

# Tompkins, Bond score monthly league honours

Markham Waxers forward Kevin Tompkins and Stouffville Spirit forward Michel Bond were named the Ontario Hockey Association's Source For Sports Player of the Month in the Provincial Junior A Hockey League's south and north conference respectively for November.

Currently in his fourth year member with the Waxers and team captain, the 20-year-old Tompkins leads the club in scoring with seven goals and 27 assists in 25 games played.

A native of Hearst and in his second year with the Spirit, the 19-year-old 5-foot-5 Bond counted seven goals and 11 assists during November to go along with a plus-21 rating for the first-place Spirit.



**MICHEL BOND**  
Hearst native is plus-21 with first-place Stouffville

## Beregi rules the waves

Paul Beregi swam up a storm at the recent Alderwood Teddy Bares Grizzly Bare Swim Meet.

The 67-year-old Unionville resident captured the 1,500-yard butterfly in the 65-70 age group with a time of 36:37.

The time was also the fastest record-

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ed in Canada for an individual in that particular age group.

### Gymnasts earn good grades

Members of the Markham Gymnastics Club posted some good results at the recent Metro East first qualifier in Oshawa.

Ashley Speed had the best result among club performers with a second overall in the pre junior level two group. In individual events, Speed was second on vault and floor, third on beam and fourth on bars.

In the same division, Amanda Galati was fourth overall with a first on bars, third on floor, fourth on vault and sixth on beam.

Among other results posted by Markham members were as follows: Novice 1, level 2: Olivia Allen ninth overall; Novice 2, level 2: Melissa Simbhudas seventh overall including a first on bars; Charesse Bloomfield eighth overall; Tesca Andrew-Wasylik ninth overall; Junior 2, level 2: Natalie David ninth overall; Pre-novice 2, level 2: Elizabeth Galati fifth overall; Senior 1, level 2: Amanda Bezner seventh overall; Karen Dillane seventh overall including first on bars; Open 1, level 2: Sara Gold fourth overall including second on bars and beam.



# Goalie stops Spirit streak

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The Stouffville Spirit unleashed 50 shots at the Huntsville Wildcats net Thursday night.

But the Spirit fell victim to an equal number of costly giveaways, muffed scoring opportunities and sparkling saves by Wildcats goalie Braden Deane as they fell 4-2 to the visitors. The loss snapped a four game Spirit winning streak. It also marked the first home-ice defeat for the Spirit since Sept. 28, a span of 11 games.

Three days earlier the Spirit got a natural hat trick from Jon Smyth to erase a 2-0 first-period deficit and post a 4-2 triumph over the Vaughan Vipers in an interlocking match up in Vaughan.

The split left the Spirit tied with the Newmarket Hurricanes for first place in the Provincial Junior A Hockey League North Conference standings with 46 points. The Spirit are ranked first overall in the Dec. 4 ranking of all 37 Provincial League teams based on a formula of wins versus losses and goals for and against.

The Spirit fell behind 2-0 to the Wildcats in the first period Thursday despite holding a 10-4 edge in shots on goal. Alain Veilleux finally put Stouffville on the board with a blast from the slot past the mid way point of the second, but it was the only goal the Spirit could extract

from a 25-5 shot advantage.

The Wildcats restored their two-goal edge five minutes into the third, with Chris Large clicking from close in to pull the Spirit back to within a goal with three minutes to play. But Huntsville clinched it just over a minute later when another Spirit turnover resulted in a breakaway goal for the visitors.

"We played well but their goalie was phenomenal," said Spirit head coach Brian Perrin. "We just couldn't bury it," said Spirit centremen Alain Duchesne of his team's inability to capitalize on their chances. But Duchesne, who earned an assist on Large's goal, was philosophical about the loss. "You can't win them all," he said.

Perrin suggested he would have preferred to see his team's home ice win streak broken by a contending team rather than the seventh-place Wildcats. "It's kind of disappointing it had to happen against a team that's so low in the standings."

Deane was knocked semi-conscious after a high-speed collision with Large in the third period. The Wildcats netminder was left with a headache and a sore jaw but wasn't expected to require hospitalization. Large received a two-minute penalty although game videos absolved him of blame for the crash.

Monday saw Smyth take his turn wearing the hero's hat after linemates Large and Anthony Minicucci had played pivotal

roles in Spirit victories over the Durham Huskies and Newmarket Hurricanes in the Spirit's two previous games. After Mike Ramsay scored to cut the Vipers lead in half in the second period, Smyth took over, tying the score with four minutes left in the period before scoring on consecutive shifts in the first half of the third as the Spirit controlled then play.

The 18-year-old Markham resident's efforts drew praise from Stouffville assistant coach Craig Donovan.

"Jon was dominant along the boards. Two of his three goals were created almost entirely by himself," Donovan, who played at Cornell himself, suggested Smyth's stellar performance showed he's on track for bigger and better things such as a university hockey opportunity next season.

"He showed why he's ready to play at the next level."

George Eliopoulos was solid in the Stouffville net Monday while Thomas Lee suffered only his second defeat of the season against Huntsville.

The Spirit were to travel to Aurora to play the Tigers last night in their first of three straight road games. They tangle with the Hurricanes tomorrow night before heading off to Huntsville Tuesday. Thursday sees the Markham Waxers at the Rec Complex to face the Spirit in another South Conference interlocking matchup.

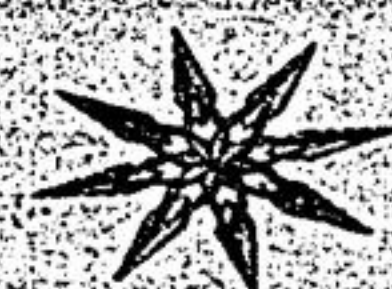
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