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## A Spirited performance tames Terriers

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The Couchiching Terriers fell victim to an Austrian assassin and their own generosity Thursday at the Rec Centre.

The Casino Rama crew was bounced 6-2 by the surging Spirit of Stouffville in the Provincial Junior A Hockey League contest.

The visitors, who at times seemed more intent on brawling than scoring, played catch-up all night after the Spirit took a 3-0 lead just four minutes into the game.

The Terriers narrowed the gap to 3-2 when the Spirit took the second period off.

But Terriers goalie Ken Decaire's goalmouth giveaway just 40 seconds into the third resulted in an early Christmas present for Randy Stolec, who cashed his second goal in a Stouffville uniform into an unguarded Couchiching net. Defenceman Philippe Lakos, dubbed the "Austrian Assassin" by his team mates, killed any comeback hopes the Terriers may have

had with a pair of goals on shots from the right point to put the game out of reach. The score would have been much higher if not for Decaire's brilliance in staving off a searing Spirit attack the rest of the way.

Darcy King notched his tenth goal to open the scoring for the Spirit, tying him for the team lead with linemate Kevin Edgar. Mike Micheff with his fifth, and Andrew Patriarche with his third, had the other Stouffville goals.

The game, played in front of a large, enthusiastic crowd, also marked the debut of Brian Fish, a 20-year-old veteran defenceman acquired from the Bramalea Blues of the provincial league's west conference.

Spirit head coach Dan Larmer was delighted with the animated performance given by the rugged, 6-foot-1, 190 pounder, as well as with Lakos' efforts. "It was a real big night for Lakos and Fish," noted Larmer.

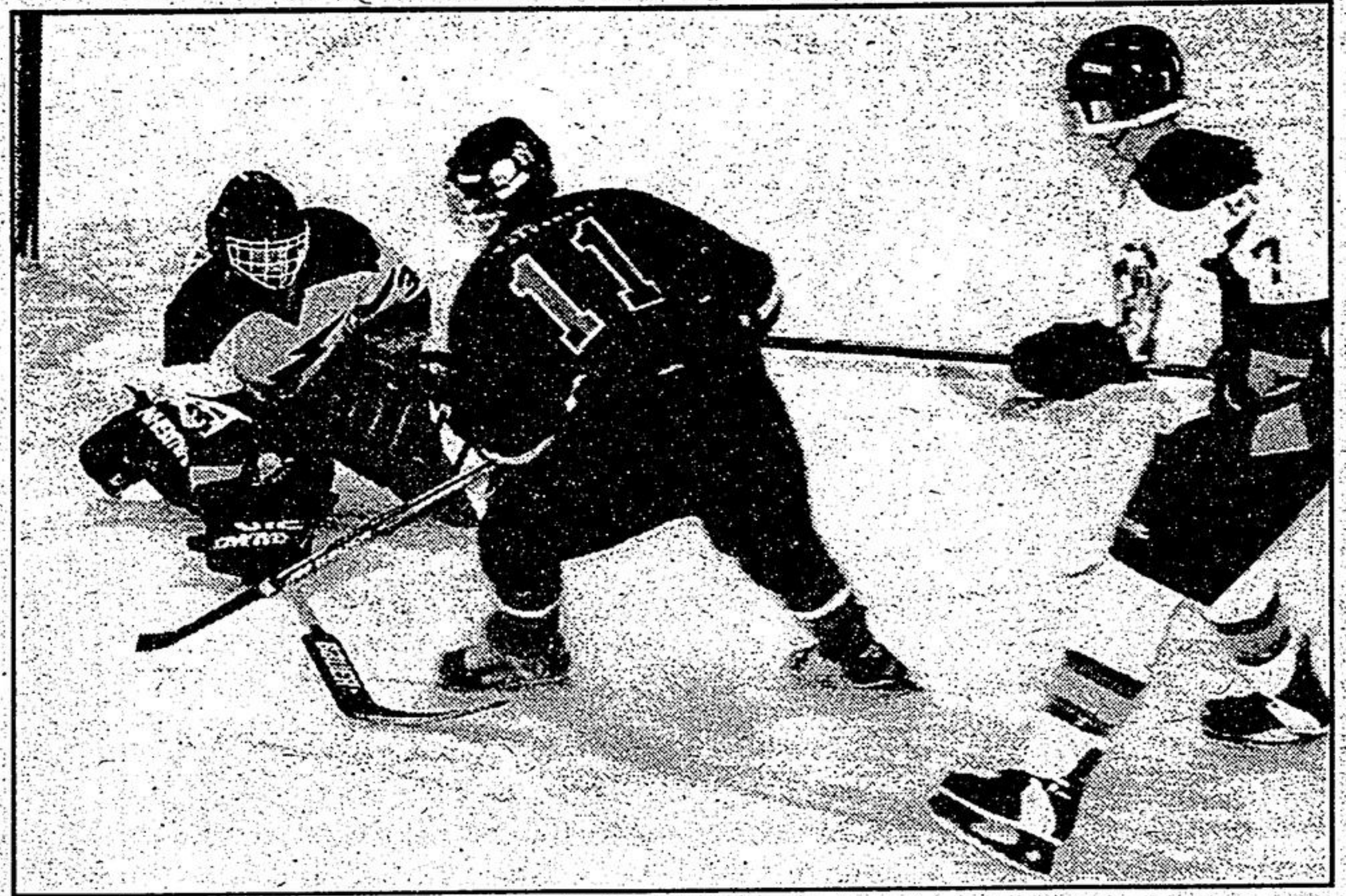
Spirit general manager

Clive Moody was also impressed with Fish. "He's a tough, physical defenceman. He's got a wealth of experience." Earlier this season, Fish was with Port Huron of the United States Professional Hockey League. Lakos credited his first two goals of the season to blind luck. "I was just shooting at the net, and got lucky," said the Austrian native, who has lived in Canada the past five years. Luck or no luck, Lakos was all smiles. "I was pretty happy," he admitted.

The win was the fifth in seven games for the Spirit, who also have a tie in that stretch. It puts them two points up on the Terriers, with two games in hand, in the battle for fourth spot in the Phillips division. The Spirit are now setting their sights on the third place Newmarket 87's Hurricane, who are four points ahead of the Spirit, but have played three more games.

"We can beat Newmarket," Lakos boasted.

Larmer also believes the Hurricane are within sight. "We've got to look ahead



**SAVING THE DAY:** Spirit of Stouffville goalkeeper Cory Lloyd has the puck under his blocker as he foiled Couchiching Terriers forward Morris Marshall on this scoring attempt in Thursday's Provincial Junior A game at the Rec Centre. Trailing the play is Spirit of Stouffville defender Steve Pocock. The Spirit prevailed 6-2.

Photo by LORI EMMERSON

of us now and try to catch Newmarket," he said. "We can play with any team in this league."

The coach praised his players for "doing everything you've got to do to win hockey games. The

guys are playing hard, they're playing outstanding hockey now. They're working hard, and it's showing."

The Spirit were to play the first of two weekend road games against Rud-dock division opponents

last night (Friday) when they played the Trenton Sting. The Stouffville squad is in Kingston to play the Voyageurs on Sunday. The next home game is against the Aurora Tigers next Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

## Glen, Osborne team up to give Senators the Blues

Rick Glen and Randy Osborne took matters into their own hands when the second-place Senators challenged the league leading Blues in Stouffville Amateur Hockey League over 40 division play Sunday.

Glen accounted for all of his team's scoring with a hat trick, and Osborne barred the door in a 3-0 win for the Blues. George Sled set up two goals. The victory left the Blues in top spot with 10 points, three ahead of the Sens.

The Maple Leafs moved into a second place tie with the Sens with a 6-2 triumph over the Ducks.

Damian Comito and Charlie Ramsey each netted a pair for the winners, to go with singles by Bill Hermanson and Wayne Emmerson. Bill Anderson had three assists, with Ramsey earning two helpers. It was Bill Thornhill and Art VanEsterik replying for the Ducks.

In other divisional play, Richard Bartley put on a shut-out performance while Garth Krisman, Don Lloyd, Ron Martyn and Frank Jago each lit the lamp in the Black Hawks 4-0 win over the Whalers. Brent Stachel's hat trick led the way as the Flyers grounded the Lightning

4-1.

Frank Wildman had the fourth Flyers goal. Dave Tucker, Lionel Henry and Art Nicholson each set up two goals for the Flyers. Graham Williams had the lone Lightning goal.

### NORDIQUES, DEVILS SHARE LEAD

In under 40 division action, the Nordiques and Devils remained tied for the first after both teams chalked up wins last Wednesday.

The Devils defeated the Bruins 7-4, with Cam Wallis, Brian Lemay, Dave Beauchamp and Al Currie sharing in the scoring. Rick Lee and Currie each picked up a pair of assists. Greg Roberts with two, Jamie Dunbar and Ross Newlands countered for the Bruins. Lenny Campitelli and Doug Sanders had two set ups apiece for the Bruins.

The Nords got goals from Richard Burkholder, Dave Raymer, Graham Summerhayes and John Barnett as they downed the Flyers 4-2.

Dave Manilla had two assists for the winners. Steve Rendall and Steve Avoledo had the Flyers scores, with Ian Billich setting up both scores. The Devils and Nords each have 10 points.

The Canadiens got two goals and an assist from Gary Moss as they bested the Sharks 5-1 in the battle of the third-place teams.

Jim Walker, Terry Porter and Ron Murphy rounded out the Canadiens scoring, while Murphy helped set up a trio of markers. Chris Burkholder had two assists. Greg Blair notched the lone Sharks marker. The Habs now have nine points.

Ryan Burkholder had two goals and an assist as the Red Wings flew over the Rangers 5-1.

Kent Jordan, Steve Balsdon and Tim McNeil had the other Wings goals. Dave Mehaffey

responded for the Rangers.

Chris Baggs was a two-goal man, with Pat Madigan, Gary Carr, Mark Porter and Scott Connor adding solos, as the Ducks dimmed the North Stars 6-2.

Connor, Madigan and Tim Robbins each collected two assists for the Ducks. Adam Kennedy and Bill Hughes found the range for the Stars.

Mike Sear, Mark Paganelli and Brian Henderson each clicked to enable the Kings to douse the Flames 3-1.

Doug Bower had the Flames goal.

### Juvenile Clippers still perfect

The Mutual Group juvenile Clippers will be out to make it 11 wins in 11 league and exhibition starts when they host Newmarket today at 8 p.m. at the Rec Centre.

The Clippers continued their torrid pace with a 7-1 thrashing of Keswick and a 3-2 decision over Barrie in league games, and a 7-0 win over the MTHL AAA Scarborough

Stallions in an exhibition contest.

Andrew Hutchison hit for a quartet of markers in the three games. Andrew Kerr had three goals, Darren Kerr and Dave Bradford two each.

Singles went to: Alex Balm, Richard Beattie, Jeff Calabretta, Mico Galluzzo, Joe Galluzzo and Mark Sedore.

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