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## Mother nature forces Spirit game to be postponed

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The Spirit was willing, but the opposition Kingston Voyageurs' bus wasn't able, as the recent ice storm forced the cancellation of Saturday night's scheduled Provincial Junior A Hockey League game between the Spirit of Stouffville and the Ruddock Division front-running Voyageurs at the Rec Centre.

The Spirit, who have won three and tied one in their last six outings, take to the ice three times this week as they attempt to narrow the gap between them and the two teams they must overtake to make the playoffs for the first time in their three years in the league.

The Stouffville squad travels to Bow-

manville tonight to face the Ruddock Division Eagles, before returning home to do battle with the Aurora Tigers Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Rec Centre. They close out the week with a Friday night trip to Collingwood to take on the first-place Blues.

The Spirit are in last place in the Phillips Division, five points behind the Lindsay Muskies, and seven back of the Couchiching Terriers.

Spirit head coach Dan Larmer said he thinks his team is capable of making the playoffs, but added it will be essential to play the way they have proven they can, especially against Aurora and Collingwood this week.

"We've proven we can keep up with every team in our division," said Larmer, whose team stood pat as the OHA trade deadline came and went Saturday.

"We've beat Aurora twice, and tied them, and we beat Collingwood the last time we played them."



## Midget girls' Star on ice

The Da Classic Scoop/A & S Construction Stars midget girls' rep hockey team went into the second half of the season on a high after sweeping to victory at their recent tournament at the Rec Centre.

The Stars got shutout goalkeeping from Jennifer Dupont and Jeanne Furze as they recorded shutouts of 3-0, 5-0 and 5-0 over Oshawa, Coldwater and Brampton respectively.

Maggie Treacy led the scoring with five goals. Kari Sandiford and Lindsay Reid each netted a pair of scores, with singles going to Jenn Imrie, Ali-

son Edward, Danielle Debnam and Alisha Hughes.

Assists were earned by Amy Phar, Erin Anweiler, Marie Bradford and Rachel Levine.

Jackie Morra, Julie Middleton and Katie Sandiford were solid on defence.

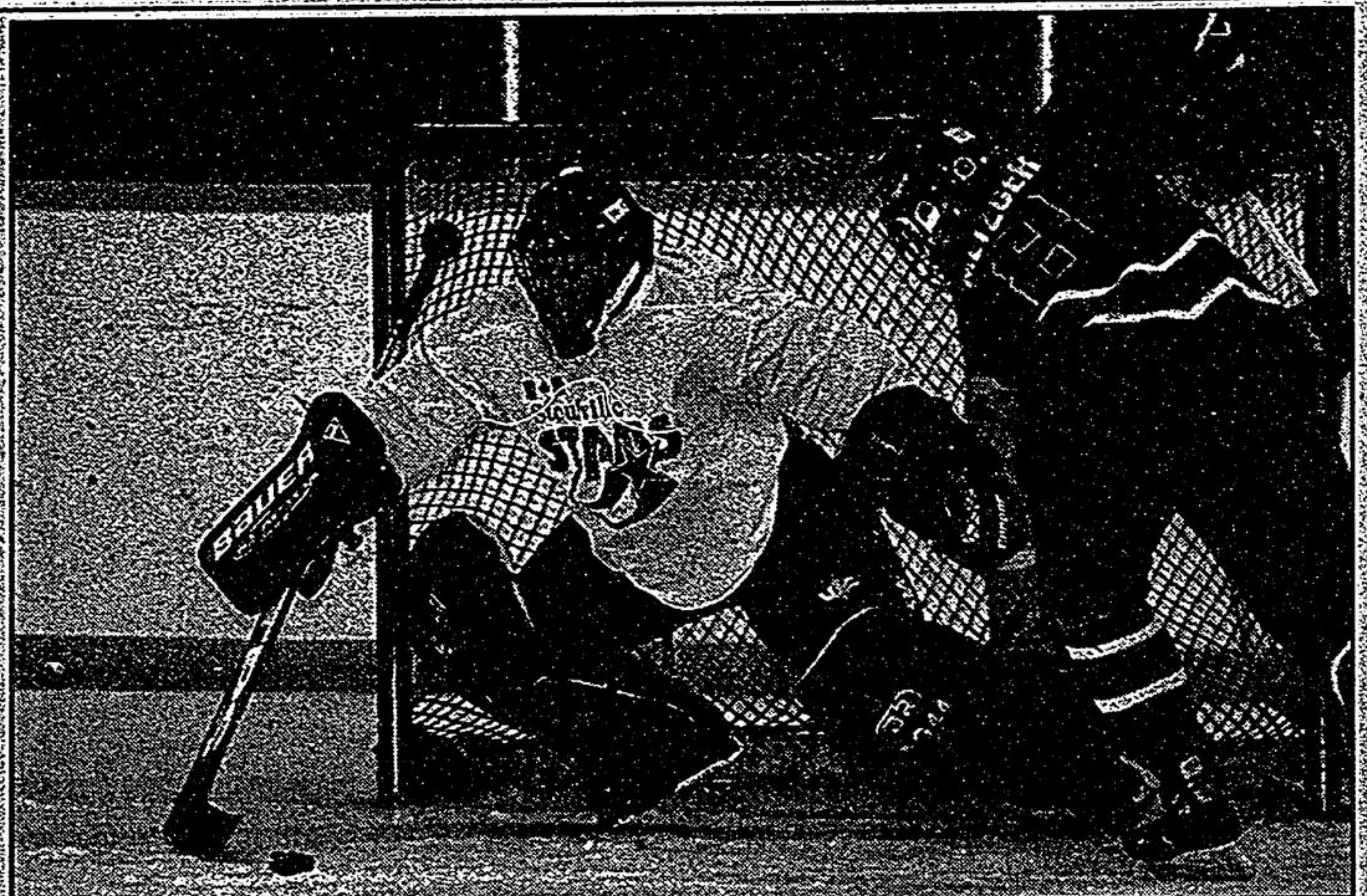


**Miller's goal saves the day for Stars**

The Transamerica Life bantam Stars girls' rep hockey team rallied from a 3-1 deficit to edge Burlington 4-3 Saturday in Markham.

The Stars, who are currently in fourth place in the 14 team Tier 1 of the North Metro Girls Hockey League, won it with a last-minute goal by Candice Miller, her second of the night. Heather Allen had the other two Stouffville goals.

Meaghan O'Connor, Christine Anderson, Gillian Apps and Candice Moxley had strong performances for the Stars as well.



SAVE OF THE DAY: Stouffville Stars' goalkeeper Fiona Robertson gets set to pounce on this puck during action in Saturday's Intermediate Girls' rep hockey contest against the Peel Storm at the Rec Centre. Standing at Robertson's doorstep is Peel's Sandy Metzger.

Photo by CHERYL JOHNSON

## Devils, Sharks remain in the hunt for top spot

The log jam remains at the top of the Stouffville Amateur Hockey League Under 40 Division standings.

The front running Devils and Sharks were both victorious in action Dec. 17, while the Nordiques remained just a point behind in second place with a win.

The Devils got two-goal efforts from Paul Bergman and Brian Lemay, with singles from Al Currie, Blair McDonnell, Cam Wallis and Brent Brown, in an 8-1 rout of the North Stars. Bill Hughes scored for the Stars.

The Sharks had goals from Paul Jarko, Derek Harrison, Ross Geiger and Ed Burkholder in a 4-1 triumph over the Kings. Mike Howard scored for the Kings.

Dave Manilla, Brandon Pridham and Dave Rayer scored to give the Nords a 3-2 win over the Bruins. Lenny Campitelli and Greg Tait replied for the Bruins.

Gary Carr netted a pair, and Pat Madigan and Jamie Showers also clicked to lift the Ducks over the Red Wings 4-1. Ryan Burkholder had the lone Wings goal.

Doug Sheridan was a two-goal man, and Lee Wideman, Steve Avoleo, Jody Infurnari and Steve Rendall had solo markers.

as the Flyers doused the Flames 6-2. Doug Bower and Steve Schneider were the Flames marksmen.

Mark Savery added to his division-leading goal scoring totals with a pair, giving him 19 on the season, as the Rangers edged the Canadiens 3-2.

Dan Maillet also scored for the Rangers. Derek Hamilton and Terry Porter scored for the Habs.

### BLUES STILL ON TOP IN OVER 40 GROUP

In Over 40 Division play, the Blues padded their lead at the top of the standings with a pair of wins, downing the second place Senators 6-3 Dec. 21, then prevailing 5-1 over the Black Hawks Dec. 28.

Gregg Tamlin, Wayne McMann, Brian Laprieur, Jon Baird, Randy Gray and Gene Belanger scored against the Sens, who got goals from Rocky Copithorn, Paul Guest and Tedd Pickering.

Paul Kirby hit for the hat trick, and McMann scored twice, in the win over the Hawks. Tamlin had four assists. The Hawks' goal came from Ron Martyn.

The Lightning got goals from Stu St. John, Herb Forgie and Terry Weatherill in a 3-2 win

over the Flyers, with Dean Tremaine and Graham Williams scoring in a 2-1 triumph over the Maple Leafs the following week.

Bill Ormson and Brent Stachel replied for the Flyers. Jack Holder had the Leafs tally.

The Whalers also won a pair as Pete Turner, Barry Gyton, Jim Warner and Gord Smith scored in a 4-2 win over the Black Hawks.

Don Lloyd and Mike Jones scored for the Hawks.

Neil Findlay, Smith and Bob McKinnon scored in the Whalers 3-2 victory over the Flyers. Flyers goals came from Bill Ormson and Art Nicholson.

The Leafs downed the Ducks 7-4 on Dec. 21.

Damian Comito and Wayne Emmerson each netted a pair, with singles coming from Wayne Jackson, Jack Holder and Andy Kroen. Bob Leger had four assists. The Ducks' goals came from Jim Teeter with two, Murray Thompson and Dale Vick.

The Ducks came back the next week to upend the Sens 4-1 on two goals by Paul Robinson and singles from Bruce Mehaffey and Thompson.

Jim Gray countered for the Sens.

### ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



**JEFF MARSHALL**

The Spirit of Stouffville captain and playmaking defenceman scored once and assisted on three other scores to help lead the Spirit to an 8-2 victory over the Ajax Axemen Jan. 8 at the Rec Centre. The win was the 14th of the year for the Spirit, their most ever in a single season.

Well done, Jeff!

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Scoreboard		
<b>WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE GIRLS' HOCKEY ASSOC., JAN. 5 JUNIOR HOUSELEAGUE</b>	ly Bound Credit Union 2 vs Pizza Pizza 1 Credit goals: Maggie McKay, Assists: Stephanie Krucas, Bailey Gummy, Devon Robertson; Lindsay Metcalfe Pizza goal: Brittney Brince, Assist: Kelsey Faithby	Pronto Automotive 4 vs Schickedanz 3 Pronto goals: Kaitlyn Buck (2), Kate Ross, Danielle Arnold, Assists: Krista Montgomery (2), Kaitlyn Buck, Nicole Cormier
Moller Insurance 4 vs Pet Valu 1 Moller goals: Shelly Grimes (2), Leah Speers, Ashley Beaton, Assists: Leah Speers, Trisha Hughes, Dana Milne, Ashley Beaton	<b>INTERMEDIATE HOUSELEAGUE</b> Play It Again Sports 5 vs Jacaranda Tree 1 Play goals: Carlie Buffan (3), Crystal Pearce, Chantal Aschwander, Assists: Katie Day, Catherine Johnson	Schickedanz goals: Kelly Morrison (3), Assists: Irene Collins (2), Jessica Morra, Cary Hill
Pet goals: Jocelyn Stack, Assist: Kimber-	Jacaranda goals: Kara Lisa DeLong, Assist: Ashley Hill	<b>SENIOR HOUSELEAGUE</b> Claremont Excavating 2 vs Shoppers Drug Mart 1 Claremont goals: Leslie Siner, Dana Young, Assists: Heather McManus, Dana Young Shoppers goal: Lisa Krisman