

No Spirit so far in conference final

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The Spirit of Stouffville were finally forced to pay the price for showing up late over the weekend.

The Spirit were outscored by a combined count of six to one in the opening period as they dropped the first two games of their Provincial Junior A Hockey League northern conference final with the Couchiching Terriers.

The Terriers took the opener 9-3 Friday at home after jumping out to a 2-0 first-period lead. At the rec centre on Sunday, the Spirit trailed 4-1 after the first period en route to a 7-5 loss.

"When you dig holes for yourself it's going to bite you," said Spirit head coach Brian Perrin. "It's bitten us big the first two games."

"We need to play with intensity from the beginning of the game," he added. "We want to keep it close in the first and second periods."

The Terriers led 3-0 early in the second period Friday before Mike Fiume netted his fifth playoff goal to put the Spirit on the board. The Terriers got that one back on a shorthanded effort, with Michel Bond counting his eighth of the post season on the same Spirit power play to bring them back to within two goals.

But the Terriers made it 5-2 before the period was out, then turned it into a rout with four goals in the final 20 minutes.

Sean Scully rounded out the Spirit scoring with his fourth playoff goal.



BRIAN PERRIN
Spirit coach says club must play with more intensity

At the rec centre Sunday, the Terriers struck early and often as they built up another insurmountable lead.

Dan Speer had the only Spirit goal in the first period, his first of the playoffs.

The Spirit carried the play in the second as Anthony Minicucci counted his sixth of the playoffs on a power play. Mike Tucciarone and J.D. Smithson each potted their fourth as the Spirit narrowed the Terriers' lead to 5-4.

A soft goal on a clearing shot from the blue line early in the third gave the Terriers a two-goal bulge and seemed to deflate the Spirit.

But Bond collected his ninth goal on a power play and the Spirit exerted considerable pressure in pursuit of the tying goal.

The Terriers clinched it on a breakaway goal by Jaro Wojecki, his fourth in two games, late in the period just seconds after the Spirit missed a golden opportunity to tie it.

For the second straight game George Ellard was sent into replace George Eliopoulos in the Spirit net partway through the game.

While Eliopoulos was outstanding against Aurora and Newmarket, Perrin suggested his team isn't getting the big saves against the Terriers.

"We need better goaltending," Perrin hinted.

Despite losing the first two games against the fast-skating and crisp-passing Terriers, Perrin said he's not about to change his strategy.

"We're not going to change what got us here. We just have to execute what we're trying to do."

The teams play game three in Orillia tonight before returning to the rec centre for the fourth game on Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Cardinals ice berth in high school playoffs

The Brother Andre Cardinals senior boys' hockey team will be making a trip to Sudbury after the March break.

The Cardinals will be venturing to the land of the big nickel after sweeping its best-of-three York Region Athletic Association final Wednesday with a 7-3 win over the host St. Andrew's College Saints.



With the score knotted at 2-2 after one period, the Cardinals jumped out to a 4-2 lead through two and never looked back.

Keying the Cardinals' win was the line of Tony Rossi, Mike Stollar and Nick West, which were in on six of the seven goals. Rossi had three goals and four assists, while Stollar delivered three goals. West earned six assists. Jesse Boucher added the other marker.

Cardinals' head coach Dave Turner acknowledged the Rossi, Stollar and West line was the key to the game.

"Tony (Rossi) was unbelievable. He stole pucks and Stollar outmuscled people in front of the net and West was in on every goal that line scored."

Turner also felt his club's ability to adjust was critical to the final outcome.

"They (St. Andrew's) are a strong forechecking team. We had our defence carrying the puck up the middle. And that's hard for kids to do."

From a psychological standpoint, Turner also felt the outcome of the first game might have been a little too much for St. Andrew's to overcome even though they outplayed the Cardinals and could easily have won the game were it not for a disputed goal that didn't count.

"St. Andrew's definitely outplayed us in the first game," Turner conceded. "But I think it was a letdown for them to lose that game."

"I thought we had control of the whole game even through the first period, which was close. We always had the lead in that period though."

In looking ahead at the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Association championships, which will be held in Sudbury from March 22-24, Turner expects his club, which lost just one game all season long, should get a favourable seeding.

"We should be in the top three. I'd be disappointed if we weren't one, two or three. But we're going up there to have some fun."

Wolves ranked 10th in volleyball

The Unionville High School Wolves senior girls volleyball team got to the consolation round final at the recent OFSAA championships before suffering a 2-0 loss to Eastdale Collegiate (Oshawa) at Humber College.

Finishing pool play action with two wins and a loss, the Wolves ended up in a tie with eventual gold medalist Mayfield Secondary School (Brampton) and bronze medalists Waterdown for first, but were relegated to the consolation round on a tie-breaking procedure.

Terry Wollenzien, Wolves coach, noted that Canadian Volleyball Association rules were used in which a points ratio was utilized. Despite defeating Waterdown 2-0 in its pool play match, the Wolves ended up on the short end.

"The OFSAA reps are talking of changing this rule next year. They realize it needs to be changed," said Wollenzien. "I'll definitely be putting a motion forward to my OFSAA rep," she added.

Finishing the year 10th overall in the province, Wollenzien was happy with the way her charges performed in their OFSAA debut.

"Sure they were disappointed after the first day (at OFSAA). But putting things into perspective it was an exciting year and rewarding. Only two per cent of all high school athletes make it to the provincials and finishing 10th is a big deal."

Wollenzien is looking forward to next season as she notes that her team loses just one player to graduation.

Knights bow out in two

The Milliken Mills Knights senior boys' basketball team made a quick appearance at the OFSAA championships in Hamilton as they were eliminated after losing their second game to eventual gold medalist Bathurst Heights Bears 65-52.

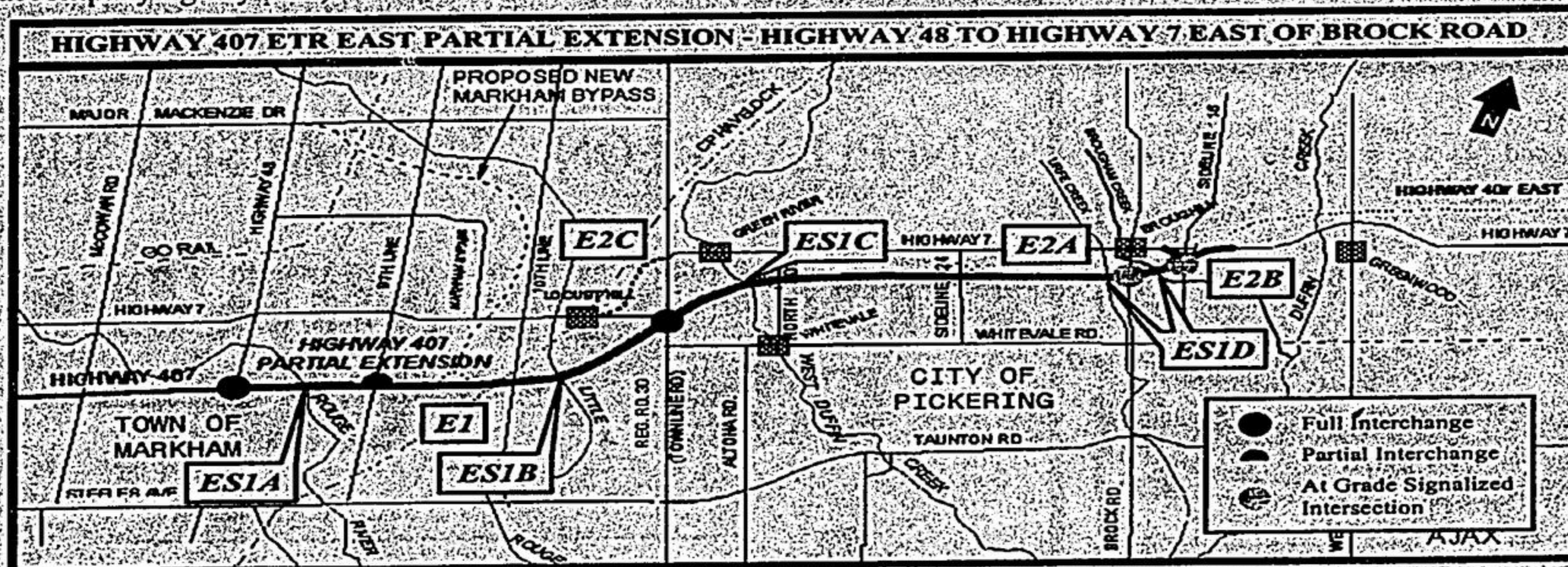
The Knights lost their opener on Wednesday to top-seed Ancaster 55-35 and were forced to playing the Bears, who entered the tournament as the sixth seed.

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In accordance with the Conditions of Approval for Highway 407/Transitway (Markham Road Easterly) to Highway 7 East of Brock Road specified under the *Environmental Assessment Act* (Order-in-Council No. 1704/98), a series of nine (9) Design and Construction Reports (DCRs) were prepared and submitted to the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) for placement in the Public Record and are available for review at MOE, Central Region Office, 5775 Yonge Street, 8th Floor, Toronto, Ontario M2M 4J1. A copy of the documentation is available at the Markham Community Library, 6031 Highway 7, Markham and Pickering Public Library, Whitevale Branch, 475 Whitevale Road (east of Altona Road), Pickering. An addendum has been prepared for DCR ES1C - West Duffins Creek Bridge and West Duffins Creek Tributary Bridge (July 1999) to address modifications or additions to the design. As per the earlier DCRs, the addendum for DCR ES1C is being submitted for information to the MOE and is available for public review at the MOE, Central Region Office and the local municipal public libraries (addresses as noted above).

The public review period will terminate 30 days following placement of these notices, after which 407 ETR may start construction, subject to receiving all other required approvals, permits and authorizations. 407 ETR will continue to screen the components of the project during their design for significant new concerns and to ensure that the project progresses in compliance with the commitments made in the Environmental Assessment, the MOE Conditions of Approval and the DCRs.

Please direct any comments on DCR ES1C Addendum by April 11, 2000 to:

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