

# Brown shows another side to his game

*Spirit forward scores twice in 7-3 win over Vaughan*

Scott Brown let his fists do the talking in the pre-season.

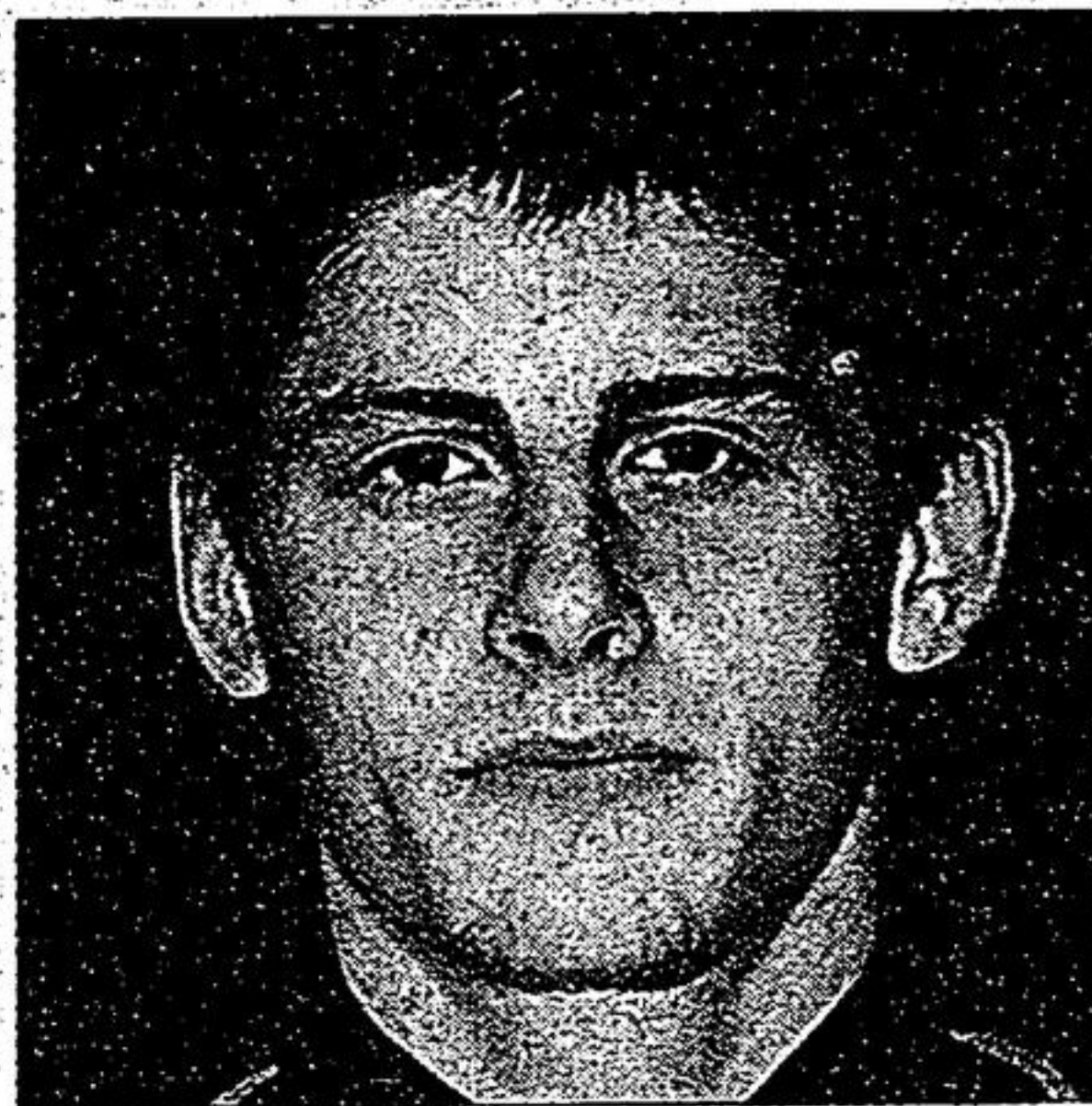
The second-year Stouffville Spirit forward turned to the soft touch Thursday night.

The Scarborough resident had two goals and two assists to lead the Spirit to a 7-3 win over the Vaughan Vipers at the Stouffville Arena. The Spirit improved to 13-4-3-3, good for third place in the North Conference of the Provincial Jr. A Hockey League three points behind Newmarket entering play last night.

It was a breakout night for Brown, the Farmer Jack's player of the game, who had three points in his first 10 games. He missed the first 12 games of the season after damaging his hands in a fight during a pre-season win over St. Michael's.

"It took a while to pick up (new coach Dan West's) system," said Brown. "There's a lot to learn. But once our line got together we started clicking."

Randy Johnston had two goals and



**SCOTT BROWN:** Second-year forward is getting accustomed to system implemented by new Spirit head coach Dan West.

and an assist and the third member of the line, Joel Sheppard, a goal and an assist.

Rob Groom, winner of a clear decision in a third-period fight, and National Hockey League draft prospect Simon Gysbers had the other goals. Will Acton

had two assists.

Dan McWhinney earned the win. The Spirit outshot the Vipers 38-24.

The Spirit, which played at Aurora last night, visits Ajax Sunday at 3 p.m.

All Spirit games are broadcast live on [whistleradio.com](http://whistleradio.com)

## Panthers tame Waxers

The Markham Waxers had a three-game Provincial Junior A Hockey League winning streak: snapped Wednesday with a 5-1 road loss to the Pickering Panthers.

The Waxers trailed 3-0 after 20 minutes and 4-0 through two periods before Daniel Torres scored a power-play to cut the deficit to 4-1. But that would be as close as the Waxers would get.

The loss dropped the Waxers' record to 20-5-2-0 on the season. But they remain atop the South Conference Standings.

The Waxers will host the Aurora Tigers today at 7:30 p.m.

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# Football Cardinals hope to win appeal

BY MIKE HAYAKAWA  
Staff Writer

The Brother Andre Catholic High School Cardinals junior football team lost an appeal it made to the York Region Athletic Association earlier this week.

But hope still remains they can win a second appeal.

The Cardinals filed an executive appeal to the YRAA that stemmed from an official's ruling that went against them in last Saturday's YRAA final against the Markham District High School Marauders at York University.

The controversy stemmed from a punt with just under a minute to play in regulation time that was fumbled by a Marauders' return man and recovered by the Cardinals, who were nursing a 13-6 lead at the time.

Citing the punt did not travel 10 yards past the line of scrimmage, the official awarded the ball to the Marauders, who then resorted to a trick play to score the game-tying touchdown and force overtime. The Marauders proceeded to win the game and title 14-13.

After being denied their initial plea, because an official's call isn't appealable, the Cardinals made an executive appeal to the YRAA.

Shantz Shantz, YRAA spokesman, said the YRAA executive will review the situation. He added a decision has to be made within 15 days.

Taking account into consideration what transpired, Rick Maloney, Cardinals' head coach, is hoping a decision would call for a joint championship between the two clubs. Maloney said he had a verbal discussion with the head official, who in turn acknowledged a mistake was made by the referee of the game. However, Maloney noted the YRAA requires something must be sent to them in writing by the head of officiating to confirm what was said.

"Markham did what they had to do (in the overtime). But given the circumstances if the correct call was made the game would have been over," Maloney said. "I've never tried to appeal a game before in my life. The game was won if the right call was made. I don't want our kids to go away empty handed when they won the thing."

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# Markham set to launch new sports council

*Interested groups should attend Monday's meeting*

BY MIKE HAYAKAWA  
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A council designed to address the requirements and concerns of sport organizations in the Town of Markham is about to be officially launched.

The Markham Sport Council will unveil its concept Monday as part of the Mayor's Sport Roundtable to take place at the Great Hall, Town of Markham at 101 Town Centre Blvd. (on the north-west corner of Warden Avenue and Highway 7) starting at 7:30 a.m.

Tammy Roth, Markham Sport Council co-ordinator, said a one-hour presentation will be made to outline what the council is all about and to detail the direction they intend to take.

For the council to be successful, participation from as many sport organizations as possible will be required, she said. With that in mind, Roth encourages the attendance of any sport organization from Markham to attend Monday's session.

To date, Roth has received a positive response for the council's creation from a variety of groups including: minor hockey, basketball, baseball and adult slo-pitch organizations, the York Region Athletic Association, golf courses, mar-

tial arts groups, cultural ethnic groups, sports physiotherapists and even the York Region police.

"It's an exciting situation," she said. "Every group that I've talked with said that we need (a sports council) as a means of talking with other organizations who share a common interest."

Among projects the council has in mind are centralized training for coaching and first aid, and the creation of funds to assist youngsters who cannot afford to register for a particular sport.

An optimistic Roth also feels the council's creation would not only benefit

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