Lehming eight.

With the win, the Spartans finished atop the North Division standings with a 7-1 record.

In senior girls' action, the Spartans are in search of their first win of the season after falling 52-23 to Aurora High School Monday.

Nathalie Geiger was high scorer for the Spartans, now 0-5 on the season, with eight points. The Spartans host Markham District High School today at 4 p.m.

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Minor bantams stay unbeaten

The Stouffville minor bantam Clippers extended their unbeaten streak to 11 games by posting two Ontario Minor Hockey Association victories last weekend.

Playing host to Beeton last Saturday, the Clippers received a two-goal, one-assist performance from David Beloff to skate off with a 6-5 win.

Taylor Clifford contributed a goal and two assists, while Robbie Acton was credited with a goal and one assist and Josh Machesney and Steven Tait each had single tallies.

Kyle Sauro and Joseph Palladino earned assists.

Facing East Gwillimbury Sunday, the Clippers overcame a 1-0 deficit in the second period to score four unanswered goals en route to a 5-3 win.

Clifford scored twice while Chris Smith added two goals and one assist, Machesney one goal, Daniel Perry and Brett Hembruff each had one assist.

Through 11 contests, the Clippers sport a division-leading 10-0-1 mark.

The Clippers are fundraising for a European tour in December.

Beregi medals in pool

Paul Beregi was a splash hit at the recent Ballantrae Fall Games at the Ballantrae Country Club.

Competing in the swimming competition in the 70 to 75 age group bracket, the 74-year-old Ballantrae resident claimed three gold medals in the breaststroke, freestyle and backstroke.

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Stouffville-Markham Girls Hockey
Oct. 15

Atom Division: Re-Max Asif Khan 4 (Evelyn Wilson 2, Leah Cannon,

Jessica Tyson) vs. Tim Hortons Stouffville 0; Mr. Electric 2 (Rhyena Miller 2) vs. Entertainment One 0.

Peevee/Bantam Division: Pace Savings and Credit Union 7 (Ryan Leahy 2, Jennifer King 2, Mikhaela Slavin, Celina Sciarra, Kama Gill) vs. Unionville Motors 1 (Claudia Guarrasi).

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