

SPORTS:

Spirit tame Terriers

The line of Sean Scully, Michel Bond and Chris Large accounted for four goals to propel the Spirit of Stouffville to its first win of the season at the rec centre with a 7-6 verdict over the Couchiching Terriers in Provincial Junior A Hockey League action Thursday.



SEAN SCULLY
Scores game's first two goals for Spirit

Scully scored the game's first two goals, including one on a power play, and Bond added one to give the Spirit a 3-2 lead after 20 minutes.

Picking up the pace in the second period, the Terriers outplayed the Spirit and took a 5-4 advantage through 40 minutes.

The Spirit got a big break early in the

third period when Mike Tucciarone had a breakaway and slid into the Terriers' goal, pushing the rebound ahead of him into the net. The Terriers argued that Tucciarone pushed the puck in with a glove. But the referee ruled it was a goal.

Large and J.D. Smithson followed up with unanswered tallies to pad Stouffville's lead to 7-5.

The Terriers scored once before the game concluded.

Jon Smyth accounted for the other Spirit marker in the second period.

Spirit head coach Brian Perrin acknowledged the third period was the game's turning point.

"The guys played well in the third. I told them between periods that the other team was outworking us. We can't use our talent if we don't work."

"Hopefully, this win is something to build on."

Now 4-3 on the season, the Spirit resume league play tonight when they host the North York Rangers at 7:30 p.m.

SPORTS DIGEST

Tedford first at finish line

Lindsay Tedford led a contingent of runners representing the Markham Track Club at the recent Cheetah Cross-Country Meet by winning the senior girls' race.

Tedford ran the 2,350-metre event with a time of 8:56.

In the same division, Melanie Macchione was third and Jennifer Seeney, 14th.

Among boys, Justin Seeney was 12th in the 2,000-m. atom race and Christopher Seeney was 56th in the 1,500m tyke race.

Rugby club in playoffs today

The Markham Rugby Club firsts will host an Ontario Rugby Union first-round playoff game today at Austin Park against Barrie.

The game begins at 3 p.m.

Marauders, Cardinals win gridiron wars

Andrew Williams threw three touchdown passes, including two in the second half to tight end Matt Phinney, to lead the Markham District High School Marauders to a 22-7 road win over King City Secondary School in York Region Athletic Association senior football action Thursday.



Trailing 7-0 after the first quarter which was dominated by the Invaders, the Marauders evened the count before halftime when Williams threw a 15-yard touchdown strike to wide receiver Dan Mott.

Phil Richards added a two-point convert and Mott booted two extra points for the Marauders, now 2-0.

Marauders' linebacker Mohit Arora had 11 tackles while defensive end Adam Brooker, who made his debut, had seven tackles and 2-1/2 sacks to key the defence.

While happy with the win, Marauders' head coach Mike Feasby acknowledged his club was far from playing the type of ball he wanted to see.

"We've got some work to do," he confessed. "It was a sloppy win. But we'll take it. I thought we were in for a long day."

Cardinals rout Father Bressani

Richard Casagrande scored two touchdowns, including one on a 65-yard run on the game's first play, and another from 40 yards to propel the Brother Andre Catholic High School Cardinals seniors to a 26-13 road win over Father Bressani Catholic High School on Thursday.

Rory Gallimore hauled in a 25-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Matt Sheasgreen and Dan Rossi added one on an 18-yard run for the Cardinals, who held a 26-0 halftime lead.

Jason Binger made two converts for the Cardinals, now 2-0 after winning their first game last week over the Invaders on a forfeit.

"It was a good start. But we're a long ways from being where we want to be," said Cardinals' head coach Terry Lyons. "We put in a lot of different people and we made some mistakes. But it was a good lesson for us."

The Cardinals and Marauders will take to the Centennial Park gridiron on Oct. 8 in the annual Markham Cup game. The juniors will kick off at 6 p.m. followed by the seniors.




OFFENSIVE PLAYER
For a first-year player, tight end Matt Phinney looked like a seasoned veteran in Markham District High School's road game against King City on Thursday. The 18-year-old OAC student hauled in two second-half touchdown passes to help the Marauders to a 22-7 win.

DEFENSIVE PLAYER
While the Marauders gave a solid team effort on defence by allowing just seven points in its win over King City on Thursday, rookie inside linebacker Matt Rolland made his presence felt. The 16-year-old rookie inside linebacker was in on 10 tackles and made one tumble recovery to earn the club's defensive player of the game.

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STEVE LAMB



Steve Lamb rode the crest of the waves at the recent Budweiser Grand National Canadian Personal Water Craft races in Barrie. The 18-year-old Unionville resident powered his 720cc 1996 Sea Doo HX vessel to the checkered flag in the novice sport stock and novice sport limited races.

A Grade 13 student at Unionville High School, Lamb was introduced to watercraft racing in 1994 and intends to enter the expert division next season.

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