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Spirit hopes to tame Terriers in playoffs

The Stouffville Spirit can forget the fact it owned the Couchiching Terriers during the 2002-2003 Provincial Junior A Hockey League regular season.

The emphasis is on regular season in the 4-1-1 mark the Spirit held over the Orillia-area Terriers this year.

"The clichés are right: it means nothing," said Spirit head coach Brian Perrin yesterday. "We spent 49 games preparing for the playoffs. We'll find out Thursday if we're ready."

Game 1 of the best-of-seven goes Thursday night and Game 3 Sunday afternoon at the Stouffville Arena. Games 2 (Friday) and 4 (Tuesday) will be played in Rama.

Remaining games, if necessary will rotate between the two towns.

The 29-18-2-0 Spirit finished third in the North Conference. The 20-23-4-1 Terriers were fifth.

"But they seem to have been our nemesis over the years," said Perrin, in his fifth year at the helm of the Spirit.



BRIAN PERRIN

Couchiching eliminated the Spirit in the North final in 2000 and the semis in 2001.

Last year's Spirit squad bowed out in the first round to Collingwood.

"Last season, we had so many

injuries, we never had a cohesive unit," said Perrin, recalling a game in the 2001-02 season when nine regulars sat out with injuries.

"That's been the difference this season. They guys know each other."

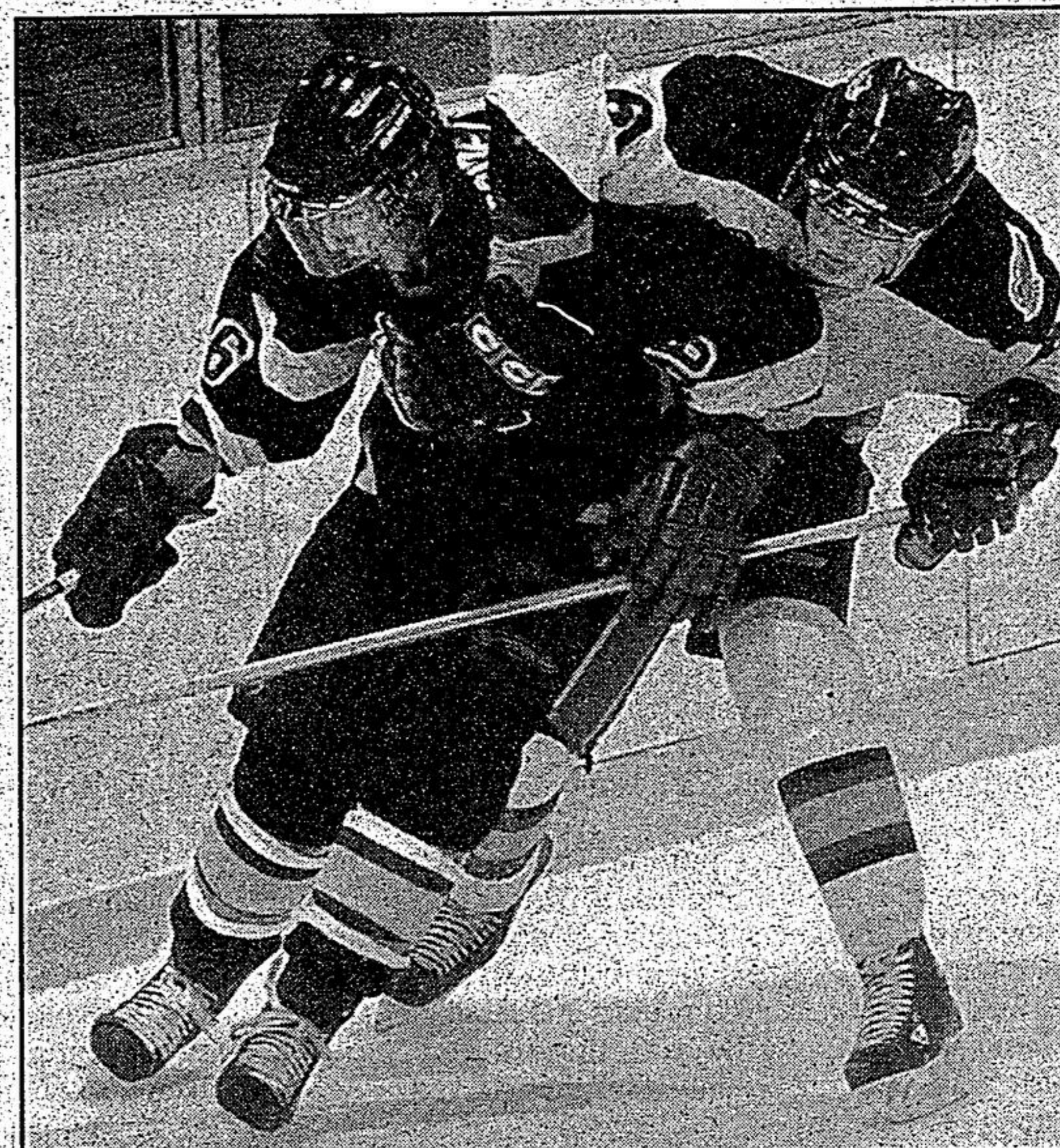
Utilizing the Spirit's speed is key, said Perrin.

"Couchiching has two lines that can score and two lines that agitate well," he said. "And their defence is physical."

The Spirit completed the regular season with a 5-2 win over the second-place Newmarket Hurricanes Sunday in Newmarket.

Kevin Jarman had two goals to help the Spirit jump out to a 5-0 lead. Brent Chandler, Jordan Mabley and Ty Raine had singles.

The victory came on the heels of a 5-0 road loss to the Aurora Tigers on Friday.



SLOWING DOWN PROGRESS: Thornhill Rattlers' forward Mitch Goldenberg (foreground) has his progress impeded by Stouffville Spirit's Michael Barbera during action in Thursday's Provincial Junior A Hockey League contest at the Stouffville Arena. The Rattlers won 3-2 and denied the Spirit of an opportunity to catch the Newmarket Hurricanes for second place in the North Conference. Finishing its regular season in third place, the Spirit will face the Couchiching Terriers in the first round. MIKE BARRETT PHOTO

Minor novices capture series

The Stouffville minor novice Clippers captured the second round of their Ontario Minor Hockey Association playoff series on Saturday with a 3-2 win over Innisfil.

Josh Machesney scored twice and Michael Mingay added one. Curtis Crago and Robbie Acton drew assists.

The Clippers now face TNT Alliston in the third round.

SPRIT AT A GLANCE

SCORES

Aurora 5, Stouffville 0
 Stouffville 5, Newmarket 2

WHO'S HOT

Kevin Jarman, Brent Chandler,
 Jordan Mabley, Mark Mitchell, Ty Raine



Couchiching at Stouffville, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. (Game one)

Stouffville at Couchiching, Friday, 7:30 p.m. (Game two)

Couchiching at Stouffville, Sunday, 3:30 p.m. (Game three)

Stouffville at Couchiching, Feb. 11, time TBA (Game four)

*Couchiching at Stouffville, Feb. 13, 7:30 p.m.

*Stouffville at Couchiching, Feb. 14, 7:30 p.m.

*Couchiching at Stouffville, Feb. 16, 5:30 p.m.

*if necessary

PROVINCIAL JR. A LEAGUE NORTH CONFERENCE

STANDINGS (AS OF FEB. 3)

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	OTL	GF	GA	P
Aurora	49	43	3	2	1	265	103	89
Newmarket	49	31	14	1	3	221	163	66
Stouffville	49	29	18	2	0	241	154	60
Collingwood	49	23	25	0	1	204	176	47
Couchiching	48	20	23	4	1	173	182	45
Huntsville	49	2	46	0	1	121	406	5

one point for overtime loss

Flemming shoots out lights at college

By Jim Thomas
 Stouffville Sun

A 19-year-old Stouffville resident is maintaining a level of basketball excellence at Redeemer Christian University, she displayed at Stouffville District Secondary School.

Hannah Flemming, a first-year kinésiology student at the Ancaster, Ont., school, shocked the college world recently by posting 19 three-pointers in a shooting contest to win an all-Ontario championship.

The competition was part of an all-star basketball weekend in Toronto hosted by Seneca College. Other participating schools included Mohawk, Fanshawe, Durham, Algoma, Georgian, Royalist, Niagara and George Brown.

Ms. Flemming was one of 20

students taking part.

"Hannah was absolutely phenomenal," Redeemer coach Lorne McInnes said later. "She won all three rounds."

McInnes said Ms. Flemming could have been a member of the Redeemer starting lineup but because she's a first-year student, this wasn't allowed.

"It's the first time a female basketball player attending our university ever won anything," McInnes said.

The tournament was sponsored by the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association.

Ms. Flemming is a member of the Redeemer varsity basketball team, playing as a shooting guard or at point.

"She's a team leader, appreciated by all her mates," says McInnes. Her achievement, McInnes said,

was all the more outstanding because Redeemer University has a student enrollment of only 700. Some competing colleges have several thousand students.

The three-point championship resulted in the presentation of several awards.

Ms. Flemming's accomplishment should come as no surprise to physical education instructors at SDSS.

She was named athlete of the year in Grade 9 and the most valuable player in several Grade 9 and Grade 11 basketball tournaments. In Grade 11, she was a member of the school's athletic council.

"Hannah's maintaining a tradition, representing her former school and town extremely well," McInnes concluded.

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