

Bantam AA Islanders step up to face touring Finnish team

Exhibition tilt Monday at Thornhill arena

One team's disappointment turned out to be another team's joy. That's the story of the Markham bantam AA Islanders, who seized the opportunity to play the role of good-will ambassadors in hosting an international exhibition hockey game against EPS-89.



They'll play the touring Finnish AA bantam team from the Helsinki area Monday at the Thornhill Community Centre west pad at 4 p.m.

FILLING IN FOR LEASIDE

Islanders manager Steve Widdrington said his club offered to host the game

when a rival Greater Toronto Hockey League club from Leaside encountered scheduling problems.

"We thought this would be a great opportunity for us to play a team from outside the continent," said Widdrington, who credited Islanders head coach Les Nemeth with making the game happen.

ON CANADIAN TOUR

The contest is one of several the touring EPS-89 team had scheduled on a two-week Canadian tour during the Christmas break.

Occupying first place in their GTHL division with a 16-2-4 mark at the Christmas break, the Islanders are excited with the prospects of staging such an event.

"We have no idea what to expect from them. But it should be quite exciting," said Widdrington.

15-year-old Stouffville goalie junior A player of month

One of the youngest players in the Provincial Junior A hockey league had snapped up a monthly award.

Fifteen-year-old Stouffville Spirit goalie Neil Conway is player of the month for November in the North Conference of the 35-team league.

The Cleveland, Ohio, resident won five of six starts and recorded his second shutout of the season. His goals against for the month was 2.49, and his save percentage was 89.1.

"The youngest player on the Spirit, he has demonstrated his ability to make the big save when necessary and always manages to keep his team in games," Spirit spokesperson Gary Tobin said.

The Spirit is 24-14-2-0 and in third place in the North Conference and plays the Oshawa

Legionaires tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Oshawa Civic Auditorium.

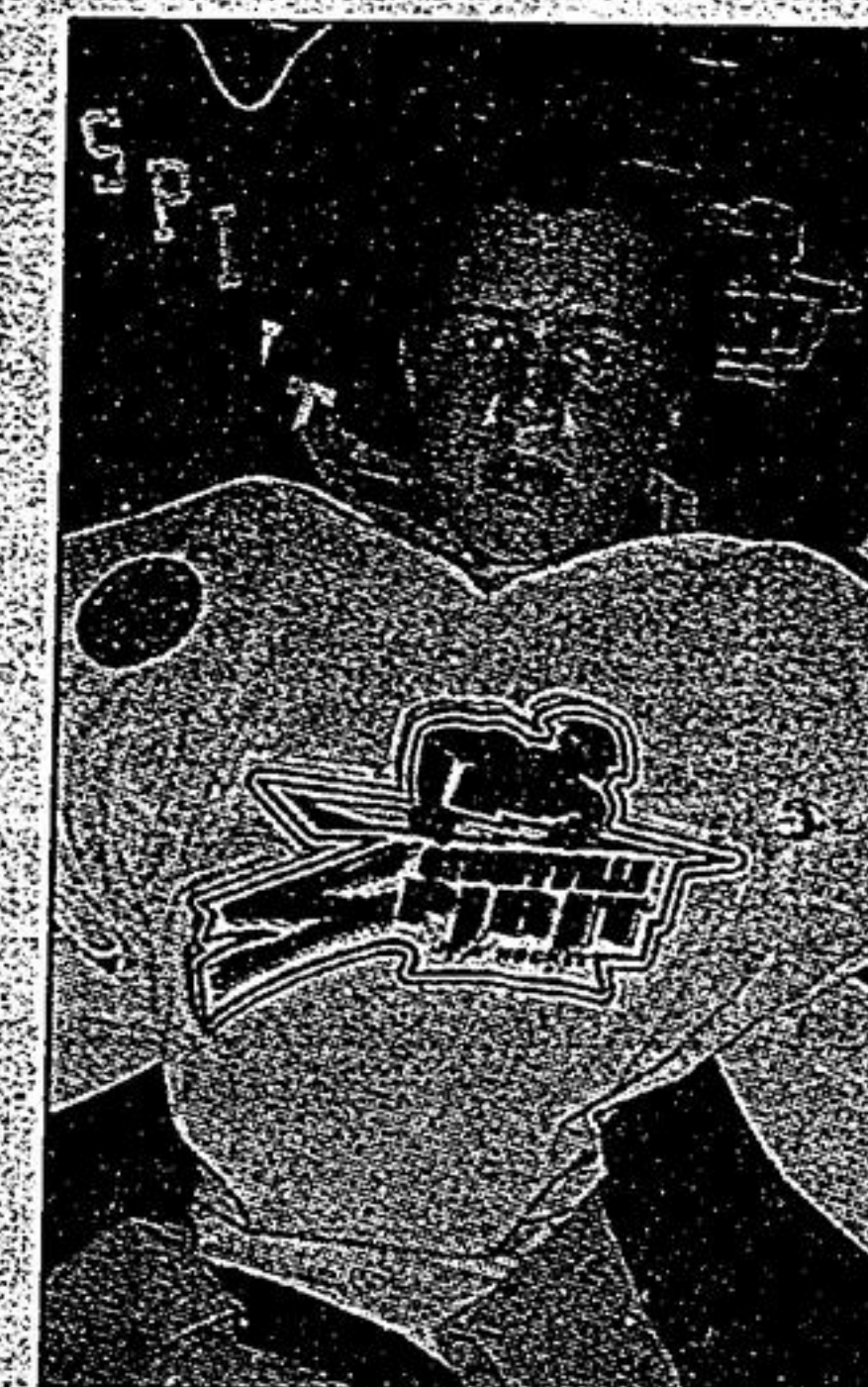
Next Spirit home game is Thursday at home to the Aurora Tigers, the top ranked junior A team in Canada.

Markham at Ajax Sunday

The Markham Waxers, who hosted the Vaughan Vipers last night, visit the Ajax Axemen tomorrow at 3 p.m. at the Ajax Community Centre.

The Waxers carried a season high four game winning streak into the weekend. The Waxers (17-12-2-5) are in fourth place in the South conference of the Provincial loop.

For more information log on to www.ohahockey.org/jra/index.htm



NEIL CONWAY: Cleveland product won five of six starts in Provincial Junior A Hockey League with Stouffville Spirit.

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DEC. 14-21

UNDER NINE: Markham Family Physicians 2 (Sean Ciavarella, Alec Beneteau) vs Yellow Team 0; Dr. Craig 1 (Brandon Busato) vs Unionville Appliance 1; (David Ellis) Silver Team 6 (Daniel De paola 4, Melanie Miller, Jayden Doyle) vs M.J. Bruni - CA 0.

UNDER 11: Progress Steel 3 (Marc Bouthiette 2, Taylor Minarsky) vs Remax 0; Kinsmen 3 (Eric Merkel, Neil Budnarain, Jayne Robertson) vs Garden Basket 2 (Lauren Quarles, Enis Zenel); Silver Team 1 (Ann-Mare Regina) vs

Hawaiian Tropic 1 (Tristian Hurtado-sandler).

UNDER 13: Gold Team 4 (Stephen Cooper 3, Dominic Furlano) vs Red Team 2 (Valerie Stanford, Mark Salem); White Team 10 vs Silver Team 2; Green Team 1 (Joseph Smith) vs Black Team 0.

UNDER 16: Yellow Team 1 (Kyle Minarsky) vs Green Team 1 (David Mak); Red Team 4 (Leonardo Franco 3, Nikki Peacock) vs White Team 1 (Kent Yip); Grade Expectations 4 (Ben Reesor 2, Katelyn Butler 2) vs Black Team 1 (Anthony Turino); Vermont Contracting 5 (Paul Ruffolo 3, Mark Veneziano, Tahera Persaud) vs Navy Blue Team 1 (Luke Panos).

UNDER 18: Green Team 3 (Ryan Taylor 2, Tim Coburn) vs Gold Team 0; Blue Team 2 (Jeffery Steele 2) vs Red Team 2 (Dean Volpe, Joel Beneteau).

SWIMMING

Markham Aquatic Club

PICKERING LISA FLOOD MEET

GIRLS 11-12: Lindsay Urbanek 2nd (200 Fly), 3rd (100 Fly), 5th (200 Free), 6th (200 IM & 800 Free); Ashley Waterfield: 9th (200 Fly); **BOYS 11-12:** Michael Chang: 2nd (100 Breast & 200 Breast), 6th (200 IM), 7th (400 Free), 8th (100 Fly); Ross Shepherd: 1st (800 Free), 2nd (200 Fly), 4th (200 Free), 7th (100 Breast); Ben Stubbs: 3rd (800 Free), 7th (100 Back), 5th (200 Back); Matthew Vonsallwurk: 2nd (800 Free), 6th (100 Free), 7th (100 Fly), 10th (200 IM); 2nd Place 200 Freestyle Relay of: Chitchebakov, Stubbs, Chang & Shepherd; 2nd Place 200

Medley Relay of: Stubbs, Chang, Vonsallwurk & Chitchebakov. **GIRLS 13-14:** Sofia Ferrero-Mazieres: 2nd (200 Free), 5th (100 Free), 7th (800 Free), 8th (200 IM), 9th (400 Free); Fawna Lovatsis: 6th (800 Free), 8th (400 Free); Katherine Malezis: 4th (800 Free), 6th (400 Free); Kristi Russell: 5th (200 Breast), 7th (200 Fly); Catherine Vonsallwurk: 10th (200 Fly); **BOYS 13-14:** Antony Giannopoulos: 1st (200 Breast), Cameron Mackendrick: 1st (100 Breast), 3rd (200 Breast & 100 Fly), 4th (200 Fly), 6th (200 Free); Jamie McClelland: 3rd (800 Free); Ian Senger: 1st (100 Free, 200 Free, 100 Fly & 200 Fly), 2nd (1500 Free); Michael Voumvakis: 4th (800 Free); 1st Place 200 Medley Relay and 3rd Place 200 Freestyle Relay of: McClelland, Mackendrick, Voumvakis & Senger. **GIRLS 15 & OVER:** Rosalie Chan: 6th (50 Free), 8th (100 Free); Christina

Malezis: 2nd (200 Breast), 4th (100 Fly), 9th (200 Fly); Katie McIntosh: 1st (200 Breast); **BOYS 15 & OVER:** Daniel Ross: 1st (1500 Free), 2nd (400 Free), 7th (200 Free), 9th (200 IM), 10th (50 Free & 100 Fly).

VOLLEYBALL

Markham Women's

TEAM	DEC. 17	PTS
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Sylvia Houghton	1	27
Carson Weeks	2	30

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