

# Spirit's youngest gun leads comeback over Ajax

The Corey Trivino Show played before rave reviews again Thursday in Stouffville.

The youngest member of the Stouffville Spirit netted a hat trick and added two assists to power the Spirit to a comeback win over the Ajax Attack in Provincial Jr. A Hockey League action at the at the Stouffville Arena.

The Spirit, which trailed 4-3 after two periods, won 6-4.

The 16-year-old Trivino will play for the Team Ontario under-17 team at the Canada Games in Whitehorse, Yukon next month. He has 23 goals and 33 assists in 56 games.

"I haven't seen a 16-year-old like him in the four years I've been in this league," said Spirit captain and linemate Randy Johnston, whose

34th goal of the season was set up by Trivino.

"You just get your stick on the ice and he'll find it. He sees the ice so well."

James McIntosh scored his 18th goal and added two assists. Donovan Munro had the other goal. Joel Sheppard added two assists.

Goaltenders Trevor O'Neill (Stouffville) and Zac Zanussi (Ajax) made several spectacular saves. The Spirit hit posts or crossbars four times.

The Spirit (26-15-2-2) is 8-1-0-0 since the Christmas break and has all but snown up second place in the North Conference. Playoffs will likely begin Feb. 8 in Stouffville.

Josh Dominiques played his first game of the season and did not look out of place. The

forward broke his leg in two places fighting in an intra-squad game during the Owen Sound Attacks Ontario Hockey League camp Aug. 30.

"It's been a long time, but I didn't want to rush it," said the Markham resident, who was obtained in an off-season trade with Pickering for Scott Brown. "By the third period, it felt fine to back out there."

Johnston represented the Spirit at the Provincial Jr. A Hockey League all-star game at York University Wednesday. His North-West team defeated the South-East 8-2.

The Spirit, which played at first-place Aurora last night, is off until Thursday when it hosts Orangeville in the final regular season game at the Stouffville Arena.



**LAWSON MANN:** High school student plays rugby for Team Ontario and two Markham squads.

## Stouffville rugby star didn't back into award

BY MIKE HAYAKAWA  
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Whenever Lawson Mann takes to the rugby pitch, he tries to let his actions do his talking.

What the 15-year-old Stouffville resident accomplished this past season while toiling as a fly half and in playing other back positions for the Markham Rugby Football Club under-15s, the Markham District High School Marauders juniors and the Ontario under-15 squad spoke volumes.

Especially among those who coached Mann, who gave him special recognition for what he did in the 2006 season.

At the Ontario Rugby Union banquet in Aurora, the Grade 10 student received the Owen McIntyre Award for being the best back in the province for his age group.

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"I felt a great sense of accomplishment in receiving it (the award) because it was the coaches who made the pick based on what they saw of me," he said.

"I really only look for acknowledgement from myself and my parents. But to have the coaches feel that I had a good season and potential to do well in the future is an added bonus for me."

Mann's stock rose last summer when he was included on the 29-man Ontario under-15 roster that played a two-game exhibition series against the Newfoundland under-16s.

"When I first made the Ontario team, I knew there were a lot of good players out there. But as the year went on I started feeling more confident," he said.

The award is a milestone for him. "The only thing that comes close was making the provincial team in the first place and then getting man of the match awards from two of the touring rugby teams that we played," he said.

Mann credits his coaches and his father, Dave, a former player, for providing direction.

"Hopefully, it may lead me to the Canadian team one day or even a professional league. If not, I still really love the game so I can always see myself playing recreationally," he said.

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