

Acton finds scoring touch in Spirit rout

Will Acton had scored only two goals this season entering Thursday's Provincial Jr. A Hockey League game at the Stouffville Arena.

The rookie forward's team, the Stouffville Spirit, had also been struggling to score in recent games.

Both droughts ended with a resounding bang.

Acton's first Jr. A hat trick led the Spirit to a 9-3 pounding of the North York Rangers.

"It's an incredible feeling," said the son of Toronto Maple Leafs assistant

coach Keith Acton. "Lately, I've felt snake-bit. The puck hadn't been going in on good chances. Tonight, it had eyes."

The Spirit (20-16-2-1) is in third place in the North Conference, two points up on Huntsville.

Brandon Walker, Randy Johnston, Daniel Spivak, Brock Ouellet, Michael Lombardo and Pat Lee had the other Spirit goals. Johnston, Spivak and Rob Groom had two assists each.

Dan McWhinney had a solid game in net for the Spirit who led 4-1 after two periods after being tied 1-1 after one.

"It's a big weekend for us and that should give us a boost," said Acton, who was named player of the game.

The Spirit, which played at Collingwood last night, hosts first-place Newmarket (29-11-0-0) tonight at 7:30 at the arena.

SPIRITED NOTES: A power outage delayed the start of the second period by 15 minutes ... U.S. college scouts were prominent at Thursday's game.

For more information on the Spirit, log on to: www.stouffvillespirit.com.

Ryan saves the day for tyke select Clippers

Backed by Tyler Ryan's fourth shutout of the season and two goals from Shane Beaulieu and Mitchell Witherspoon, the Stouffville tyke select Clippers recorded a 6-0 road win over Pickering Red Saturday.

Shane Stallybrass and Carter King added single tallies while Jeremy Hughes earned three assists and Chris Evelyn and two. Jordan Brillinger, Mario Rosano and Tyler Wright each had one.

The win by the Clippers came on the heels of another solid netminding performance from Ryan, who backstopped Stouffville to a 4-0 win over the Markham Waxers.

Ben Sear, King, Brillinger and Witherspoon scored for the Clippers. Beaulieu earned an assist.

Spartan seniors cage fourth win of season

Gavin Howe scored a team-high 17 points to propel the Stouffville District Secondary School Spartans senior boys' basketball club to a 35-25 win over visiting Our Lady of the Lake Catholic High School (Keswick) in York Region Athletic Association tier two action Wednesday.

The win by the Spartans improved their record to 4-2.

The Spartans resume league action Tuesday when they host Dr. J.M. Denison Secondary School (Newmarket) at 4 p.m.

In junior action, Matt Briggs scored 11 points as the Spartans suffered a 37-30 loss to first-place Sir William Mulock Secondary School (Newmarket).

The loss dropped the Spartans' league record to 2-3.

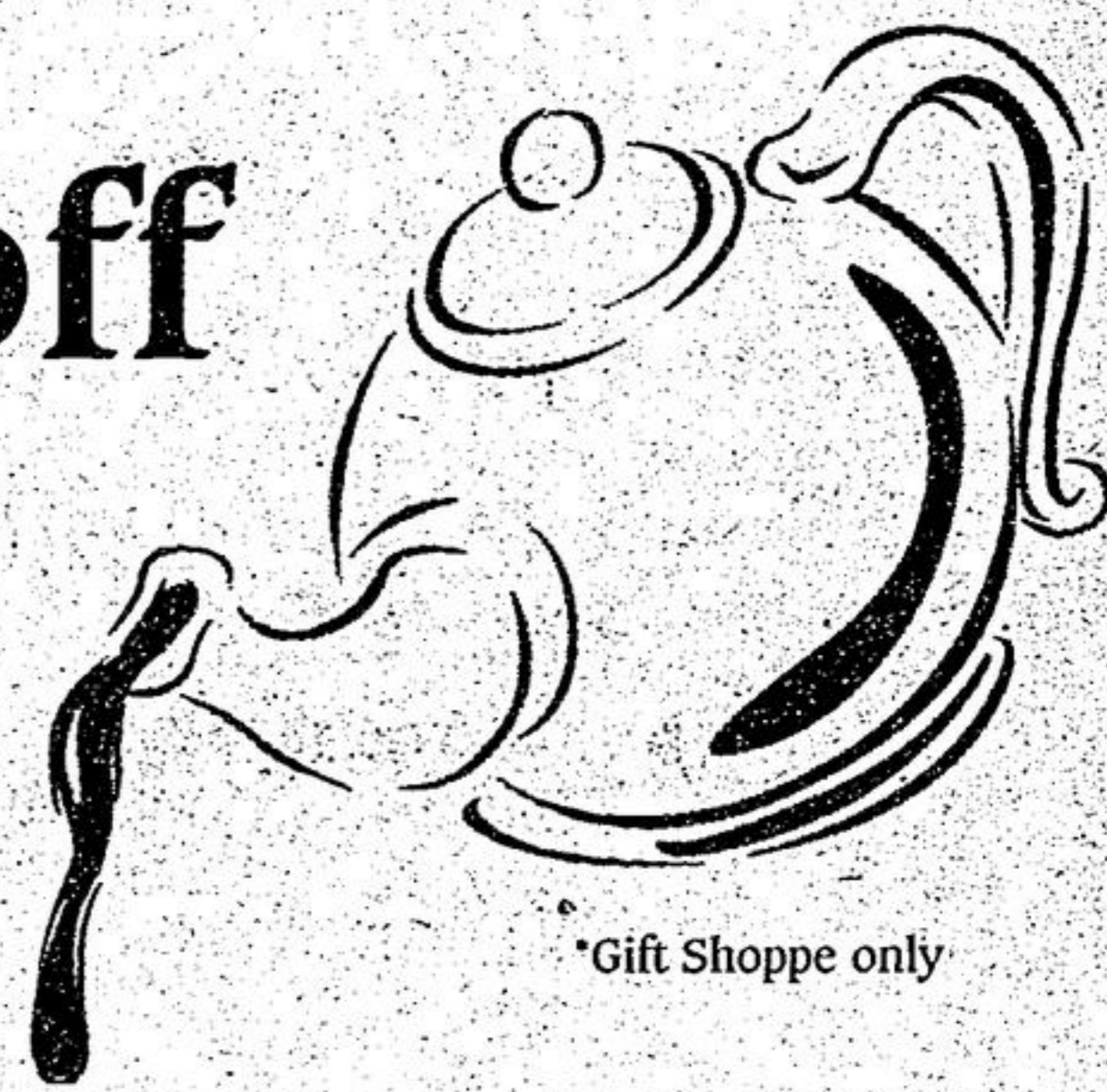
Puck team suffers first loss

The Spartans senior boys' hockey team suffered its first loss of the YRAA season Thursday to the visiting Huron Heights Secondary School Warriors (Newmarket) 5-3.

Jon Wonch, Craig McDowell and Justin Hitchen scored for the Spartans, now 5-1 on the season.

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