



Stouffville's Jess Bartle (right) signals partner Sam Reid during a high school beach volleyball tournament at Ashbridges Bay in Toronto Saturday.

## Pair hits the beach for second

Being good friends and sharing an interest in volleyball, Sam Reid and Jess Bartle elected to join forces and play as a two-person tandem on the beach circuit.

The move turned out to be a good one for the Stouffville youths.

At the recent Ontario Volleyball Association high school beach tournament at Ashbridges Bay, Reid, 15, and Bartle, 14, advanced to the final before they were downed in straight sets by the second-ranked team in Ontario and Nationals East.

The Grade 9 Stouffville District Secondary School students finished first

in their three-team pool and won their quarter-final in two straight games to reach the semifinal.

Facing a Cobourg team called the Breakers, Reid and Bartle lost the first game before rallying to win the next two to reach the final.

While Reid and Bartle had a good showing at the tournament, their beach season isn't over.

Having played in the OVA under-14 beach tournaments for the last two summers, the pair will compete in the OVA under-16 circuit this year.

During the indoor season, the pair play for the Durham Attack Red.

## Five-year unbeaten streak on line

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Losing York Region Athletic Association rugby matches is something to which the Stouffville District Secondary School Spartans senior boys are accustomed.

Over the last five seasons, it hasn't happened.

At today's York semifinals and final at Fletcher's Field in Markham, the Spartans hope to keep their winning streak intact and win their second consecutive York title and fourth in five years.

More important though, the two wins would enable the Spartans to advance to the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations playdowns and defend their AA title.

The Spartans tuned up for today's semifinal against Alexander Mackenzie High School, by winning their regular season finale Monday over host Dr. J.M. Denison Secondary School Huskies (Newmarket) 41-7.

Matt Raguseo scored a try and three converts for the Spartans, who finished the regular season in first place in the Tier One North Division with a 5-0 mark.

Dylan Stewart, James Beare, Joe Beare, Alex Mangotich, Kyle Miller and Jordan Lofthouse each added one try.

"I talk to the kids about (the winning streak) all the time," Spartans head coach Jamie Hewitt said. "It's not about the team, but the program. The

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core of this team, 11 of the 15 kids, have been with the senior team over the last two years. They know what's at stake."

The other semifinal features Markham District High School, first-place finishers in the South Division with a 5-0 mark, and Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School (Aurora).

### JUNIORS, BANTAMS FIRST, TOO

While the Spartan senior team wrapped up first place, the junior boys matched that feat Monday with a 31-5 win over Denison.

Oliver Boettcher had a try and three converts while Scott Miller, Kevin Devogle, Atique Wasim and David Amy added single tries.

The Spartans finished the regular season tied with Huron Heights Secondary School with identical 4-1 won-loss records.

But the Spartans were awarded first place on a tiebreaker after losing their lone match by fewer points than the Warriors.

The Spartans will face St. Theresa de Lisieux Catholic High School (Richmond Hill) in their semifinal match today at 8 a.m.

The winner will meet the victor of the other semifinal between Huron Heights Secondary School (Newmarket) and Alexander Mackenzie High School (Richmond Hill), first

place finishers in the South Division with a 5-0 mark, in the final at 2 p.m.

Also finishing in first place in the junior tier two league were the Spartan bantams, who defeated Dr. J.M. Denison Secondary School 22-0 Monday.

James McLeod had a try and convert for the Spartans, who finished the regular season with a 2-0-1 mark in the North Division.

Jared Kuettel, Connor MacDonald and Kurt Batty each added a try for the Grade 9 entry.

The bantams will face Sir William Mulock Secondary School (Newmarket) in their semifinal today. The winner would advance to the final at 2 p.m.

### Girls tackle 3 wins

The Spartan girls' rugby team is off to a good start in their YRAA tier two schedule after posting three victories in as many matches.

After winning their first match by default over Unionville High School May 21, the Spartans blanked Pierre Elliott Trudeau 15-0 Friday.

Kelsey Wetheral, Heather Fraser and Krista Rowland each had one try.

The Spartans then faced St. Robert Catholic High School Monday and prevailed 10-5.

Chelsea Connor and Micky Rochon each had a try for the Spartans.

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