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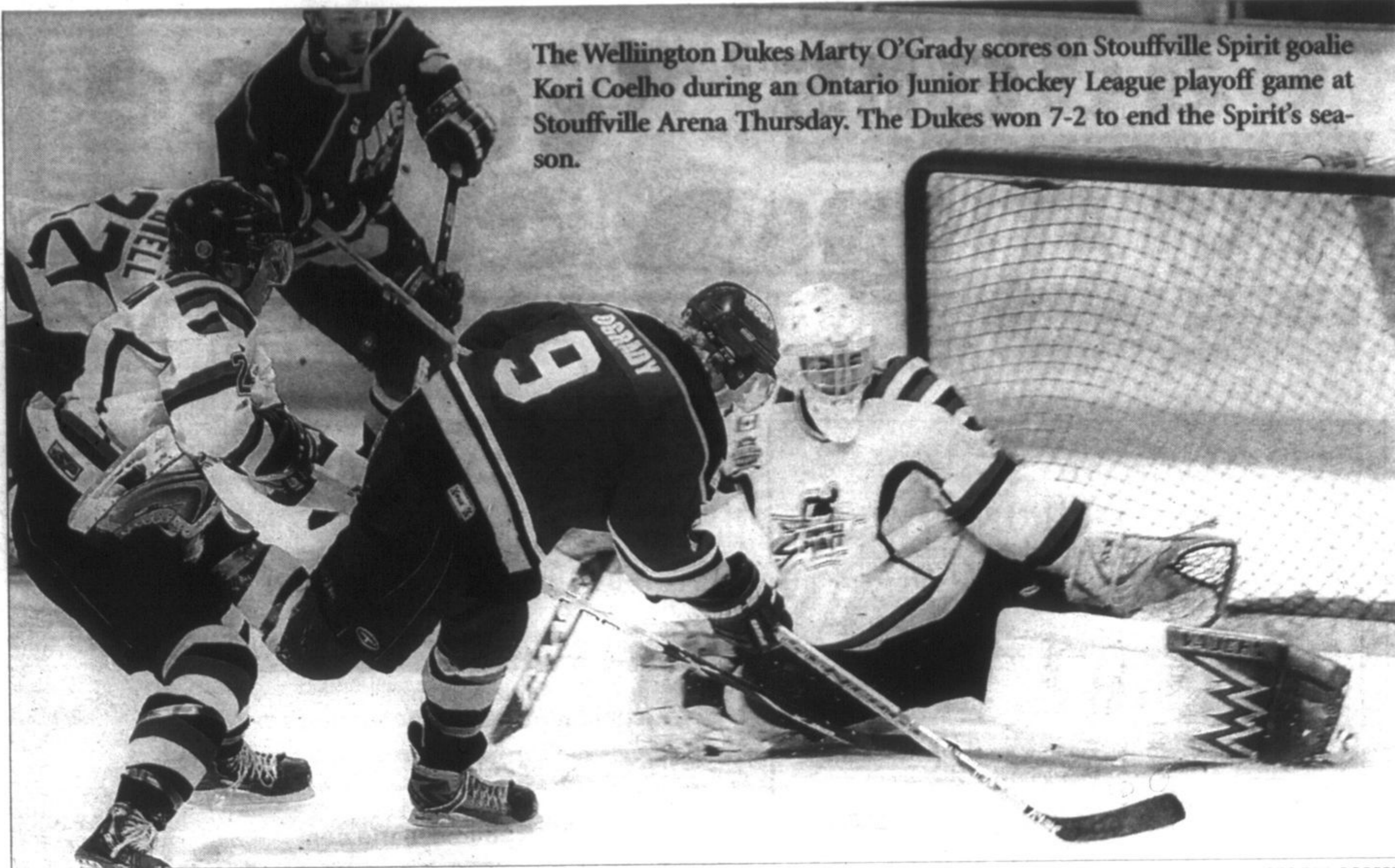
Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey Association
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FEB. 14: Metro Waste 9 (Nicholas Oldis 4, Blake Frost 2, Christian Greco 2, Stephen Tulk) vs. Suburban Landscape 5 (Matthew Erdelsky 2, Owen Laffey, Jacob Rintjama, Nolan Ross); Independent Planning 7 (Spencer Krabi 3, Marcus Roest, Liam MacInnis, Lindsay White, Drew Ferris) vs. Schell Lumber 5 (Billy Starke 2, Jordan Ogden, Aaron Kirkness, Ashton Reesor).

Bantam

FEB. 11: Canadian Tire 3 (Jonathan Menechella, Ryan Gregory, Kyle Beach) vs. Michele's Snack Bar 3 (Andrew Muirhead, Edward Matthews, Nick Florus); Todd Pools 1 (Connor McCormick) vs. LCE Aviation 1 (William Milson).
FEB. 14: Todd Pools 3 (Michael Liscio, Nicholas Hoover, Connor McCormick) vs. Michele's Snack Bar 2 (Nick Florus, Patrick Aaron Trainor); LCE Aviation 3 (William Milson, Christopher Jackson, Martino Rustico) vs. Canadian Tire 2 (Ryan Gregory, David Philpott).



The Wellington Dukes Marty O'Grady scores on Stouffville Spirit goalie Kori Coelho during an Ontario Junior Hockey League playoff game at Stouffville Arena Thursday. The Dukes won 7-2 to end the Spirit's season.

STAFF PHOTO/BILL ROBERTS

Youth haunts Spirit through playoff sweep

BY MIKE HAYAKAWA
Staff Writer

For the Stouffville Spirit, it's four and out.

The Spirit's Ontario Junior Hockey League season came to a quick end after they dropped a 7-2 decision to the Wellington Dukes and were swept in four straight games in their first round Central Division playoff series at the Stouffville Arena Thursday.

It wasn't for a lack of effort, Spirit head coach Mark Joslin said.

"We battled and gave everything we had. We just ran out of gas," Joslin said. "Wellington has a lot of depth and experience, they have eight 1988s (born players) on their roster who can play and we had just three (1988-born players) and that prevailed. Throughout the series, they found ways to hang on and win."

The Spirit got off to a good start in Thursday's finale as Christopher Chiste scored a power-play goal in the first period to open the scoring.

But from there it was all downhill for the

Spirit as the Dukes scored twice before the opening stanza concluded to take a 2-1 lead.

The second period proved to be the game's turning point as the Dukes erupted for four unanswered goals to put the contest out of reach at 6-1.

"We didn't play bad, but their (Wellington) veterans just stepped it up. Give them credit," Joslin said.

OFF-SEASON DECISIONS

After the Dukes scored their seventh goal, the Spirit countered with one by rookie forward Massimo Lamachia to round out the scoring.

The Dukes outshot the Spirit 45-36.

The Spirit played the game without the services of forward Greg Whittle and defence-man Bryant Doersam, who were both nursing injuries.

It's one of the shortest playoff seasons ever for the Spirit, which went to the old North Conference final the previous three seasons, winning it in 2006.

Joslin tried to accentuate the positive,

noting the team should be in good standing for next season, providing it can add one or two experienced hands to their roster.

"The 1989s (born players) they have now are good. You've got the best goalie in the league in Coelho (Kori), who can come back and a good core of young kids who can return," said Joslin, who started the season as a rookie GM and ended it as head coach.

"It definitely won't be much of a rebuilding year as it was this past season."

He conceded it was a trying year.

"We made some mistakes early on, committing to too many young and inexperienced players. That put us in a rut early and that set the tone.

"But we certainly stepped it up over the last month and competed almost every night," he said.

Joslin expects to meet with team officials next week to see what direction they will take.

For more, go to: www.stouffvillespirit.com

Stouffville product hurts hometown high school

Grade 10 student
nets two for BA

Stouffville-area players accounted for all of the scoring when the Stouffville District Secondary School Spartans and Brother Andre Cardinals played the first game of their best-of-three York Region Athletic Association senior boys' hockey semifinal series at Mount Joy Arena Thursday.

Unfortunately for the Spartans, two of the goals were scored by a player who attends Brother Andre, who won the first game 2-1.

After two scoreless periods, Grade 10 student Shawn Hulshof staked the Cardinals to a 1-0 lead in the third period. The advantage was short-lived as the Spartans battled back to tie the game on a goal by Trevor Carrick.

Hulshof deposited the game-winner when he fired a wrist shot from about 12 feet out that beat Spartans' goalie Chris Pennanen on

the far side.

Spartans head coach Jamie Hewitt felt the low-scoring affair worked in his club's favour.

"The pace was what we wanted. We did what we wanted to do. I thought Brother Andre's defence had a hard time in moving the puck. It wasn't that Brother Andre dominated us as they were the higher seed (No. 2 in the region). It was anybody's game," he said.

Hewitt was also quick to sing the praises of Pennanen, who made several key stops during the contest.

"He played unbelievable," Hewitt said of his Grade 12 netminder.

Hewitt remains optimistic his club can even the series when it resumes Tuesday at Stouffville Arena at 1 p.m.

"Our kids are pumped. They can't wait for the next game," he said.

If a third game is required, it would be played at Mount Joy Arena Thursday at 3 p.m.

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The Regional Municipality of York York Region Official Plan 5-year Review Notice of a Special Meeting of Council

The Regional Official Plan was approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing in 1994. Since that time there have been approximately 65 amendments to the Plan. A copy of the current Regional Official Plan can be viewed or downloaded from the Region's website www.york.ca

As well, since 2005, the Province has approved a number of Provincial initiatives, including the Greenbelt Plan and the Provincial Growth Plan and population and employment forecasts which make a Regional Official Plan update important at this time.

The *Planning Act* requires that an Official Plan be reviewed at least every 5 years. Previous 5-year reviews of the Regional Official Plan have been undertaken in 1999, 2004. 2009 is a 5-year review year.

Section 26 of the *Planning Act* requires that as part of a 5-year review of the Regional Official Plan, Council hold a special meeting to hear submissions in regard to revisions that may be required to the Regional Official Plan.

The duties of Council pursuant to Section 26 of the *Planning Act* have been delegated to Planning and Economic Development Committee by Bylaw R-1290-2002-067.

Consequently, Notice is hereby given of the Special Meeting of Council to be held:

April 8, 2009, 1:30 PM,
Committee Room "A"

Regional Administrative Centre
17,250 Yonge Street, Newmarket, Ontario

A staff report discussing the aspects of the review will be available Friday evening April 3, 2009. Further information on the Region's growth management work may be accessed from the Region of York website www.york.ca or by calling Barbara Jeffrey, MCIP, RPP, Manager, Land Use Policy and Environment, 905-830-4444 extension 1526, for further information.

Any person may attend the Special Meeting and/or make oral or written submissions advising Council of revisions that may be required to the Regional Official Plan. Written submissions, referring to the subject information should be made to:

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