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For openers, **CONGRATULATIONS** to both the JV and Varsity teams on their victories over the Steel City Ironmen last Saturday. Both games reflected the rewards that can come from hard work, commitment and a whole lot of heart. A very special thank you as well to the many parents and volunteers who helped set up, tear down and work the game. A tremendous amount of effort went into the preparation and execution of our home opener and its success demonstrated that a solid team effort is just as important off the field. If you are able to help with any of the remaining three home games, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Gerarda Savoie at (905)295-7580.

1) NIAGARA @ HALTON INVICTAS Both teams are on the road to Burlington this Sunday. The Bus will leave from Sir Winston Churchill High School in St. Catharines at 11:30am for JV (2:30pm game time) and 4:00pm for Varsity (7:00pm game time). Please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to departure. For families and friends attending the games, Nelson Stadium is about a 45 minute drive from St. Catharines (see map below).



- ◆ QEW Toronto
- ◆ Exit Walker's Line, turn right
- ◆ Turn left onto New Street
- ◆ Nelson Park is behind Nelson High School (4181 New Street)

2) BUS POLICY While it is Spears policy that all players travel to away games on the team bus, discretion has been used in the past in allowing players to travel home with parents. This year, for insurance reasons and by League directive, players must travel home on the team bus unless a waiver has been signed by a parent/guardian (or player, if 18 or older). This waiver absolves the team and the League from responsibility for that player's safe return home. Where possible, this form should be filled out and submitted in advance to Grant Phillips (Varsity) or Jamie Saunders (JV). This form may be obtained from the team website and will also be available at practices. Your cooperation and understanding is appreciated.

3) The **TWO-FOR-ONE ADVANCE TICKET PROMOTION** will continue as long as there are tickets to sell. Players, families and friends may purchase advance tickets for Spears home games on a buy one, get one free basis...that's two tickets for only \$5.00! This ticket deal applies only to advance sales and will not be available on game day. Advance tickets are good for any regular season home game and a single admission will entitle fans to attend both games of the doubleheader. Tickets are available at the practice field.

4) **OVFL SURVEY** With this Newsletter, you will be receiving an OVFL marketing survey, which will assist both the League and our team in gaining a better understanding of our player communities. The rationale and intent of this survey is explained on the accompanying letter from OVFL President Walt Wettges. All responses are confidential. Please complete and return these surveys to Grant or Jamie at your earliest opportunity, or you may mail your survey directly to the League office in the envelope provided. Your participation will unquestionably assist our team in targeting potential sponsors more effectively.

5) **SPEAKING OF SPONSORS**...the Niagara Landmark Window Spears would not be able to do all that we do without the generous support of our **COMMUNITY PARTNERS**. A colour sponsorship brochure is now available. Anyone needing more information or who has a lead on a possible sponsor should contact **Joseph Doucette** (doucette@niagaraspears.com & 905-641-1551, ext. 351) or **Greg Smith** (smith@niagaraspears.com & 905-735-0970).

6) **GAME TAPES** All Niagara Spears home and away games are professionally videotaped for coaches' analysis. A limited number of VHS copies are available for purchase by players/families at a cost of \$10.00. All proceeds go towards the cost of pro coverage and duplication. Please help us to project how many extra copies will be required by making your request known to Grant (Varsity) or Jamie (JV) immediately following each game.

A FEW FINAL REMINDERS. . .

- Change rooms and buses will be left in the condition you found them...
- check to ensure all equipment is tight and safe before every game and practice...
- all provided pads (including tail and knee) must be worn during practices and games...
- all jerseys must be tucked into pants during games and shoulder pads cannot be exposed...
- remember to follow the gameday dress code...
- take extra special care of your game jersey and pants...wash separately in cold water and always hang to dry ...
- check www.niagaraspears.com **DAILY** for updates

Thanks for your ongoing support, and please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions, concerns or suggestions!

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