

SPORTS



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Stouffville's Kishara Gordon spikes against Le Caron (Penetanguishene) in tournament play Friday in Stouffville. The host Spartans survived a scare and went on to win the championship final.

Girls get wake-up call

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The Stouffville District Secondary School Spartans received a bit of a wake-up call in the championship final of their Spartan Invitational Senior Girls' Volleyball Tournament against Eastview (Barrie) Friday.

But when the Spartans realized the title would not be handed to them on a platter, they got down to business and swept Eastview 2-0 (25-19, 25-21) to claim the gold medal on their home court.

"The girls lacked intensity in the first game, but brought energy into the second," said Spartans co-coach Tara LaBar.

Offensive execution was key.

SWEEP BARRIE SCHOOL IN FINAL

"The girls focused on serving hard and getting the ball on the setter's head. In doing both those things they took away a lot of offensive opportunities for the other team and we were able to get our big hitters swinging," she said.

The Spartans went undefeated throughout the tournament and gained a berth in the final after defeating Thornlea (Thornhill) 2-0 (25-13, 25-15) in their semifinal match.

Eastview reached the final with a 2-0 (25-20, 25-19) win over Bishop Allen (Toronto) in their semifinal.

In the consolation final, St. Mary's (Pickering) defeated Sacred Heart (Newmarket) 2-1 (15-25, 25-16, 16-14).

The Spartans resume league play with matches in Markham, at Bill Crothers Tuesday and Bur Oak today.

They won their first two York Region Athletic Association tier one league matches over Bayview (Richmond Hill) and St. Brother Andre (Markham) last week.

"The team has started to mesh and are now learning how to play together," LaBar said.



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