

JR. A NOTEBOOK: No deal for ex-Stouffville captain

'Ugly goals' would look pretty good to Spirit coach

LAST WEEK: Friday: Bowmanville Eagles 4 vs. Stouffville Spirit 1. Sunday: Streetsville Derbys 3 vs. Stouffville Spirit 2. Spirit record: 12 wins, three shoot-out wins, one overtime win, 15 losses, one shootout loss, 33 points. Sixth place in East Division.

COMING UP: Tonight: Cobourg Cougars vs. Stouffville Spirit at Stouffville Arena, 7:30 p.m. Friday: Stouffville at Wellington Dukes, 7:30 p.m.

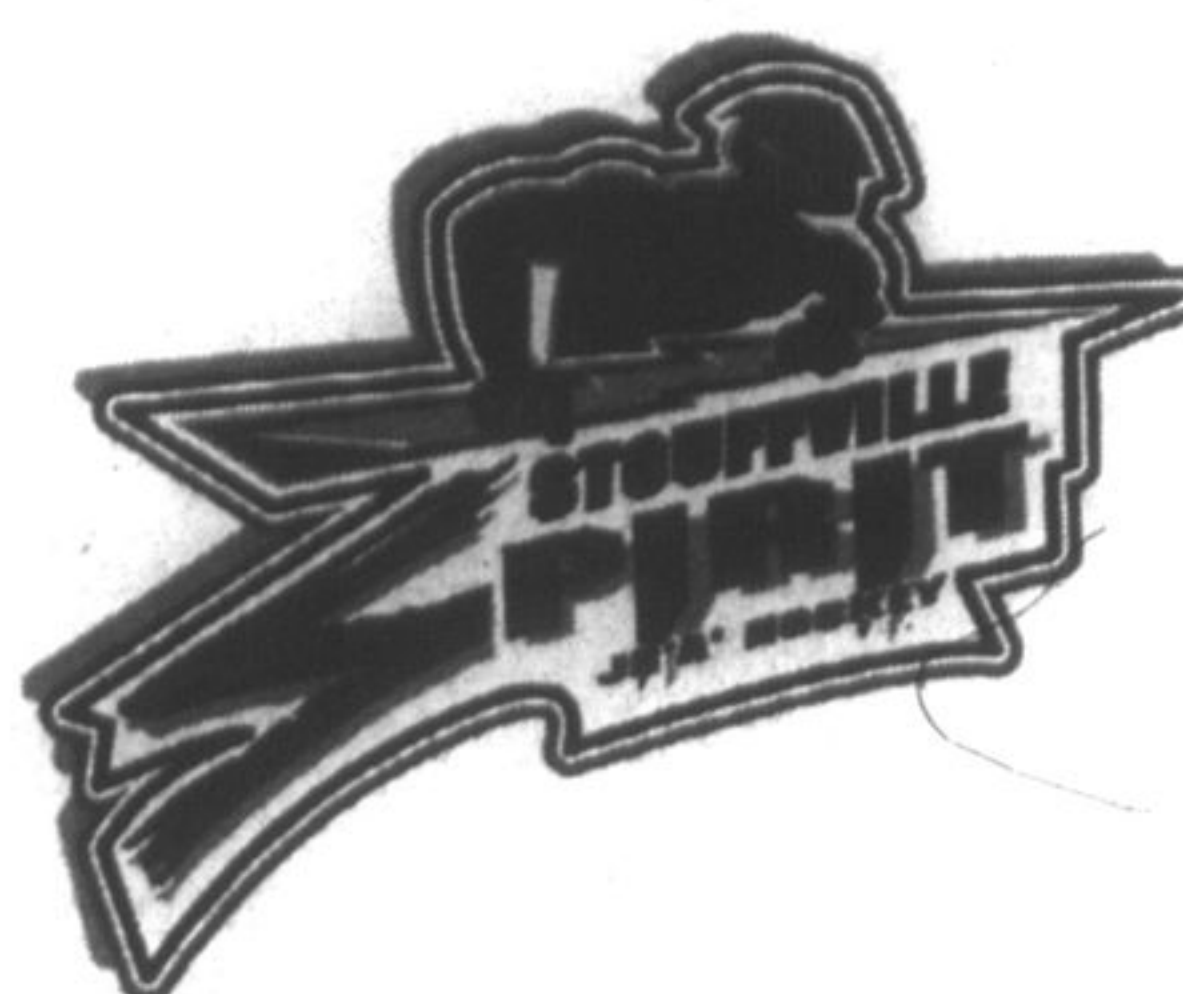
GAME NOTES: From a defensive standpoint, Stouffville Spirit head coach Craig Donovan had no qualms with the effort his club gave in a pair of Central Canadian Hockey League contests last weekend. Most concerning to Donovan, though, was a lack of scoring in a 4-1 loss to the host Bowmanville Eagles last Friday and a 3-2 setback against the Streetsville Derbys Sunday.

In Friday's tilt, the Spirit trailed 1-0 after 20 minutes before responding with a goal by Alex Derlis in the second period. But things fell apart for the Spirit in the third period as the Eagles erupted with three un-

answered goals. The win by the Eagles was their second in three meetings against the Spirit this season. Occupying third place in the East Division, the Eagles outshot the Spirit 34-22.

Facing the Streetsville Derbys for the first time, the Spirit spotted the host club a 1-0 lead before David Milne scored with just one minute remaining in the opening period. After the Derbys scored the lone goal in the second period, the Spirit battled back to tie the game early in the third period on a goal by Christian Finch. But just 61 seconds later, the Derbys scored what would be the eventual game-winning tally. The Spirit outshot the Derbys 48-40.

INSIDER: Spirit general manager Kenny Burrows said he still has not been able to strike a deal for former team captain Jordan Forfar, who left the club 12 days ago. Burrows said he's talked with a number of teams. Unfortunately the only offers he's received have been cash or futures. Burrows would like to get a front-line



forward of Forfar's calibre in return.

GENERALLY SPEAKING: "You won't win many games if you don't score more than two goals. We're just not scoring enough goals," lamented Donovan of his club's recent scoring drought. "Against Streetsville we took 48 shots but we had a lot more chances to score, espe-

cially in the first 10 minutes to put the game away but we didn't bear down.

"Against Bowmanville, the first shift in the third period we missed a chance to score and we could have been up 2-1 ... again one goal.

"In junior hockey, if you can keep teams to two to three goals against that's great, but it's not enough if you don't score at least three to four goals."

It's not a matter of making wholesale changes to his roster, Donovan said. Rather, the team will just have to try to score some "ugly" goals. By that he meant having guys standing in front of the opposition's goal.

"The consistency of scoring is what's missing," Donovan said.

For more on the Spirit, log on to: www.stouffvillespirit.com

- Michael Hayakawa

Bantam girls teams from across Ontario here for weekend tourney

The Stouffville Markham Girls Hockey Association will host its 10th annual Bantam Classic Tournament this weekend with games played at the Stouffville Arena and Angus Glen Community Centre in Unionville.

With rep teams from across the province taking part, the action is scheduled to get under way Friday

SPORTS BRIEFS

at 11:50 a.m. with games continuing throughout the day and into Saturday and Sunday at both sites.

The host Stars will field teams in

the AA, A, B and C Divisions.

The finals will take place Sunday at the Stouffville Arena starting at 11:45 a.m.

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The Markham Stouffville atom

BB Stars (6-1-2) solidified their hold on first place in their division of the Lower Lakes Female Hockey League with a win and a tie.

Battling the Oshawa Lady Generals in Stouffville Saturday, the Stars were buoyed by stellar netminding from Lennan Dano and two goals from Ellie Sasaki in a 4-0

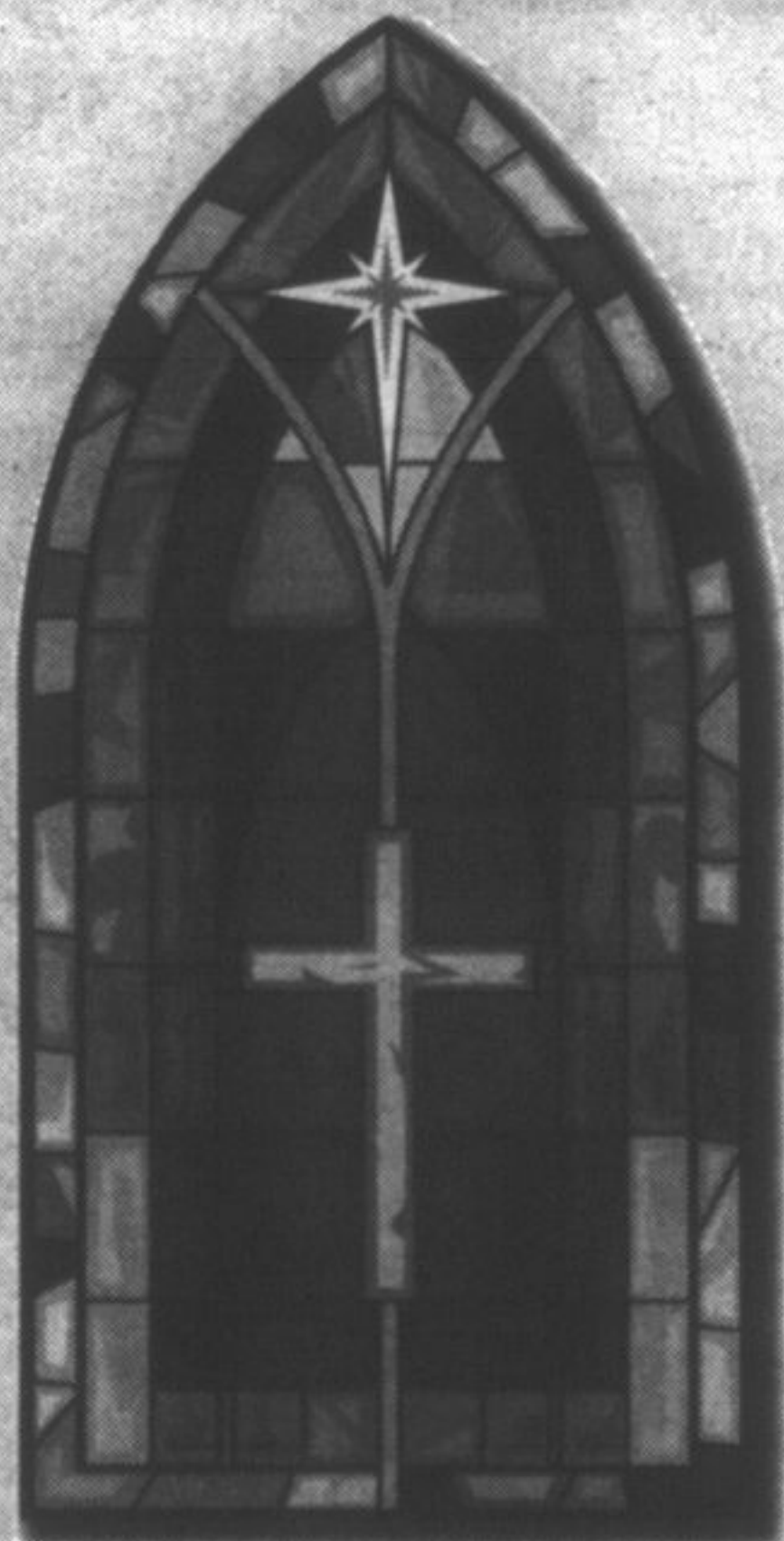
win.

Andrea Elia and Emily Boston each added single tallies for the Stars, who outshot the Lady Generals 21-8.

The win by the Stars came on the heels of a hard-fought 0-0 tie against the host Whitby Wolves.

Frances Tenney recorded the shutout for the Stars.

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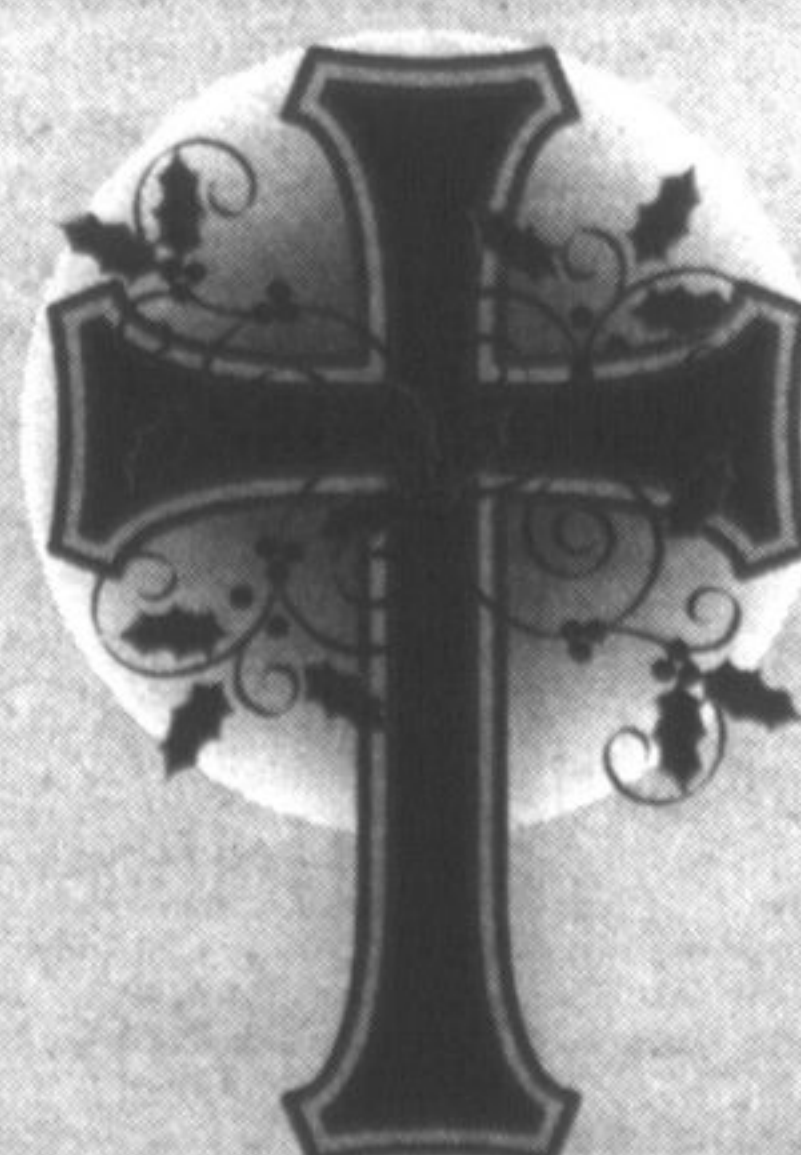
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