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Record-setting SDSS girls accept late call to OFSAA

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The Stouffville District Secondary School Spartans senior girls' 4 x 100 metre relay team received some welcome news Monday when they found out they will be going to Oshawa this week to take part in the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations championships.

The Spartans' foursome of Rose Wideman, Elizabeth Von Zuben, Stormm Cerelli and Emily Goodwin originally missed out in qualifying for OFSAA after finishing fifth at last week's Central Regional championships in Oshawa.

But Spartans' head coach Steve Jimmo was informed one of the top four teams elected not to compete at OFSAA. This enabled the Spartans to move up one notch into the top four and gave them a berth at the provincial championships, which begin today.

For the Spartans the news atoned for some disappointment they had received on the day they ran at the Central Regionals.

While finishing fifth after setting a school mark of 51.78 seconds, the team thought they were going to OFSAA when one of the teams ahead of them was originally disqualified for a lane violation.

But after an appeal, the team in question retained their position, which left the Spartans out of the OFSAA picture.

The Spartans team will join Grade 9 student Jackson Savery, who qualified for the provincial boys' discus and shotput events after winning both at the Central Regionals. (See more on page 27.)

Soccer girls come up short in semis

The Spartan girls' soccer team suffered a 3-1 loss to host Langstaff Secondary School in its YRAA tier two senior semifinal match Monday.

Vanessa Mangos scored for the Spartans, who battled Langstaff to a 1-1 tie at the half.

"The game could have gone either way," Spartans' head coach Jamie Hewlett said.

Despite the loss, she was proud of what her club accomplished.

And she feels good things will be in store over the next few years.

"I don't think our soccer team has gotten this far (in the semifinals) in a while," she said. "We had a good season, we've got a lot of young talent and we're looking forward to next year."

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