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Stouffville Spartans Daunte Thompson-Bruce (left) and Erik Tammisto compete in the junior boys hurdles at the Bill Crothers Invitational high school track meet Wednesday. For the Spartans' story, go to yorkregion.com



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Stouffville's Karen Tran makes a catch against St. Brother Andre as pitcher Katie Robb looks on.

Stouffville rugby teams unbeaten on opening day

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Stouffville District Secondary School rugby coach Jamie Hewitt says there are occasions when his teams perform like a team capable of winning the York Region Athletic Association tier one title.

But they also have moments when their play can drive him crazy.

Fortunately for the Spartans, the positive aspects outweighed the negatives after they defeated host Keswick High School 46-17 in their YRAA tier one regular season opener Thursday.

"We can be a really good team and then take time off," Hewitt said. "That's really been our season so far."

Chris Matsoukas and Carter Laird each scored two tries for the Spartans while J.R.

Newlands contributed a try and two converts.

Cody Scott, Brett Fontaine, Matt Alvoledo and Zack Bauman each had one try and Ben Reesor booted one convert.

One positive aspect from the match that drew praise from Hewitt was the play of Tyler Krabi, who made his debut at the prop position and was named man of the match.

In the junior match, the Spartans emerged with a 20-14 win over Keswick. Kyle Laird, Jesse Morton and Jeremy Hughes each had one try. Reed Savage booted one convert and Jackson Newlands made a penalty kick.

The Spartans bantams opened the YRAA junior tier two season with a victory over Bur Oak (Markham) 22-0 at Keswick.

Sam Catalano, Danny Shields, Cam McLean and Hayden Messner each had one try. Bailey Morton booted one convert.

The Spartan girls' team battled Keswick to a 15-15 tie in their opener. Anna Horner, Gillian Streick and Abbie Bauman each had one try for the Spartans.

The Spartan senior and junior entries will host St. Maximilian Kolbe (Aurora) Thursday at 2:30 p.m. The Spartan bantam boys and girls are scheduled to play at Huron Heights in Newmarket Tuesday at 3:30 p.m.

Spartan soccer girls win opener

Jamie Hewlett had an inkling good things might be in store with the Stouffville District Secondary School Spartans senior girls' soccer team as they were gearing up for the York Region Athletic Association tier two season.

The roster included players with additional experience playing at the club level. That cast lived up to Hewlett's expecta-

tions in its regular season debut after cruising to a 7-0 road win over Sutton Tuesday.

While it might be expected the success could be attributed to a senior-laden cast, such wasn't the case.

In fact, three Grade 9 players inflicted most of the damage, in Cassandra Caggianello, Vanessa Mangos and Mel Schouten. The club players scored two goals apiece. Kirstin Seebach, a Grade 12 student, had the other.

Amber Reesor recorded the shutout. Hewlett also praised the work of Grade 11 defenders Nicole Taylor and Rebecca Deforest.

Hewlett remained cautiously optimistic her club can sustain that effort when they make their home debut against Our Lady of the Lake (Keswick) Monday at 3 p.m.

If the Spartans can do that, she feels they could be among the contenders for the North-Central Division title.

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