# Spartans exceed seedings at OFSAA volleyball

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The Stouffville District Secondary School Spartans attained a victory of sorts at the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations AAA girls' volleyball championships in Kingsville Tuesday.

Not a gold, silver or bronze medal.

Rather, it was a moral victory when as the 12th seeded entry in the 20-team field, the Spartans won three of four pool play matches to finish second and gain entry to the championship bracket quarterfinals before bowing out against fourth seeded Sir Winston Churchill Bulldogs (St. Catharines) 3-1.

Not bad for a team that last made an OFSAA appearance in 2006.

"Tara (LaBar, Spartansco-coach) and I are super proud of them," Spartans co-coach Steve Jimmo said. "The two matches we lost (also against second seed Abbey Park of Oakville during pool play 24-26, 18-25) were all very close, we beat our seed to finish second in our pool, making it to the championship side. We were the lowest ranked team in the quarter-finals. They played their hearts out."

In their match against Sir Winston Churchill, the York Region Athletic Association representatives got off to a good start, winning the first game 26-24.

But the Bulldogs reeled off the next three closely contested games by scores of 25-21, 25-22, 25-21 to win the match and advance to the semifinals.

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Reflecting on their quarter-final match, Jimmo felt the Bulldogs' overall ability was just a bit better on the day.

"They were good passers and played great defence on our attacks. They ran a solid offence

in the middle that was difficult to consistently stop," he said.

Jimmo anticipated the Spartans would face some formidable opponents and did not argue with the tournament seedings.

Taking care of business against teams lower than them during pool play by sweeping 15th seed Father Redmond (Toronto) and 18th seed Lorne Park (Mississauga), what vaulted the Spartans into second place and a berth in the quarterfinals was a win over fifth seed ESC Franco-Cite (Ottawa) in their opening match 2-1 (25-22, 16-25, 15-13) Monday.

"The competition was of the calibre we expected," Jimmo

said. "It was seeded fairly well with all top four seeded teams all finishing at top of their pool and making it through to the semifinals."

As for next season, Jimmo is already looking forward to it as he pointed out they have five returning players in middles Kishara Gordon and Kayla Clennon, middleright side Lauryn Renzella, setterleft side Melanie Schouten and left side Rebecca Deforest.

Among those graduating included setters Elizabeth von Zuben and Jenna Russ, left side players Dakota Fenz, Sarah Schouten and Hayley Desjardins.

"The team should be strong again next year," he said.

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Sunday Service at 10:00 am

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Lead Pastor: Graham Clinton



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## Sunday, March 9th

10:00am

Celebration Service

Ben Bartosik

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6432 Main St., Stouffville 905.640.3151

Rev. Joan Masterton, minister

## Sunday, March 9

Service of Worship Holy Communion 10:00 a.m.

### Friday, March 7

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6853 Main St., Stouffville 905.640.5696

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# Stouffville Christian **Fellowship**

A Church in a Beautiful Countryside Pastor Walter Robbins

## Sunday Service 10:30am

Lunch to follow



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Friday March 7, 2014 at 2:00 pm.

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## **Sunday March 9th**

8:00am & 10:00am Eucharist Nursery & Church School at 10:00am

### Friday March 7th

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**Grief Seminar** Great Hall 8am-2pm

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13660 Ninth Line N. (905) 642-4414 Rev. Peter Pallant

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9:30 am — Sunday School 11:00 am — Worship Service 6:30 pm — Evening Service

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# Sunday, March 9

10:30am Worship service Lent 1, Our Journey with Jesus

Sermon Topic: How to Handle Grief **Holy Communion** Programming for all Children

#### Tuesday, March 11 9:30am Prayer and Reflection

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