

# SDSS volleyball girls setting sights on provincials

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The Stouffville District Secondary School Spartans senior girls' volleyball team have set some rather lofty expectations for their York Region Athletic Association tier one campaign.

It's not just to win the coveted YRAA title.

In the bigger scheme of things, the Spartans are setting their sights on representing the region at the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations AAA championships.

The Spartans began their quest by winning their first two league matches over two visiting Markham teams, St. Brother Andre 2-1 (25-18, 20-25, 15-9) and Bur Oak 2-0 (25-23, 25-20), Monday.

"We're definitely looking to go to OFSAA," said Steve Jimmo, who along with Tara LaBar, serve as coaches.

While the Spartans field a fairly young roster with just four Grade 12s and the remainder in Grade 11 and 10, making the club highly competitive is the presence of several dedicated players who also compete at the club rep level.

That certainly doesn't hurt, Jimmo said of the skillset his players possess.

As much as Jimmo and LaBar won't complain about having this luxury at their disposal, they said it's just as critical to get them to function as a cohesive unit when they're on the floor.

"We just need to improve on our consistency," Jimmo said. "All of the

girls know how to play the game, but because they've all played different positions and been on different club teams we just need to come together as a unit."

Key players the Spartans will be depending heavily on include Lauren Renzella, a Grade 11 right side hitter.

The middle is filled by Grade 10 hitter Kishara Gordon and Kayla Clennon, a Grade 11 student who Jimmo describes as a smart player and tough server.

Providing plenty of leadership on the left side is Grade 12 hitter Hayley Desjardines and Sara Schouten.

Two key setters include a pair of Grade 12 performers in Jenna Russ and Liz Von Zuben.

If there's one area of concern for

the Spartans it could be in a shortage of depth.

But the return of Mel Schouten, a Grade 10 left side hitter who is nursing a broken foot and is expected back by January, would alleviate a bit of that problem.

Noting the Spartans play in a highly competitive East division that also includes traditional competitive Markham entries from Bill Crothers, Unionville and Pierre Elliott Trudeau, Jimmo acknowledged their team won't have any easy matches.

That should keep his club highly focused.

To qualify for the OFSAA AAA playdowns, they will have to face other competitive teams within the YRAA who have the same aspirations.

"We definitely have some good teams to beat," Jimmo said. "We beat Sacred Heart (Newmarket) a tournament earlier this year and we heard Aurora could be good and even Thornhill Secondary School."

Regardless of what transpires, Jimmo said watching this year's senior team perform on the court has been fun.

"They can all dig, block and serve. They're a pretty talented group."

The Spartans were scheduled to resume league play yesterday at Unionville High School with matches against the host Wolves and Bill Crothers.

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**Saturday December 7th**  
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