

SPORTS: Fans who attended Thursday's Spirit contest received a free ticket to next week's game against the Markham Waxers

Hurricanes storm past Spirit

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Spirit of Stouffville owner Ed Hakonson was able to take some consolation from the fact that only half of Thursday night's overflow rec centre crowd will likely take advantage of his offer of a free ticket to next week's home game against the Markham Waxers.

The Spirit suffered a 9-2 defeat at the hands of the Newmarket Hurricanes in the Provincial Junior A Hockey League contest.

Hakonson had guaranteed a Spirit win, promising free tickets to next Thursday's match with Markham in the event of a loss. A record 540 fans were drawn to the game by the Maverick-style move, roughly half of them Hurricanes fans.

But while the Newmarket faithful gleefully flaunted their free passes on their way out of the rec centre, they will likely choose to stay home and watch their Hurricanes take on the Shelburne Wolves Thursday rather than return to see the Spirit/Waxers game.

While disappointed with the loss, Hakonson was laughing all the way to the bank.

"We didn't win on the ice, but we certainly won off the ice," he said, referring to the large gate.

Hakonson shook his head in disbelief at the difference between last Saturday's 12-4 Spirit win over the Huntsville Wildcats and Thursday's flat effort.

"I can't believe this is the same team that was in Huntsville the other night.

The owner suggested it was a matter of the Hurricanes executing a game plan they've perfected through the years.

"We were outplayed from a systems point of view. They're system is 12 years old, ours is only three."



ED HAKONSON

Spirit owner disappointed with loss to Hurricanes

Spirit head coach Brian Perrin agreed. "We've got a new system, and the guys are having trouble grasping it," said Perrin. "We were leaving guys uncovered in front of the net. We've got to learn from our mistakes."

The Spirit stayed with the Hurricanes through the midway point of the game.

The home crew trailed 3-2 until Newmarket's Josh Tataryn netted his second and third goals of the game in a span of 23 seconds to send the visitors on their way to the one-sided decision.

The Hurricanes added four more in the third. "We came out banging and crashing, but then we fell flat," said Perrin.

"We made 10 mistakes, and they scored on nine of them." Dave Zelasko scored his third goal of the young season for the Spirit, with Mike Micheff netting his fourth marker. J.D. Smithson, Kevin Edgar, Will Chang and Mike Tucciarone assisted.

Micheff, who was ejected for fighting in the third period, attributed the lopsided loss to a combination of a lack of hustle and miscues by his team.

"They outskated us tonight, and we made too many mistakes," he summarized.

Perrin was hopeful his team could shake off the loss before last night's game in Aurora against the Tigers.

"They just have to leave it here. Tomorrow's a new night."

Fun way to end the year

Then would-be boys of summer call it a wrap today as 12 teams take to the town park diamonds to contest the annual Monday Night Men's Lob Pitch Tournament.

The fun league finale was to get under way at 8 a.m., with the championship showdown scheduled for 3:30

p.m. on diamond one.

The league, which has been in existence since 1977, is a non-competitive organization open to local men 25 years of age and older.

There are no umpires, and standings are not kept throughout the season.

Players Star for Richmond Hill

Michael Del Zotto and Jake Carrick terrorized opposing goalkeepers when they took to the ice recently for the Richmond Hill Stars minor novice AAA club.

The Stouffville residents helped the Stars reach the final of the recent Ajax-Pickering early bird tournament before suffering a 4-2 loss to the Markham

Waxers.

Del Zotto scored once in a 3-1 first round win over Barrie. He also had a goal in the club's third round 9-1 triumph over Peterborough and in an 11-0 semi-final victory over Brantford.

Carrick delivered a goal in the semi-final win over Brantford and in the final.

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ERIN MACDONALD

Erin is a notable figure skater with the Unionville Skating Club. She has recently received both her Gold Level in skills and has completed her gold Dances. Erin is recently working on her Novice Competitive Programs. An excellent student at Unionville High School, this versatile athlete's interests include piano, choir, baseball, field hockey and tennis.

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ATTENTION YORK CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENTS, STUDENTS

The Provincial Government has announced that it will introduce back-to-work legislation on Monday.

Parents please note that this does not mean that classes for our elementary and secondary school students will begin on Monday. Classes will remain cancelled, regular bus service will not be available, and we continue to encourage you to keep your children at home.

For this back-to-work legislation to become law, it must first receive support from all three political parties at Queens Park and it must also receive Royal Assent.

We are prepared to open our schools the day after the legislation is passed, and we look forward to the opportunity of welcoming our students and teachers back into their classrooms.

This legislation may bring our teachers back, but as a Board, we are still committed to doing everything in our power to reach a negotiated settlement. We remain open to returning to the bargaining table. On Friday morning, the Board again contacted the provincially appointed mediator who is assessing the situation and will call the parties back to the table when he feels there is something new to be brought forth.

Parents and students are urged to contact the Board's web site and Teacher Negotiations Information Hotline for regular updates. Study materials may be accessed on the Board's web site or from schools.



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