

Good start for SDSS grads

Two big scorers off Stouffville District Secondary School's 2007 Ontario A/AA boys' championship hockey team are back at it at higher levels.

Jake Carrick scored in his Ontario Hockey League debut Wednesday to help the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds to a 7-5 win over the Saginaw Spirit in Saginaw, Mich. The curtain-raiser on the OHL season was played in front of 3,359.

Brendan Wise has seven points in his first four games with the North York Rangers of the Provincial Jr. A Hockey League. His four goals include two game-winners, one of which came in a shootout.

Stouffville's Justin Hitchen also plays for the Rangers.

Mennos bounced by Oshawa

The lights went out on the Cinderella story of the 2007 Stouffville Mennos Wednesday night.

The senior men's team lost the deciding game of its best-of-three Oshawa City and District Fastball League semifinal 4-1 to the Oshawa Ravens at Durham College.

The Ravens were regular-season champs of the 11-team league. The Mennos, who finished seventh, upset second-place Bradford in the quarter-finals.

In a match-up of Stouffville minor softball products, Paul Koert scattered four hits for the win and Scott Evans, pitching for the second straight night, took the loss Wednesday.

Evans didn't get much help, especially in the third inning. Four hits and two errors produced all four Raven runs.

Byron Baranieski replaced Evans in the third and went the rest of the way unscathed.

Koert was on top of his game, striking out 16 Mennos, while throwing with great movement and changing speeds.

SPORTS BRIEFS

The Ravens will play the Lake Simcoe Lightning in the league final. The Sharon-based Lightning swept Aurora Shoeless Joe's in the other semifinal, winning the clincher 5-2 in Aurora Wednesday. Greg Garrity was the winning pitcher in both games of the series.

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Spirit shot down in shootout

Maybe adopting the NHL-style shootout wasn't that great an idea.

The Stouffville Spirit's first regular-season look at the format was a loss at the Stouffville Arena Thursday.

The Spirit lost 5-4 to the defending national champion Aurora Tigers in a Provincial Jr. A Hockey League North Conference tilt.

"The shootout is entertaining, I guess, and fun," Spirit head coach Dave D'Amazio said. "But it's not a good way to lose."

Corey Trivino, Randy Johnston, James McIntosh and Corey Fulton scored for the Spirit in front of a large number of NCAA and NHL scouts.

The Spirit (2-2-0), which played at unbeaten Huntsville last night, meets the West Conference's Georgetown Raiders tomorrow at 3 p.m. at Erin Mills Twin Rinks in Mississauga.

The game is part of the league's annual Governor's Showcase. Each team plays one game, which counts in the standings, in front of NCAA, CIS, OHL and pro scouts.

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