

# Stouffville rallies to defeat Legionaires

*But questionable officiating hurts Spirit in 3-2 loss to Aurora Tigers*

It had to be one of the weirdest games in Stouffville junior hockey history.

The Stouffville Spirit rebounded from a 2-0 first-period deficit to hammer the Oshawa Legionaires 11-6 last Saturday in Provincial Junior A Hockey League action at the Stouffville Arena.

Grant Buckley, Michael Lombardo and Rick Schrank had two goals and two assists each.

Cale Tanaka, Jordan Mabley, Randy Johnston, Mark Boyce and Ty Raine had the other goals.

Michael Comisso and Mabley had three assists and Rob Groom, Johnston and Raine two each.

The fight-filled affair was highlighted by a one-punch KO of Dan Larocque by Spirit rookie Kevin Lord. Larocque, six inches taller than Lord, was wobbly as he skated off the ice.

Buckley, the ex-OHLer from Stouffville, earned MGH Office Repairs player of the game honours. He was a force all night.

The game also featured two questionable goals by Oshawa. One clearly hit the post and did not enter the net, the other appeared to enter net after referee Mike Pearce blew his whistle.

The night before the Spirit couldn't hold a 2-1 lead, falling 3-2 to the North Conference-leading Aurora Tigers in Richmond Hill.

Steve Carota was a standout in net for the Spirit. Raine scored both Stouffville goals.

Spirit officials appeared frustrated by several non-calls including a hit from behind on Buckley that set up the winning goal.

The Spirit breaks for the holidays, returning to league play Jan. 3 for a rematch with the Legionaires in Oshawa.

Stouffville is 24-14-2-0 and in third place in the North Conference. Next Spirit regular season home game is Jan. 8 against the Tigers at 7:30 p.m.

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All proceeds go to the Janis Lovett and Luke Anderson funds. Adult tickets are \$8 at the door. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

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