

O'Neill, Cudmore lead Spirit to win

Game 3 in North semifinal Thursday in Stouffville

Stouffville Spirit goalie Trevor O'Neill was Dominik Hasek-like Thursday.

At the other end, Mike Cudmore and Donivan Munro were playoff work horses, leading Stouffville to a 4-1 win over the Collingwood Blues Thursday at the Stouffville Arena.

The Spirit leads the North Conference semifinal 1-0. The best-of-seven resumes Tuesday in Collingwood.

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Game 3 goes Thursday in Stouffville and the fourth game Friday in Collingwood.

O'Neill, a Keswick resident and former Markham Waxer, was especially superb in the second period, with Collingwood all over the Spirit net.

Cudmore had a goal and an assist and shared Farmer Jack's player of the game

honours with O'Neill.

Munro, who starred during the 2006 Spirit playoffs, had two assists.

"I think they'll come out stronger next time and we have to be ready," said Cudmore of Collingwood, which completed a seven-game series with Seguin 48 hours earlier.

Randy Johnston, Trevor Smith and Myles Gomes had the other Stouffville goals. Curtis Watson scored for Collingwood.

The Spirit outshot Collingwood 44-34. North MVP Akos Agardy was removed from the game after allowing four goals on 34 shots.

The game saw the return of Will Acton from the injured list.

The Spirit was without Joel Sheppard (injury), Ryan Oliver (suspension), Mark Kubicz and Corey Trivino (Canada Games).

Notes: For the complete second-round schedule, go to stouffvillespirit.com... whistleradio.com is broadcasting all games... the Spirit is 15-2-1-0 since Christmas.



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Stouffville Spirit forward Mike Cudmore outraces Collingwood Blues Larry Volpe on his way to scoring during the Spirit's 4-1 win in Game 1 of their North Conference semifinal at the Stouffville Arena Thursday. The teams play Tuesday in Collingwood and Thursday in Stouffville.

Reesor nets award at Virginia school

Justin Reesor, a freshman student and volleyball player for Eastern Mennonite University earned his keep on the court recently when he was named the North East Collegiate Volleyball Association (NECVA) Western Conference Rookie of the Week for the period of Feb. 5-11.

The six-foot, two-inch, 180-pound Stouffville resident and Stouffville District Secondary School graduate helped the Harrisonburg, Va., school go 3-2 this past week, including a 3-1 showing at the Nazareth Invitational.

For the week, Reesor averaged 2.61 kills and 1.09 blocks per game.

He is second in the NECVA in hitting percentage (.454).

Against SUNY New Paltz, Reesor had 15 kills out of 18 attempts (.833) to break the school record for hitting percentage in a game previously set by Zac Starks in 2001 (.812).

Stars silver in London

The Markham-Stouffville midget A Stars claimed the silver medal at the 17th annual London Devilettes Girls Hockey Tournament.

They lost 2-1 late to St. Thomas in the championship game.

Karis McRae scored the lone goal for the Stars, who trailed 1-0 in the third period before St. Thomas scored the game-winning goal with a minute to go in regulation time.

In reaching the final, the Stars posted wins over St. Thomas 2-1, Brampton 4-1 and Whitby 2-1.

Other players on the Stars that contributed to their silver-medal run included Mel Anderson, Meghan Burnett, Tiane Jenkins, Liz Lennon, Jessica MacKay, Melissa Mullet, Rachelle Nasello, Christie Pawluch, Devon and Erin Robertson, Taya Venedam, Stefanie Zamperin, Jessica Ziegler and Karli Ziegler.

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