

Depleted Spirit comes back to tie Newmarket

Craig Donovan wouldn't mind some options. But the assistant coach with the Stouffville Spirit junior A hockey club has had few choices this season.

Donovan, who played at Cornell, is responsible for the team's defence, a group already hobbled by injury and illness.

The short-staffed Spirit fought back three times Thursday night in front of 450 fans at the Rec Complex to tie the Newmarket Hurricanes 4-4 in the Provincial Junior A Hockey League.



ANTHONY MINICUCCI

Captain's hat trick powers comeback

Stouffville (0-1-1), which was in Aurora Friday night, plays the Georgetown Raiders Sunday at 6:30 p.m. in the league's College Weekend event at Mississauga Iceland.

"We've started every game in the pre-season and regular season with five defencemen or less and finished those games with three or less," said Donovan. "And the guys who are playing are sick. There's a bug going through this team right now."

Jeff Mok and rookies John Soames and Garrett McCrea of Markham were the only true defencemen left in the Spirit lineup when overtime ended Thursday night.

The Spirit played sickly in the first period but fought back and dominated the late going.

Captain Anthony Minicucci scored three times, including the tying goal with 1:27 left in regulation. His second goal came on a penalty shot after he was slashed down on a breakaway. Joe Pagnani had the other goal on a wrap-around.

Newmarket's Tom Kotsopoulos, ex of the Ontario Hockey League's Sudbury Wolves, had the only two goals of the first period. He was thrown out of the game after throwing a punch after the last goal of the game.

Minicucci scored the only two goals of the second period to make it 2-2.

Minicucci and goalie Bryn Davies were named the Spirit's Brimell Toyota/KIA of Agincourt players of the game. Davies, who lives in Newmarket, was superb for the Spirit, which was out-shot 34-25.

Mike Ramsay, who had two assists, and Chuck Battah both required stitches to their mouths after taking high sticks.

Waxers' hectic schedule

The Markham Waxers won't get much sleep tonight. They play in Thornhill tonight at 7:30 and are back on the ice at 9:30 Sunday morning in the College Weekend event against Milton in Mississauga. The Waxers' next home game is Friday at 8 p.m. against Thornhill.

Islanders tame Panthers in final

SPORTS DIGEST

A goal by Thomas Hanson with two minutes remaining in sudden-death overtime ignited the Markham Islanders peewee AA team to a 5-4 win over the Vaughan Panthers in the championship final of the recent Richmond Hill Stars early bird hockey tournament.



Receiving strong netminding from Jesse Rubinoff and Adam Toth, the Islanders reached the final after defeating the Humber Valley Sharks 8-1, the Scarborough Stallions 2-0 and Whitby Wildcats 2-0 and battling the Aurora Tics to a 3-3 tie. Scoring for the Islanders were: Jeffrey Valadao four goals, five assists; Andrew Sands three goals, six assists; Scott Mackay three goals, five assists; Bruce Anthony four goals, three assists; Derek Mackenzie five goals, one assist; Graham Collinge three goals, two assists; Bryan Guertin five assists; Alex Case one goal, three assists; John Grieve three assists; Paul Galea and Brandon Klein one goal, one assist; Ryon Greer, Bryan Sands and Evan Sinukoff one assist.

Major atom Waxers take title

The Markham Waxers major atom As skated off with the title from the recent Brian Steele Memorial hockey tournament by defeating the Weston Hawks 7-4 in the championship final.



With Paul Kavanagh and Frank Crupi playing superbly in net, the Waxers reached the final after posting wins over the Avalanche 7-0, Hillcrest Summits 5-3, Meadowvale Mohawks 4-1 and North York Knights 3-2. Scoring for the Waxers were: Brendan Gosse four goals, five assists; Joshua Mathieu, one goal, six assists; Daniel Santanni five goals, one assist; Adam Velocci and Jonathan Teolis three goals, three assists; Nick Pennell one goal, three assists; Paul Larsh three goals, one assist; David Chambers and Steven Foy two goals, one assist;

Jordan Richardson and Ryan Gregory one goal, two assists; Anthony D'Alessandro one assist; Chris Scott and Eric Koehn also played strong games.

Novice AA Waxers sink Battalion

The Markham Ballymore Homes-Prowess Parts Fabrication novice AA Waxers won the Stouffville early bird hockey tournament title by defeating the Brampton Battalion 6-0 in last Sunday's championship game.

Backed by strong netminding from Joseph Chemello, who posted three shutouts, and Lucas Arseneau, the Waxers reached the final by defeating Uxbridge 3-0 and settling for a 3-3 tie with Orillia and a scoreless draw against the Battalion. Scoring for the Waxers were: Ronald Draycott one goal, three assists; Connor Kennedy and Patrick Mcrae two goals, one assist; Ryan Bauer, Paolo Campisi and Anthony Incognito one goal, two assists; Michael Duncan, Danny Lovatsis and Justin Morra one goal, one assist; Daniel Fitzgerald one goal, and Ryan Stone, David Mandzy, Anthony Lucente and Richie Hooper one assist each.

Girls kick up a storm on regional team

Four Markham girls were selected to play for the York Regional Player Development Programs under-13 team.

Sarah Christiani, Shaelyn Culleton, Michelle Jatz and Jennifer Wong were members of the Unionville-Milliken Big G Strikers under-13 squad during the regular season.

The girls' regional program year-end tournament will be held at the Coffee Time Soccer Centre in Vaughan on Sept. 29 and 30. The tournament is used by provincial coaches to identify players for the provincial training program.

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