

Spirit's new big line erupts for 12 points

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If Stouffville Spirit head coach Dave D'Amizio was to look for another job outside of hockey, he might look at being a chemist.

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And it was evident Thursday when the Spirit skated off with a convincing 7-0 win over the Couchiching Terriers in Provincial Junior A Hockey League action at the Stouffville Arena. The big line combined for 12 points.

Werek and Trivino, both recently named to the Canada East team that will compete at the upcoming World Junior A Challenge in Trail and Nelson, B.C., each had two goals and two assists. Johnston had a goal and three helpers.

"It took a brief period before they could piece it together. But we've got

three skilled players playing together," D'Amizio said of the recently formed forward unit.

Trivino scored the game's first goal that staked the Spirit to a 1-0 lead through 20 minutes.

The Spirit blew the game wide open in the second period and took a commanding 6-0 advantage as Werek scored twice while Taylor Law, Mark Sullivan and Johnston added singles.

Trivino rounded out the scoring in the third period with a power-play marker.

Trevor O'Neill handled 24 shots to post his second shutout of the season, both coming on consecutive Thursday outings, to earn the win.

With the Spirit winning their fourth straight game, D'Amizio feels the club is playing with more confidence.

"The guys are working well. They're playing together defensively and we've got our key guys putting the puck into the net and Trevor (O'Neill) made some good saves at key moments. It was a great game," he said.

The win by the Spirit improved their fourth-place North Conference record to 8-4-2. The Terriers, who occupy third place, fell to 9-3-1.

After yesterday's road game against the Villanova Knights, the Spirit return to the Stouffville Arena Thursday to face the Collingwood Blues at 7:30 p.m.

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SCHOOL SPORTS

Stouffville District Secondary School will be playing the role of foreign diplomats Tuesday at their old playing field when a touring girls' soccer team and junior boys' rugby team from England will play Spartan squads.

The Blessed Edward Oldcorn Roman Catholic High School from Worcestershire, England will have their girls' soccer team play the Spartans at 3 p.m. Following that match at 4:15 p.m., their junior boys' rugby team will play the Spartans.

On Oct. 30, a touring junior and senior boys' rugby team from Brecon High School in Wales will visit Stouffville District Secondary School to play the Spartans at 4 p.m. at their old field.

Home court advantage for juniors

The Stouffville District Secondary School Spartans junior girls' basketball team have a little unfinished business to take care of this season on the hardwood court.

After reaching the York Region Athletic Association tier two final last year, the Spartans hope to win this year's title.

And there's plenty of incentive for them to do so as they will host this year's quarter-finals, semifinals and final in their new gymnasium Nov. 13 and 15.

They appear to be on course having won six of their first seven league games and occupying first place in the North Division. Their most recent victories came earlier in the week when they defeated King City Secondary School 36-20 Tuesday and Sutton District High School 48-18 Thursday, both on their new home court.

"It's pretty exciting," Sandy Bush, who coaches the team with Jack Hammond, said of this year's squad of Grade 9 and 10s. "We have an amazing group of girls."

Prior to the start of this season, Bush acknowledged there was a bit of uncertainty as to how the team would shape up.

Missing two players from last year's team who

moved up to the senior ranks, the Spartans were also handicapped by not having their new gym ready to start the season.

As a result, their schedule only had them playing three home games.

But where Bush had an indication of how the team might fare took place in late September when they went to Uxbridge for a tournament and won two of three games against tier one squads.

"They're like sponges. They pick up everything they are taught. This is a pretty smart group that we have," she said.

Several players have anchored the club's fortunes including returning point guard Dayle Wilkinson and first-year member Brooke Kiatipis. Also solidifying the backcourt has been the play of Emily Aprile and Amy Schlusser.

Up front, the Spartans have relied on the play of six-foot Annalise Mathers, Sugeetha Nithianathan, a transfer from Father Michael McGivney Catholic Academy in Markham, Hayley Preston and Laura Lemming.

Also making valuable contributions have been first-year player Stephanie Taylor and Sam Reid.

"Every game, everyone plays and we tend to get balanced scoring," Bush said.

The Spartans will conclude league play Monday at King City Secondary School and then advance to the first round of the playoffs that begins Nov. 6.

While the Spartans are assured of a berth in the postseason, Bush isn't taking anything for granted.

"It looks like some of the other divisions will be tough and we will have good competition once the cross overs take place," she said.

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The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville is inviting qualified engineering consultants to submit a proposal or proposals for engineering consultant services for detailed design on four (4) projects:

- WS-RFP-07-27 - Stouffer Street Reconstruction (Millard Street to Tenth Line)
- WS-RFP-07-28 - Burkholder Street (Blake Street to Lebovic Leisure Centre Driveway) and Russell Street (Burkholder Street to Rose Avenue) Reconstruction
- WS-RFP-07-29 - Edward Street (Main Street to north limit)
- WS-RFP-07-32 - McCowan Road Reconstruction (Bloomington Road to Aurora Road)

Each project will be awarded separately. Consultants are eligible for award of more than one assignment and are encouraged to demonstrate economies of scale that may be realized by the Town.

Proposals clearly marked as to contents, in a sealed envelope referring to the Request for Proposal documents, shall be received by the Clerk's Department, 37 Sandiford Drive, 4th Floor, Stouffville, Ontario, L4A 7X5, up until **Wednesday October 31st, 2007 at 3:00 pm, local time.**

Proposals will be opened on the same day as the closing date at 3:30 pm. **Only the names of Respondents shall be read out at the public opening.** Proposals received after the closing time shall be returned unopened to the sender.

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