



WINNING A 'MARTIN'

Markham Minor Hockey Association past-president Graham Martin (left), and association executive Ron Goldenberg (right) recently unveiled the Graham Martin Humanitarian Award at a minor hockey function in Markham. The new honour will go to a player in the association who carries out positive traits within the Town of Markham that are unrelated to hockey. A 14-year president in the association, Martin was also the recipient of a dedication and appreciation award for contributions to minor hockey in the town.

Midgets named to all-star game

The Markham Waxers AAA midget hockey club will be well represented in tomorrow's annual all-star game in Clarington.

Waxers' head coach Scott Pearl, who has directed his club to a 15-5 first-place mark so far, was selected to coach one of the teams.



In addition, four players were chosen to take part in the event. Included in that group are goalkeeper Mark Searle, who recorded three shutouts in his last four outings and sports a 1.12 goals against average; forwards Sal Simone and Mike Forgie; and defenceman Garrett McCrea. Game time is set for 1 p.m.

Spirit turn back the dogs; play for first place tonight

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Chris Large has his legs back and that spells trouble for Provincial Junior A Hockey League teams already having trouble containing the talent-rich Stouffville Spirit.

The 19-year-old veteran right winger had a goal and two assists to help power the Spirit to a 5-3 victory over a stubborn Durham Huskies team Thursday night at the Rec Complex. His point total might have been even higher with a bounce here and there as he and linemates Anthony Minicucci and Jon Smyth spearheaded a 50-shot Stouffville assault. Large and Minicucci were named the game's first and third stars respectively.

"It was the first game I actually felt I had some legs," said Large, who missed 18 games with mononucleosis earlier in the season. "I had good jump and I felt good. It just wasn't there before and that was frustrating." His effort against the Huskies gave him three goals and four assists in 11 games.

The win, the Spirit's 10th straight at home, enabled the team to cling to a slim one point lead over the Newmarket Hurricanes in the chase for first

place in the North Conference standings. It also left the team sparkling 8-1-1 for November.

The Spirit led 2-1 after the first period Thursday on goals by Large and Greg Seguin. Stouffville dominated the second period, outshooting the Wolves 24-3, but could only manage two goals as Mike Ramsay and Minicucci clicked. But the last-place Wolves refused to roll over as they netted two goals in the third, one shorthanded, to make it 4-3 before Large set up Nevin Hamilton for the clincher with four minutes to play.

The Spirit held an overwhelming 50-17 advantage in shots on goal overall. "We had lots of chances but we didn't finish," said Spirit head coach Brian Perrin. "We were up 4-1 and we let our guard down and suddenly it was 4-3. But the guys bounced back." Perrin said the Spirit lacked its normal focus. "It's tough to get up for a team like Durham. Our mental concentration was lacking."

It was the first time Large, Minicucci and Smyth had been installed on the same line. Large hopes they can stay together. "I

always wanted to play with those guys (Minicucci and Smyth)," said Large. "They work so hard."

Perrin said he was impressed with the line but couldn't say whether the trio would remain together. "Large had an excellent game, and the line played well. But we use different lines with different guys out of the lineup."



CHRIS LARGE: First star back from mono.

Jesse Johnston had two assists, earning him the game's second-star honours. Perrin said it was just another solid performance for the 6-foot-4, 200-pound third-year defenceman. "Jesse always plays well. He's a nine-to-five guy. He brings his lunch bucket to work, does his job, checks out and goes home."

The Spirit and Hurricanes face off in the battle for first place tonight at Richmond Hill's Elgin Barrow Arena (one light north of Major Mackenzie Dr., one block east of Yonge), at 8 p.m. The Spirit travels to Vaughan to play the Vipers in an interlocking game Monday before returning home to host the Huntsville Wildcats Thursday.

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