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**Spirit juniors Groom Couchiching**

All Rob Groom wanted after Christmas was his luggage.

The second-year Stouffville Spirit forward spent the holidays with his family in Thunder Bay. He flew into Toronto Saturday but his bags, including his hockey equipment, did not.

That forced Groom to sit out Sunday's matinee in Newmarket and early-week practices.

The bags eventually showed up, some as late as Thursday morning, just in time for Groom to lead the Spirit to a 4-1 win over the Couchiching Terriers that evening at the Stouffville Arena.

The Spirit (19-15-2-1) moved into sole possession of third

place in the North Conference of the Provincial Jr. A Hockey League thanks to fourth-place Huntsville's 9-3 loss in Newmarket Thursday.

Groom was a one-man wrecking crew when he wasn't getting battered himself. The grinding forward became a target of the Terriers after he bumped their goalie, Marc Stuart. He had the bruises to show after the game courtesy of numerous slashes and cross-checks.

Defencemen Sean Gray, Brett Waters and Simon Gysbers staked the Spirit to a 3-1 lead. Michael Aiello added the fourth

goal. Carson Devine and Ricky Schrank had two assists each.

Steve Filippelli earned the win. The Spirit outshot the Terriers 28-16. Groom was named MGH Office Repairs player of the game.

The Spirit, which played at Huntsville last night, hosts North York Thursday and Newmarket next Saturday.

**SPIRITED NOTES:** Couchiching players had wallets and other items stolen from their dressing room at the Stouffville Arena during Thursday's game.

For more information on the Spirit, log on to: [www.stouffvillespirit.com](http://www.stouffvillespirit.com)

**Bantam Clippers edged in semis**

**MINOR HOCKEY**

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The Stouffville bantam Clippers went to double overtime in the semifinals of the Ajax Christmas tournament before suffering a 5-4 double overtime loss to the Humberview Huskies.

In reaching the final, the Clippers defeated the Huskies 7-2, Weston 7-3 and the host Knights 5-1 in round-robin action.

Scoring for the Clippers were: Luke Bartell five goals, five assists; Matt Raguseo five goals, two assists; Jeff Kavluk three

goals, six assists; Malcolm Forbes three goals, three assists; Jason Hewlett two goals, two assists; Alex Gregerson one goal, six assists; Joe Beare and Kyle Cussion one goal; one assist; James Beare and David Hoover three assists; Brad Maxwell one goal, four assists and Matt Benincasa one goal, two assists.

Hayden Ellison scored two goals while Alex McKean, Jon-Ross Newlands and John Anthony Coscarella added singles to lead the Stouffville minor atom AE Clippers to a 5-0 victory over the Markham Waxers.

Maresa Benacquista, Michael Rabey, Carson Nelson, Matthew Rundle and Keaton Major had assists.

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