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A Spirited and productive effort for Stouffville club

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Call it a 75 per cent increase in productivity in three games for the Spirit of Stouffville.

And it couldn't happen at a better time.

The Spirit turned their sorry 1996-97 Provincial Junior A Hockey league season on its ear over the weekend, giving the Trenton Sting a double buzz in a home and home set.

The Stouffville squad exploded for five unanswered third period goals to overcome a three-goal deficit and stymie the Sting 7-5 in Trenton Friday.

At the Rec Centre on Saturday, Rob Frost scored with just 20 seconds left in regulation time to give the Spirit a 4-3 decision. When coupled with the team's 1996-ending victory over the Lindsay Muskies, the Spirit have watched their victory total cata-

pult from four to seven in their last three outings. And with four games on tap for this week, and the Spirit now 12 points behind the Muskies in their long shot quest for a Phillips Division playoff position, the Spirit are looking to make up even more ground.

"We go head to head against Lindsay four more times this season," said head coach Dan Larmer. "The guys are really pumped after winning three in a row. It's a great confidence booster to come back and score five goals in the third period on the road. Some of the things we've been trying are trying to work."

The Spirit got a lift from former Stouffville Clipper Andrew Hutchison Friday. Hutchison had a goal and an assist. Don Gillies netted a pair of goals, with other markers coming from Andrew Patriarch, Geoff Smith, Tate Philips and Frost. Frost and Smith each had two assists.

On Saturday, the Spirit trailed 1-0 after the first period. Phil Vito, Mike Battaglia and Duane Bennett, a call up from the Junior C Georgina Ice, scored to send the game into the final period tied 3-3.

Frost put the finishing touch on a perfect weekend, with Larmer crediting a remixing of the team's four forward lines for much of the success.

"We shook the lines up a bit, putting two scorers and a grinder on each line, and all four lines scored. The guys played really well."

Larmer praised the work of goalie Ryan Spiteri, who shut the door on the Sting after replacing newcomer Steve Tilker for the final 20 minutes. Spiteri faced 32 shots Saturday, and was flawless in handling 14 of them in the third period.

"Spiteri's turned out to be a real money goalie," said Larmer. "He comes up big when you need him."

The Spirit were to travel to Cobourg to play the Cougars Monday, then to Orillia to tangle with the Terriers Thursday. Jeff Hassard, a rugged defenceman and another former Clipper, was to join the team from the Richmond Hill Stars AAA midgets for Monday's contest. The Spirit return home for two weekend dates, facing the league leading Newmarket 87's Saturday, with the Phillips division-second place Collingwood Blues coming in Sunday.

Both games begin at 7:30 p.m.



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To the citizens of Whitchurch/Stouffville,

Each year during the Christmas season, the Stouffville Lions Club, along with some of the towns businesses and residents donate food vouchers, food, toys and clothing to the needy families within our community.

The following supporters helped us gather the goods and prepare the baskets for distribution:

- Canadian Imperial Bank of Canada, 6311 Main Street.
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- The Co-operators Insurance/Financial, 6358 Main St., Larry Irwin Agent.
- The Tribune, 6244 Main Street.
- The Stouffville Sun, 6306 Main Street.
- Loretta Lavell, Stouffville.
- Toronto Dominion Bank, 5892 Main St. (A&P Plaza)

There were a large number of sponsors this year, which helped by putting together food hampers, purchasing and wrapping gifts. They also donated monies collected from coffee funds and Christmas projects. This greatly eased the financial burden, they were:

- Strategic Information Technology Ltd. Stouffville
- The Stouffville Lioness Club.
- The United Church of Canada, Stouffville.
- Teens 4 A Better Tomorrow, SDSS.
- Cook Canada Inc. Stouffville.
- The Children's House Day Care, Stouffville.
- G.N. Nettest Inc. Markham.
- Black River Scrap Metal Ltd. Richmond Hill.
- Boumeister Landscaping Ltd. Stouffville.

There were a number of donors who asked to be anonymous.

On behalf of the Stouffville Lions Club, I truly thank you for your help and support in Sharing the Spirit of Christmas. I wish you and your group all the best for the New Year.

Yours very truly

Lion Ivan Harris
Chairman,
Health & Social Services.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

AL FOCKLER



Al was "Mr. Zero" as goal keeper for Team #1 at the Stouffville Amateur Hockey League Christmas Tournament, recording three straight shut outs to lead his team to the championship.

Way to guard the twine tent, Al!

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HOCKEY SCHOOL

Houston Ford 7 - E.C. Flyers 2
Houston - Kurtis Hulshof, 3G; Robin Laing 2G; Christopher Armstrong 1G; Anderson Kunzel, 1G; Evan Bruno, 1A; Denver Gray, 1A; Eric Santo, 1A; Jeffrey Normander, 1A; Katelyn Cartwright, Good Goaltending.
E.C. - Brendan Gosse, 1G; Jack Sullivan, 1G; Adrian Reynolds, Good Skating.

Fairgate Homes 2 - E.M.S. Carpets 3
Fairgate - Sean Garrett, 2G; Carter Hassard, 1A; Hamison Radersma, 1A; Lawson Mann, Good Goaltending.
E.M.S. - Chris Porter, 1G; Mark Whittingstall, 1G; Wesley Campbell, 1G; Bradley Burrows, 1A; Brad Maxwell, 1A.

Lebovic Homes 10 - Shoppers Drug Mart 0
Lebovic - Scott Bolton, 4G; Lee Averill, 3G; Ricky Thorne, 1G; Ryan Brown, 1G; Gregory Outram Kuzma, 1G; Scott Beloff, 1A.
Shoppers - Max Muir, Good Game; Maverick Muir, Good Game.

TYKE

Pronto Muffler 3 - Blackstone 5
Pronto - Jonathon Naylor, 2G; Josh Adams, 3G; Kirk Patterson, 1A; Patrick Salvagna, 1A; Andrew Stewart, 1A; Nicholas Stratas, Good Game; Patrick McEachen; Good Goaltending.
Blackstone - Matt Briggs, 1G; Wes Wittenbols, 1G; Fletcher Muir, 1G; Nathan James, 1G; Mitchell Rathby, 1G; Ryan Barkey, 1A; Derek Brillinger, 1A; Brad Whittingstall, 1A; Mike Bigioni; Good Goaltending; David Stanton, Good Game.

Weston Produce 2 - Case Dismissed 0
Weston - Jeff McGuckin, 1G; Tyler Neil, 1G; Gavin O'Handley, 1A; Kyle Cussion, 1A; Jonathan Stansfield, Good Game; Michael Delzotto, Good Goaltending.

Case - Corey Thompson, Good Game; Kenny Higgins, Good Goaltending; Brent Tobin, Good Passing.

Tyke Select (Keswick Tournament) Jan. 3
Game #1 - Uxbridge 5 vs. Stouffville 1. Jake Carrick, 1G; Kyle Miller, 1A; Jeff McGuckin, 1A.
Game #2 - Stouffville 3 vs. Keswick 1. Jake Carrick, 2G; Kyle Miller, 1G; 2A; Jeff McGuckin, 1A; Mitchell Rathby, 1A.
Game #3 - Orangeville 3 vs. Stouffville 0. Matt Easter, M.V.P. Stouffville.

NOVICE

Todd Pools 7 - Multi-Service 1
Todd - Nicholas Singh, 2G, 1A; Chris Hamm, 1G, 1A; Matthew Easter, 3G; Daniel James, 1G.
Multi - Scott Moody, 1G.

Greyfield Construction 5 - Tim Hortons 1
Greyfield - Kyle Miller, 4G; Bradley Hulshof, 1G, 1A; Adam Davis, 1A; Tyler Brooks, 1A; Charles Stevens, 1A; Johnny Hoernann, 1A; Evan Tsiopoulos, 1A.
Tim - Zachary Popper, 1G.

Inside-Out Decorating 4 - I.G.A. 1
Inside-Out - David Hogg, 1G; Glen Ratcliff, 2G; Chris Rand, 1G, 2A; Ben Sampson, 1A.

I.G.A. - Devin Paynter, 1G.
Money Concepts 8 - Swirlers Restaurant 8
Money - Justin Brugger, 6G, 1A; Keegan Donaghey, 2A; Jacob Lougheed, 1A; Gavin Brillinger, 1A.
Swirlers - Ryan Laduca, 6G, 2A; Mike Muto, 2G, 1A; Tim Loughlin, 1A; Justin Lougheed, 1A.

ATOM

TD Bank 5 - Claremont Chiropractic 3
TD - Taylor Lougheed, 2G; Corey Andolina, 3G; John Riley O'Handley, 1A; Jay Tyler McNeil, 1A.
Claremont - Norm Fretz, 1G, 1A; Mark Vahe, 1G; Tommy Yule, 1G.

Schell Lumber 7 - Smalleys Tree Farm 1
Schell - Chris Baetz, 3G; Carlos Laduca, 3G; Kyle Knox, 1G; Matt Pennenen, 3A; Danny Schell, 1A.
Smalleys - Brendan Weatherall, 1G; Steven Cliff, 1A.

Rockcliffe Pools 6 - CUPE 1
Rockcliffe - Steven Metcale, 2G; Bennett Hallas, 2G; Robert McKay, 1G; Ryan Bolton, 1G.
CUPE - David Viro, 1G; Mark Sutcliffe, 1A.

Metro Waste 8 - Houston Ford 1
Metro - Daniel Campitelli, 4A; Jason Audette, 2G, 2A; Benjamin Smith, 1G, 2A; Chris Sorichetti, 1G, 1A; Keith Barrick, 1G, 1A; Jason Leadbeater, 1G, 2A; Michael Normandeau, 1A; Robert Hogg, 1G; Andrew Hillar, 1A.

PEEWEE CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENT

Game Scores: Michelle's Snack Bar 4 - Pickering Honda 1; Steven's Tree Farm 5 - Markham Stouffville Credit Union 1; Alternative Recycling 4 - Michelle's Snack Bar 3; Patti-Lynn Interiors 4 - Markham Stouffville Credit Union 3; Alternative Recycling 5 - Pickering Honda 1; Patti-Lynn Interiors 6 - Steven's Tree Farm 1; Pickering Honda 5 - Markham Stouffville Credit Union 2; Steven's Tree Farm 6 - Michelle's Snack Bar 1; Patti-Lynn Interiors 3 - Alternative Recycling 1.

Tournament Champions: Patti-Lynn Interiors. **Tournament M.V.P.'s:** Gregory Gaudet, Patti-Lynn Interiors; Lewis Lott, Alternative Recycling. **Tournament Scoring Leaders:** Cameron McInnes, 6G, 2A; Jason Davis, 7G, 1A; Darren McMullen 1G, 6A; Chris Laughlin, 2G, 5A; Braden Pare, 4G, 3A; Spiros Tsiopoulos, 2G, 3A.

BANTAM

Cedar Beach 3 - Legion 459 2
Cedar - Matthew Phillips, 2G; Tim Kerswill, 1G; Eric Patterson, 1A; Justin Kerswill, 1A.
Legion 459 - Peter Deacon, 1G; Jason Cumbers, 1G; Shaun Caramaniso, 1A; Allan Leighton, 1A; David Deacon, 1A.

Rick Wannop Developments 5 - Giles Chev Olds 2
Rick - Travis Geldhart, 2G, 1A; Andrew Wannop, 1G; Owen Percy, 1G, 1A; Dan McPhae, 1G; Ronan Lougheed, 1A; Colin Griffin, 1A; Chris Miller, 1A; Travis Geldhart, 1A.
Giles - Josh Clubine, 2G; Sean Davis, 1A; Jeremy Clubine, 1A.

Moller Insurance 7 - Barry's Welding 6
Game Sheet Unavailable