

SPORTS

No shame in loss to English: SDSS coach

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The Stouffville District Secondary School Spartans senior boys' rugby team lost its friendly to the Robert Clack School from Dagenham, England, 12-10 at Stouffville District Secondary School Sunday.

Spartans head coach Jamie Hewitt said the final outcome wasn't important. He was proud of the way his charges performed in the closely contested match played before a large crowd.

Most encouraging to Hewitt was the manner in which several first-year seniors seized the opportunity to show they could compete against a team that takes the game very seriously.

Added to that, the Spartans played the game without several starters from last year's senior team that captured the Ontario high school AA title.

"That's what the fall season is all about," Hewitt said. "Our kids learned how to play in a big game. Rugby is a contact sport and you never know when players might get hurt and now I know some of our young guys can step in and play."

Among those new faces who stood out were fly half Jesse Lofthouse, who replaced injured Matt Raguseo and scored the Spartans' lone try in the first half.

Another strong performance came from the David Gregory, a Grade 11 student who played with the junior team last year but did not start. Gregory booted a convert and penalty kick to give the Spartans a 10-7 lead before Robert Clack scored a late try to win the match.

In an earlier match, the Spartans bantams dropped a 35-10 decision to the Robert Clack School.

Spartan juniors caged in tourney final

The Spartans junior girls' basketball team lost their second game in a row against the Bill Crothers Secondary School Colts after falling 42-29 Monday in York Region Athletic Association Tier One action at Stouffville District Secondary School.

Brook Kiatipis was high scorer for the Spartans, now 2-5 on the season, with eight points.

Last weekend, the Spartans advanced to the final of the Richmond Green Tournament before suffering a 42-29 loss to Markham's Brother Andre Catholic High School Cardinals in the final in Richmond Hill.

Kiatipis was high scorer for the Spartans with 14.

Brother Andre, with three Stouffville residents on its roster, is 8-0 in the regular season. The Cardinals also won the 16-team University of Toronto tournament this fall.

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Melvin Nolan of Stouffville District Secondary School avoids a tackle from a Robert Clack School of Dagenham, England, player during an exhibition rugby game at the Stouffville school Sunday. The English school won two games.

Peewee girls win Ottawa tournament

The Markham Stouffville peewee BB Stars skated off with the hardware from a girls' hockey tournament in Napanee by defeating Ottawa 2-0 in last weekend's championship final.

The Stars advanced to the final after defeating Kanata 1-0 and Kingston 4-0. After battling Ottawa to a 1-1 tie, the Stars were edged 3-2 by Napanee.

Despite the loss, the Stars advanced to the final.

Team members included: Samantha Howe, Jennifer King, Ryley Robinson, Mackenzie Harrington, Sarah Storey, Caroline Hodgson, Jessica McTamney, Lauren Mandzy, Sarah McGilvray, Karly Stratos, Maria Stratos, Janell Stephens, Laura Monk, Kianna Gram and Rachael Girolametto-Prosen.

AE team sweeps Richmond Hill

The Stouffville minor bantam AE Clippers had Richmond Hill's number when the two clubs played a pair of recent Ontario Minor Hockey Association games after skating off with victories in each.

On Friday, the Clippers received a two-goal effort from Zach McMahon in a 4-1 win.

John Anthony Coscarella added a goal and one assist while Chance Rodin had one goal. Carson Nelson, Curtis Davis and Riley Sulman each earned one helper.

In the second game Sunday, Nick Hancock and Coscarella each scored a pair of goals to propel the Clippers to a 7-3 win.

Stephen Schweighardt had a goal and one assist while Rodin and McMahon each added single tallies.

Connor Allen contributed two assists while Joel Leushner, Anthony Barresi and Curtis Davis each had one.

Alex McKean handled netminding duties in both games for the Clippers.

The Clippers resume league play Sunday when they host Aurora at the Stouffville Arena at 6:40 p.m.

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