

Spirit enjoys holiday feast over southern squads

With wins over the Markham Waxers, Ajax Axemen and North York Rangers, Stouffville two points out of second in North Conference



MITCH DILLON: Two-goal effort against North York earned him Brimell Toyota Player of the Game.

The Spirit hosts the Blues in its next game on Jan. 2.

"I expected to be in the top three in the North," Mr. Perrin said Sunday. "Our team is really starting to gel and our first-year players are contributing. Every night it's a different rookie doing something."

At Ajax, Ian Staal had two goals. Mike Sullivan, Michael Barbera, Ty Raine, Cale Tanaka and Kevin Jarman had singles. J.D. Smithson earned three assists.

Against North York, Mitch Dillon scored twice and was named Brimell Toyota player of the game. Konrad Bruetsch, Sullivan, Jonathan D'Aversa, Staal, Jarman and Barbera had the other goals.

SPIRITED NOTES: Mike Ramsay was released by the Peterborough Petes last week after clearing waivers in the major junior Ontario Hockey League. Still property of the Spirit, the resident of Sharon has not reported back to Stouffville. Ramsay, who left the Spirit last January for Peterborough, had one assist and no goals in 22 games with the Petes this season...Spirit captain J.D. Smithson's pro lacrosse rights were traded from Calgary to New Jersey this month. He remains with the Spirit...the Spirit is not participating in this week's junior tournament in Newmarket.

The Stouffville Spirit isn't on a shopping spree this Boxing Day. No big purchases to return and no lengthy post-Christmas shopping list.

But if the right deal comes along before the Provincial Junior A Hockey League's Jan. 10 trade deadline, Spirit head coach Brian Perrin wouldn't hesitate to pull the trigger.

"If there was an opportunity to get better, we'd probably do it," said the Ballantrae-area resident, now in his sixth year as coach of the Spirit — the longest tenure of all coaches in the North Conference.

"We owe it to the guys in this dressing room. But it has to be the right situation, not just acquiring a player for the sake of it."

Besides, the Spirit did some early Christmas shopping this year, obtaining defenceman Andrew Dennis from the

Vaughan Vipers and Mark Versteeg-Lytwyn and Felice Turano, both from the Guelph Dominators junior B team.

The Spirit won three games in four nights — all over South Conference opponents — to complete the 2002 portion of its schedule.

The Spirit won 7-5 over the Ajax Axemen on Sunday afternoon in Ajax.

Back in Stouffville, they beat the North York Rangers 8-6 on Saturday and the Markham Waxers 6-3 on Thursday.

The Spirit (22-12-2-0) is two points behind second-place Newmarket and seven points up on the Collingwood Blues.

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