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### **SPEARS PLAY SEASON OPENERS SATURDAY**

Both the Junior Varsity and Varsity Niagara Landmark Window Spears teams will open their respective Ontario Varsity Football League seasons at home this Saturday in a doubleheader with Hamilton's Steel City Ironmen. The Junior Varsity game is slated for 12:00 noon, while the Varsity game goes at 4:30pm. Both games will be played at West Park High School in St. Catharines.

The 16-and-under JV squad will be looking for a little revenge, having lost last year's season opener to the Ironmen 24-6 at Ivor Wynne Stadium. Led by last year's OVFL Coach of the Year Randy Nunn, the Junior Spears will be looking for another trip to the playoffs after a 4-4 season in 2004. "Steel City is well coached, very disciplined and has consistently fielded great teams", said Nunn. "To win, we're going to have to play a disciplined game ourselves – no turnovers, no mental errors, no costly penalties". The JV Spears will bring a lot of experience to the field Saturday - the coaching staff is virtually unchanged and 25 of their 54 players are veterans of last year's Spears JV squad.

While Coach Nunn is clearly aiming for a longer playoff run in 2005, he would be just as happy with the knowledge that he is sending a better player back to high school in the fall. "We're fortunate to be in a position to mentor such a group of fine young men, instilling values that will help them be successful both on and off the field", said Nunn.

Like last year's JV squad, this year's Varsity Spears team is looking forward to its inaugural season. And Head Coach Dave Howe can't think of a better team than the Ironmen to provide their first test. "Being so close and playing in the same Division, Hamilton is just a natural rivalry for us", said Howe. "I think it'll be a war, very physical. Our players have been going hard for two months now and I know they're really looking forward to showing what they can do. There's a real 'bring it on' mentality".

The 19-and-under Varsity Spears feature 8 players from last year's Junior Spears roster, plus another six who played with either Steel City or Halton last year. In fact, league expansion could prove to be a factor with Steel City this year, as their other Divisional neighbours, the Wentworth Panthers, also added a Varsity team in 2005, further cutting into the pool of available players.

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Coach Howe's goal for their first season is a simple one: make the playoffs – and he feels he has the players that can do it. “This team is everything I expected it to be. We have pretty much the cream of the crop in terms of talent in the Region”, said Howe. “But more importantly, these guys have really come together as a team. They are tremendously committed, and like myself, they just love football”.

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*The final rosters of both the Junior Varsity and Varsity teams, as well as their 2005 schedules are attached.*

*Both Head Coaches would be pleased to speak with the media and may be contacted directly. Junior Varsity Head Coach Randy Nunn may be reached at (905)685-0135 (h), (905)980-1210 (c), or via e-mail at [rnnun@niagaraspears.com](mailto:rnnun@niagaraspears.com). Varsity Head Coach Dave Howe may be reached at (905)937-4699 (h), (905)321-0973 (c), or via e-mail at [howe@niagaraspears.com](mailto:howe@niagaraspears.com).*

*Additional information on the Niagara Landmark Window Spears may be found at [www.niagaraspears.com](http://www.niagaraspears.com).*

*Additional information on the OVFL, including standings, schedules and comprehensive individual and team statistics may be found at [www.ovfootball.ca](http://www.ovfootball.ca).*

**Fast Facts:**

- The Ontario Varsity Football League was formed in 1998 with just six teams. In 2005, the OVFL will field 22 Varsity (19 and under) and 20 Junior Varsity (16 and under) team;
- 13 OVFL alumni were drafted to the pros in 2005, including two players to the NFL (O.J. Atogwe to the St Louis Rams and Nick Kaczur to the New England Patriots);
- Both Niagara Landmark Window Spears squads will be playing in the newly formed “Horseshoe” Division, along with teams from Hamilton, Halton, Brantford and Wentworth;
- Varsity Spears all-star Running Back Jerimy Hipperson was named MVP for Team West at the May 14<sup>th</sup> CIS Prospects Game in Kitchener.

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# Niagara Landmark Window Spears

## 2005 Junior Varsity Roster

(as of May 22, 2005)

#	NAME	POS	SCHOOL	HT	WT
42	Michael Atkinson	HB	Centennial	5-8	155
35	Jordan Barker	RB	Sir Winston Churchill	5-7	156
61	Cameron Barry	OL	Blessed Trinity	5-8½	197
93	Andrew Birnie	TE	Denis Morris	6-1½	171
73	Joe Brown	DE	Denis Morris	5-10	206
68	Nick Cantalini	DT	Centennial	5-11	333
48	Steve Cecchini	LB	Denis Morris	6-1	217
54	Ryan Chmielewski	LB	St. Francis	5-10½	230
63	Aaron Cook	OL	Lakeshore	5-10	260
64	Joseph Cook	OL	Lakeshore	6-0½	259
7	Nick Coutu	QB	Sir Winston Churchill	6-0	154
39	Jesse Crisp	CB	St. Francis	5-6	147
37	Kyle Danyluk	FB	Notre Dame	5-9½	180
25	Ben DiMartino	RB	St. Mike's	5-7	165
41	Jordan Duncan	DB	Blessed Trinity	6-0	150
45	Steve Fabian	OL	St. Francis	5-11	195
32	Anthony Francis	LB	Collegiate	5-9	165
81	Jedd Gardner	WR/DB	St. Mike's	5-9½	135
46	Adam Grilj	LB	Blessed Trinity	5-9	216
65	John Handzuk	OL	St. Mike's	5-11	208
22	Josh Hipperson	RB/FB	Denis Morris	5-7	199
97	Titan Hough	TE	Sir Winston Churchill	6-1	191
98	Tom Ionson	TE	Centennial	6-1½	174
31	Jordan Johnson	CB/S	St. Paul	5-11	164
33	Adam Keller	DB	St. Mike's	5-6	139
71	Craig Kitchen	DT	Stamford	6-1	270
91	Mathieu Krsnik	WR	Holy Cross	5-7½	145
13	Brighton Kruitbosch	CB	Eden	5-9	166
88	Wes Lund	WR	Collegiate	5-8	137
90	Jay Maksenuk	HB	Governor Simcoe	5-10½	150
75	Donn Martin	DT	Denis Morris	5-11½	223
62	Mike McIntyre	OL	Holy Cross	6-1	223
66	Ed Michel	OL	Denis Morris	5-11	261
36	Nick Moreau	FB	Stamford	6-0	225
14	Jared Nunn	CB	Holy Cross	5-7½	130
12	Jordan Nunn	QB	Holy Cross	5-8½	155
4	Derrick Peachey	QB/CB	Denis Morris	5-8½	160
3	Jon Quagliariello	WR/DB	Westlane	5-8	162
40	Jordan Rempel	LB	St. Paul	5-9	192
30	Paul Ricci	RB	St. Mike's	5-8	177
78	Dylan Roesch-Crane	DT	Lakeshore	5-10½	219
83	Jordan Salvatore	WR/K	Governor Simcoe	5-6	146
34	Alex Saunders	DB	St. Francis	5-7½	164
21	James Savoie	S	St. Mike's	5-8½	167
72	Jamie Singleton	DE	St. Paul	5-10	193
67	James St. Onge	OL	A.N. Myer	5-11½	238
26	Mat Stayzer	HB	Holy Cross	6'0½	192
60	Ian Stirling	OL	Notre Dame	6-3	208
74	Alex Tacinelli	DT	Denis Morris	6-2	245
99	Julian Tropea	WR/K	St. Mike's	5-11	206
96	William Van Ruyven	WR	Lakeshore	6-3	185
77	Kevin Wassill	DT	Sir Winston Churchill	5-10½	226
76	Jordan Weldon	DE	Lakeport	6-0	239
28	Jesse Wood	RB	Holy Cross	5-9	163

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#	NAME	POS	SCHOOL	HT	WT
12	Dennis Allen	DB	Holy Cross	6-0	157
14	Blake Allen	DB	A.N. Myer	5-10	161
70	William Austin	WR	St. Francis	6-1	165
33	Dan Baronas	SS	Denis Morris	6-1	190
83	Nathan Benjamin	WR	Stamford	5-11	145
21	David Benner	DB	Lakeshore	5-8	159
11	David Benner	QB	Lakeshore	5-11	210
25	Andrew Briskin	DB	West Park	5-8	160
36	Kirstyn Carruthers	LB	Blessed Trinity	5-11	200
30	Myles Chambers	LB	Collegiate	5-7	210
54	Mike Chmielewski	DE	St. Francis	6-1	229
23	Steve Clark	RB	Lakeshore	6-1	201
77	Michael Collison	DE	Governor Simcoe	6-2	209
78	Joey Cote	DL	Fort Erie	5-11	238
62	Stephen Dalybozyk	DL	Denis Morris	5-10	200
15	Tyler DeMoel	LB	Denis Morris	5-7	182
56	Robert DePriore	OL	Holy Cross	5-11	240
31	Ron Dith	RB	Collegiate	5-7	208
32	Daniel Egarter	LB	Blessed Trinity	6-0	190
55	Abdulrahman ElBadaoui	OL	West Park	6-1	205
19	Brian Fortier	QB	Saint Paul	5-9	156
35	David Gonzalez	LB	Collegiate	5-6	206
84	Trevor Hingley	WR	Governor Simcoe	6-1	166
22	Jeremy Hipperson	RB	Denis Morris	6-0	190
57	Jason Hofstede	C	Lakeshore	5-11	216
52	Andrew Holmes	LB	Sir Winston Churchill	5-9	233
49	Rion Hough	OL	Sir Winston Churchill	5-11	234
51	Frank Krsnik	OL	Holy Cross	5-10	200
87	Greg Lavelle	TE	Saint Paul	6-4	192
66	Alec Lemaire	DE	Fort Erie	6-5	250
13	Brett Maitland	SB	Beamsville	6-1	214
17	Jake Maxwell	QB	Denis Morris	6-1	158
28	Curtis Neheli	DB	Blessed Trinity	5-9	150
37	Brad Niemi	LB	Stamford	6-2	202
67	Steve Patrick	OL	Governor Simcoe	6-5	310
80	Adam Petrina	WR	Blessed Trinity	5-5	150
29	Philip Plato	DB	Lakeshore	5-10	182
24	Martin Pyttewski	RB	Lakeshore	5-9	199
39	Patrick Quinn	DT	Holy Cross	5-8	224
85	Michael Reid	LB	Westlane	6-2	200
53	Erik Reed	OL	Governor Simcoe	5-10	171
81	Cole Richards	SS	Centennial	5-11	179
86	David Ross	TE	West Park	6-3	178
88	Rick Savage	FB	Port Colborne	5-10	207
65	Carlos Serrano	LB	Governor Simcoe	5-8	205
34	Dallas Smith	FB	Notre Dame	5-10	237
75	Julian Sniegocki	DT	Holy Cross	5-10	253
60	James Snook	OL	Sir Winston Churchill	5-8	223
68	Matt Snyder	OL	Beamsville	6-2	285
63	Doug Toole	OT	Blessed Trinity	6-2	240
26	Carlo Turavani	K	Holy Cross	5-8	163
27	David Wilkie	LB	A.N. Myer	5-9	204
16	Ben Wilsack	QB	Blessed Trinity	6-0	199
89	Eddie Wright	DE	St. Mikes	6-2	205

## 2005 Junior Varsity/Varsity Schedules

<b>Date</b>	<b>Game Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Visitor</b>	<b>Home</b>
<b>SAT. MAY 28</b>	<b>12:00</b>	<b>West Park High School</b>	<b>STEEL CITY</b>	<b>@ Niagara Jr.</b>
<b>SAT. MAY 28</b>	<b>4:30</b>	<b>West Park High School</b>	<b>STEEL CITY</b>	<b>@ Niagara Varsity</b>
<b>SUN. JUNE 5</b>	<b>2:30</b>	<b>Nelson Stadium</b>	<b>Niagara Junior</b>	<b>HALTON</b>
<b>SUN. JUNE 5</b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Nelson Stadium</b>	<b>Niagara Varsity</b>	<b>HALTON</b>
<b>SAT. JUNE 11</b>	<b>12:00</b>	<b>West Park High School</b>	<b>TWIN CITIES</b>	<b>@ Niagara Jr.</b>
<b>SAT. JUNE 11</b>	<b>4:30</b>	<b>West Park High School</b>	<b>HURONIA</b>	<b>@ Niagara Varsity</b>
<b>SAT. JUNE 18</b>	<b>12:00</b>	<b>West Park High School</b>	<b>BRANTFORD</b>	<b>@ Niagara Jr.</b>
<b>SAT. JUNE 18</b>	<b>4:30</b>	<b>West Park High School</b>	<b>BRANTFORD</b>	<b>@ Niagara Varsity</b>
<b>SAT. JUNE 25</b>	<b>2:30</b>	<b>Etobicoke Collegiate</b>	<b>Niagara Junior</b>	<b>@ ETOBICOKE</b>
<b>SAT. JUNE 25</b>	<b>5:30</b>	<b>Etobicoke Collegiate</b>	<b>Niagara Varsity</b>	<b>@ ETOBICOKE</b>
<b>THU. JUNE 30</b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>McRae Fields</b>	<b>Niagara Junior</b>	<b>@ WENTWORTH</b>
<b>THU. JUNE 30</b>	<b>8:30</b>	<b>McRae Fields</b>	<b>Niagara Varsity</b>	<b>@ WENTWORTH</b>
<b>SUN. JULY 17</b>	<b>12:00</b>	<b>L'Amoreaux Park #2</b>	<b>Niagara Junior</b>	<b>@ TORONTO</b>
<b>SAT. JULY 16</b>	<b>5:00</b>	<b>Chinguacousy Park</b>	<b>Niagara Varsity</b>	<b>@ BRAMPTON</b>
<b>SAT. JULY 23</b>	<b>12:00</b>	<b>West Park High School</b>	<b>GUELPH</b>	<b>Niagara Junior</b>
<b>SAT. JULY 23</b>	<b>4:30</b>	<b>West Park High School</b>	<b>GUELPH</b>	<b>Niagara Varsity</b>