

Stouffville Spartan Curtis Crago (right) goes up against a Keswick player during York Region high school senior rugby action in Stouffville Tuesday. The Spartans, who won 57-0, play at the regional championships today. The Spartans are the top-rated team in Ontario.



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Girls rugby program makes strides at SDSS

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The Stouffville District Secondary School senior, junior and first-year bantam boys have made plenty of bone-jarring tackles, controlled line outs, scored their share of tries, penalty kicks and converts on the rugby pitch this year.

Not to be outdone, the Spartan girls have done the same.

And like the three Spartan boys' rugby teams, who have each experienced a high degree of success in their respective York Region Athletic Association divisions this year, the girls have followed suit.

In fact, the Spartans clinched first place in the YRAA tier two senior North Division circuit with a resounding 30-0 win over visiting St. Maxamilliana Kolbe (Aurora) Tuesday.

Randi Burke recorded two tries while Suzanne Dickie, Jenna Monk, Sam Reid and Brittany McKay each added one.

With the victory, the Spartans finished their regular season in first place in the North Division with a 4-0 won-loss record.

As well, the Spartans will advance to the regional tier two semifinals June 2 at Fletcher's Field in Markham.

Janice Monk, who coaches the Spartan girls with Mary-Anne Romanos, Tricia Glover, a teacher at St. Mark elementary, and with several former Spartan players including Bethan Chekay and Deb Boyd, acknowledged the tradition of the boys program has filtered to the girls side.

"I think having a successful boys program does have an impact on the girls team for several reasons — one is that rugby is now recognized by both the boys and girls as a great team sport that can be played by athletes of many different shapes and sizes. The other is the experience and knowledge that the coaches of the boys teams have has been available to us when we need it," she said.

Players have been fitness-training since early March and practising since March break ended.

"Most of it outside in cold and wet condi-

tions," Monk said.

Last year's team had 26 of 32 players who were in Grade 9 or 10.

This year's more experienced team of 36 players includes players new to the game who excelled in other sports such as soccer or basketball. In doing so, they possess a high degree of athleticism.

"We want to introduce and build an appreciation or love for the game of rugby," she said, "and to train and work as a team to play the best we possibly can and last, but not least, we want the girls to have fun and feel good about what they do in practice or in a game."

Senior, junior boys in semis today

The Spartan senior boys made a strong case to maintain their position as the top-rated high school rugby club in Ontario after winning their YRAA tier one regular season finale 57-0 decision over visiting Keswick 57-0 Tuesday.

Nick McEwan scored three tries while Kurt Batty added a try and two converts. Single tries were recorded by Max Muir, Curtis Crago, Pavlos Skarvelos, Pat Raymer and David Amy. James McLeod added three converts.

With the victory, the Spartans finished atop the North Division standings with a 4-0 won-loss mark and remain undefeated in regular season league play over the last nine seasons.

Seeking a fifth straight YRAA title, the Spartans will face Alexander Mackenzie (Richmond Hill) in a semifinal playoff game today at noon. The championship final is scheduled to be played at 3 p.m.

In junior action, the Spartans received single tries from Brendan Callaghan, Ryan Kernohan, Isaac Jeffers and Keaton Major in a 26-5 win over Keswick.

Matt Renzoni booted three converts for the Spartans, who finished their regular season in second place in the North Division with a 3-1 record.

The Spartans are scheduled to face Bill Crothers (Unionville), who finished first in the South Division with a 4-0 mark, in today's semifinal game at Fletcher's Field at 11 a.m.

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