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Eddie Amelard of the Stouffville Secondary bantams is pushed away by Austin Henry of Brantford during Barbarian Cup rugby action at Fletchers Fields in Gormley Sunday. Stouffville lost 39-7 and went 1-2 at the tournament.

# Work-to-rule alters SDSS awards night

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The 2012-13 academic year had a bit of a void in the Stouffville District Secondary School's athletic calendar.

For that matter, all secondary schools in Ontario.

Especially when the OSSTF work-to-rule mandate was enforced during the winter months and prevented the Spartans from fielding their boys' basketball, girls' volleyball and boys and girls' ice hockey teams.

It did not prevent the school from giving recognition to its top athletes at its annual athletic banquet Thursday.

The school made one major alteration by leaving out athletes of the year.

"The athlete of the year is specifically a one year thing," said Jamie Hewitt, Spartans' physical education head. "Because of the school year we had, we decided as a physical education department that as there was no winter season it wouldn't be fair to those students to hand out an athlete of the year award."

"For them not to have a chance at it, it wouldn't be fair. For our school we thought it was the best decision of what's best for the athletic body."

However, the other traditional awards were presented.

The Rehill Sportsmanship Award, presented to the male and female athletes who demonstrated a high level of sportsmanship and dedication to athletics, went to Hailey Desjardins and J.R. Newlands.

Laura Monk and Tolu Odunlami were recipients of the Moral and Physical Award — presented to an athlete who made an outstanding improvement in physical ability and who

exhibited moral strength and determination.

Receiving the Homestead Award, given to the students who contributed at the highest level in the areas of athletic involvement, leadership and organization in the department, were Yulenda Heng and Chris Matsoukas.

The Sue Leroy Spartan Spirit Award, presented to the athletes who best displayed the attributes of the former Spartans teacher and coach of 25 years, went to Mackenzie Harrington and Rob Paul.

Earning the Presidents Award, given to the school's athletic council presidents, were Tim Batty and Maddy Stover.

For each Spartan team that competed in the York Region Athletic Association, a team most valuable player was chosen.

They included: Meghan Dickie, field hockey; Alicia Holt, Spencer Cravan, cross country; Kaitlyn O'Brien, the Dave Connell Award (presented to a cross-country athlete whose work ethic, sportsmanship, determination and team spirit were second to none); Caitlyn Mackie, junior girls' basketball; Yulenda Heng, senior girls' basketball; Kyle Laird, junior boys' volleyball; Calin Stanulescu, senior boys' volleyball; Luke Burkholder, junior boys' golf; Ben Sear, senior boys' golf; Josh Eizenga, mountain hiking; Jenn Assin and Michelle Menzies, spirit of rugby award; Katie Robb, slo-pitch; Rebecca Deforest, girls' soccer; Rose Wideman, Elizabeth Von Zuben, Stormm Cernili and Emily Goodwin, girls' track; Daunte Thompson-Bruce, boys' track; Jackson Savery, the John Turner Award and the Glenn Tarver Award for the senior boys' rugby player in which the sport has made him a better person outside the game, Rob Paul.

The team MVPs were selected by the respective coach of each team.

Along with those award recipients, 36 fourth year students were inducted into the Spartan Honour Team.

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