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Spirit drop pair of road games over long weekend

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Any hopes the Spirit of Stouffville had of carrying the momentum gained from a Thursday night home ice win into the Thanksgiving Weekend was dashed by penalties and inconsistency.

The Spirit dropped a pair of Provincial Junior A League road games by one-sided scores, falling 7-1 to the Collingwood Blues Friday before going down 7-3 to the Newmarket 87's Hurricane Sunday.

The Spirit held the Phillips Division leading Blues at bay for almost two periods Friday night before penalties and defensive breakdowns did them in.

Sunday, it was a bad first period that proved costly to the Stouffville squad as the home team peppered goal keeper Cory Lloyd with 25 shots in the opening 20 minutes while taking an early 3-0 lead. The Spirit took 16 minutes in penalties in the first period alone.

"To win games in a tough division like ours you have to play 60 minutes of hockey," said Spirit head coach Dan Larmer. "It was one period of hockey in each game that cost us."

Larmer said his team's tendency to take excessive penalties is causing most of the problems.

"We're digging ourselves a hole with the penalties we're taking. The guys get tired (killing penalties), and the defence as a whole breaks down. We're allowing the other teams to get in there deep and get some good shots on goal. There's no one out there knocking them out of the way."

Larmer also blamed the weekend losses on an inability to stay focussed. "A lot of it is due to a lack of concentration, hard work."

The coach said the double defeat was harder to take after last Thursday's home ice win over the Lindsay Muskies ended a four-game losing streak.

"It's disappointing. After that big win I thought the guys were coming around. We played a full

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60 minutes against Lindsay."

Larmer praised Lloyd for keeping Friday's game close for most of the first two periods. Kevin Edgar's goal had enabled the Spirit to cling to a 1-1 tie despite a decided edge on shots by the Blues. "Lloyd was holding us in there until we ran into penalty trouble."

He said the team's game plan flew out the window after the first period Sunday in Newmarket.

"We were aiming for less than six penalties for the game and less than 25 shots against. All that went out the door in the first period."

Newmarket ended up with 38 shots in total.

Other Spirit goals went to Edgar, with a pair, and Dave Zelasko.

The Spirit's next home game is this Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. versus Collingwood at the Recreation Centre.

SDSS junior hockey Spartans get set for upcoming season

The Stouffville District Secondary School (SDSS) Spartans junior boys hockey team will take to the ice for its third season when the York Region Athletic Association (YRAA) season gets underway in mid-November.

The team was given the go ahead for the 1997-98 campaign Thursday, and will begin tryouts the last week of October.

Spartans head coach Bill McKnight said sign up sheets

will be put up this week.

He anticipates some heavy competition for available spaces on the roster.

"We've lost quite a few players from last year, and we have no goalies returning, so there are lots of spots open," said McKnight.

McKnight said he's hopeful to see the return of veterans Ryan Fontanna, Richard Cho, Brad Clubine, Tyler Markle and Cory Turchan.

McKnight will once again be

assisted by SDSS staffer Ron Dempster. Former players and present SDSS students Andrew Hutchison and Brad Johnston, and Andrew Harper will also help out. Student Ken McDonald will be trainer.

The YRAA league has been modified for the coming season, and is to consist of nine teams playing in one division.

In past seasons the league was broken into east and west divisions. Teams will play each other once.



WHITCHURCH STOUFFVILLE SOCCER CLUB



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thurs., Oct. 16 ~ 7:30 p.m.
Rec. Complex
2nd Floor

All parents are invited to attend. Some executive positions are available (V.P. Mini Soccer Head Referee, V.P. Rep Soccer). Help is also needed to organize picture days cup final day and to attain team sponsorship.

Please come out - you are needed!

Any proposed amendment to the constitution must be submitted in writing to the club secretary

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Pee Wee Clippers earn first win

The Stouffville Smalley Tree Farms minor pee wee Clippers posted their first win in four tries by downing the Richmond Hill Stars 3-1 last Sunday.

Geof Campbell, Brian Taylor and Jesse Maillet scored for Stouffville,

with assists going to Jordan Smalley, Norm Fretz and Maillet.

Newcomers Fretz, Taylor Loughheed, Mark Sutcliffe and Dana MacDonald each played a solid game. Michael McManus was outstanding in the Clippers net.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



JUSTIN HEYWORTH

Justin scored at least one goal in each of the Edwards Murphy Bantam Clippers first eight games of the season. He had four goals to help the Clippers win the title at a tournament in Dundas the weekend of Sept. 27.

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