

Sports

Spirit ground Eagles

The Bowmanville Eagles were grounded last Thursday as the soaring Stouffville Spirit finally climbed out of the Provincial Junior A Hockey League's Phillips Division cellar.

Backed by the 40-save effort from goalie Adam Pirri, the Spirit blanked the Eagles 3-0 at the Rec Centre.

The win was the Spirit's fifth in its last seven games. It also enabled the Spirit to overtake the Orillia Terriers and move into the eighth and final East Conference playoff position.

Mark Russell netted a pair of goals for the Spirit. Bob Whiting scored the other goal, his 15th of the season. George Trifton, a 15-year-old centre, earned two assists. Jason Robinson, Tyler Rommelaere, Graham Crowder and Dean Sherman were credited with single helpers.

The Spirit continue their prolonged homestand when they host the Ajax Axemen on Saturday at 8:30 p.m.



Junior Spartans cage two wins

The Stouffville District Secondary School Spartans junior boys' basketball team got a taste of winning in the final week of play before the holidays, and decided they liked it.

The Spartans, who had dropped a couple of hard fought contests in previous weeks, hit the win column with a 45-41 home court triumph over Brother Andre C.H.S. Dec. 19, then repeated the feat with a 50-45 victory over Father McGivney C.H.S. in a home game the next day.

Meanwhile, the midget Spartans made it a Stouffville sweep Dec. 19, sneaking past their Brother Andre opponents 52-51.

The juniors trailed Brother Andre by seven points with under six minutes left to play, but won it with a final charge. Will Crothers came up with the play of the game when he stole the ball with 15 seconds remaining and scored a lay-up to put the Spartans ahead by three points. Chad Geense, who directed the offence, iced the victory at the free throw line.

Phil Stewart led the way with 19 points and added eight rebounds. Chris Karram had 11 points and 12 rebounds.

Against Father McGivney, the junior Spartans recovered from an

early deficit as Karram exploded for 25 points and nine rebounds. Mark Meyer had 10 points and eight rebounds. Stewart had six points and nine rebounds.

Jim Apolonatos broke loose for 20 points for the midget Spartans in their win over Brother Andre. Mike Shlotter had eight points, Dan Jenkins five and Darren Chappel and Brad Clarke four each. The SDSS squad led 33-30 heading into the frantic fourth quarter, then hung on to preserve the win.

SPARTANS SPIKE IT RICH
The Spartans junior and senior girls' volleyball teams added to their already impressive season records when they swept Brother Andre C.H.S. and Markham District H.S. Dec. 19.

The senior Spartans remained undefeated in four match ups as they jelled as a team to win their two sets.

Michelle Gilroy was the player of the game, setting well and combining with Jen McLeod for kills. Kathy Demarchais was outstand-

ing as a blocker, while Rhonda Davies impressed with her strong serving.

The junior Spartans upped their season mark to three wins and just one loss with their double victory.

SPARTANS ICE WIN
Ryan King had the hat trick as the Spartans skated to a 5-2 win over Huron Hts. S.S. Dec. 18 at the Rec Centre.

Andy Hutchinson and Brad Johnston also scored for the Spartans, who remained undefeated.

Will Crothers was outstanding in the net.

Clippers edge Whitby

Adam Craig and Corey Tanaka each counted a pair of goals as the Stouffville tyke Clippers skated to a 5-3 victory over Whitby on Dec. 12.

Brandon Walker notched the other Stouffville marker, with assists going to Craig, Walker and Taylor Campbell. Chris Hamm and John Harmsen guarded the Clippers net.

Houseleague tourney is set to begin

The Stouffville Progress Club is playing Santa Claus for this year's Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey Association houseleague tournament at the Rec Centre.

The service club has extended its sponsorship to the annual competition so that it can take in all houseleague levels through bantam-midget. In past years the event was limited from novice through atom or pee wee. The action runs from today through Saturday, from early morning until early evening. Regular houseleague games are to be included in the lineup.

"We feel a deep sense of appreciation for what the Progress Club has done for us," said houseleague convener Jamie Walker. "They are our association's biggest sponsor."

The Mayor's Skate is to be held at the Rec Centre Dec. 31, with free public skating from 1:30 to 5 p.m.

Public skating will be extended during the second week of the school holiday to include Jan. 2, 4 and 5 from 1 til 3 p.m., and Jan. 3 from 2 til 5 p.m.

Public shinny will take place Jan. 2-5 from 11 a.m. til 1 p.m.



ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



KELLIE CORNELL

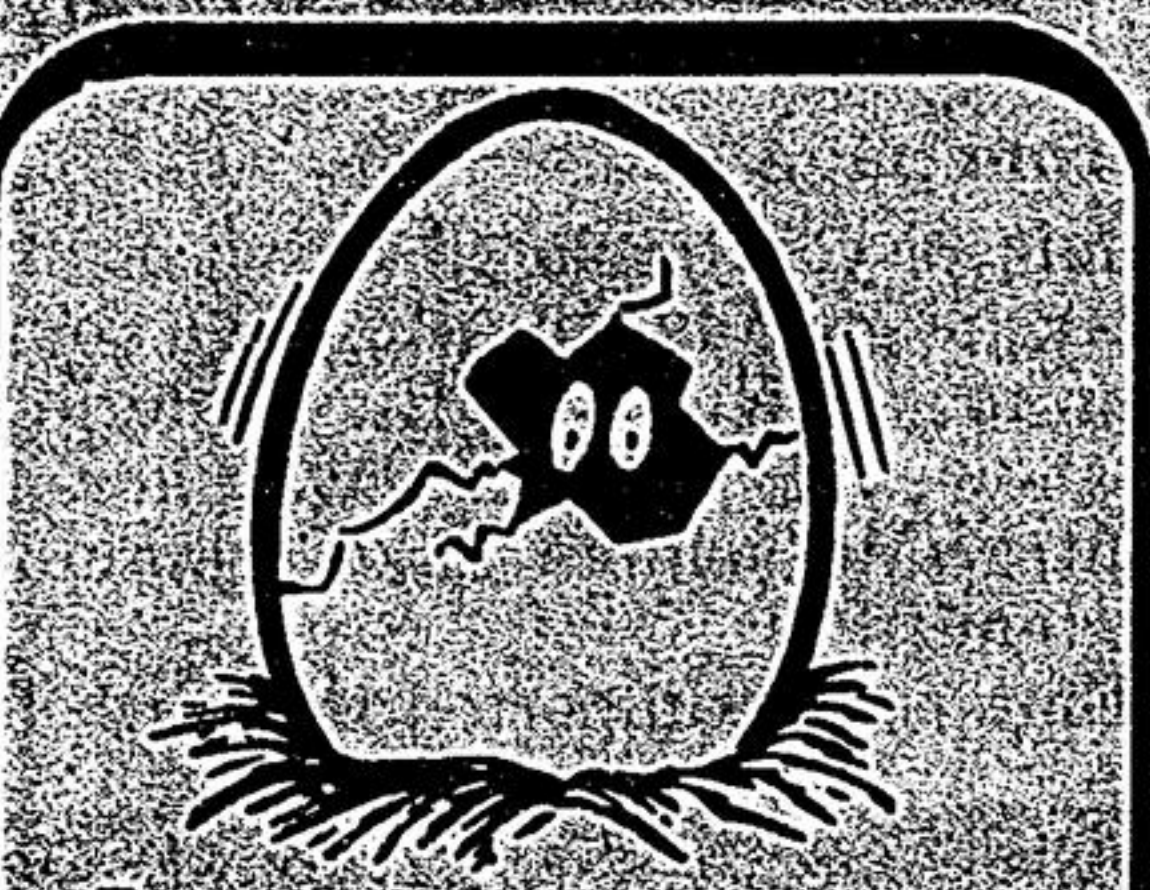
Kellie exploded for four goals to lead the Angie's Eatery Midget Girls rep hockey team to a 6-3 win over Orangeville Dec. 10.

Great shooting Kellie

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NOVICE DIVISION HOUSE LEAGUE STANDINGS

TEAM NAME	WINS	LOSES	TIES	PTS.	G.F.	G.A.
GREYFIELD CONSTR. SHARKS	4	1	1	9	27	22
SCHELL LUMBER CAPITALS	4	2	0	8	18	28
INSIDE OUT DECORATING KINGS	4	2	0	8	33	23
MONEY CONCEPTS JETS	3	3	0	6	18	19
ROCKCLIFFE POOLS STARS	2	3	1	5	18	25
LONE STAR BURGERS FLYERS	1	3	2	4	12	19
TIM HORTON PENGUINS	2	4	0	4	22	18
AIRTRON BRUINS	2	4	0	4	16	20

Wishing everyone a Safe & Prosperous New Year