

## CHASING A TERRIER



STAFF PHOTO/NICK IWANYSHYN

Samuel Burkholder of the Stouffville Clippers tries to steal the puck from Orillia Terrier Isaac Emon during Ontario Minor Hockey Association minor atom action at the Stouffville Arena last Saturday. Orillia won 4-0.

## SPORTS: Stouffville Spirit Jr. A notebook

# Road woes over, team moves up

**LAST WEEK:** Friday: Stouffville Spirit 3 vs. Pickering Panthers 2. Spirit record: 15 wins, three shootout wins, one overtime win, 16 losses, one shootout loss, 39 points. Fourth place in East Division.

**COMING UP:** Sunday: Stouffville vs. Newmarket Hurricanes (Battle of York exhibition charity fundraising game) at Ray Twinney Complex, Newmarket, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 29: Stouffville vs. Hamilton Red Wings at Ray Twinney Complex, Newmarket, 4 p.m.

**GAME NOTES:** Playing on the road hasn't been too friendly recently for the Stouffville Spirit. In fact, when the Spirit entered last Friday's Central Canadian Hockey League road tilt in Pickering to face the Panthers, they had lost six straight. But those woes came to an end when the Spirit overcame a two-goal deficit to emerge with a 3-2 win. The Spirit trailed 1-0 after 20 minutes and 2-0 just 21 seconds into the second period. But prior to the midway point in the game, the Spirit got on the scoreboard when Kyle McLaughlin scored his first goal after joining the club from Aurora the night before. Late in the period, the Spirit caught what head coach Craig Donovan said was a big break when Chris Chiste intercepted a pass along the boards deep in Panthers' territory, spun around and directed a shot that went in to tie the game. That goal appeared to give the Spirit momentum entering the third period as Matt Neal deposited the game-winning marker at the 2:23 mark. The Panthers outshot the Spirit 33-28.

**INSIDER:** The Spirit will most likely lose defenceman Christian Finch for their next game thanks to a checking-from-behind infraction early in the second period. With Finch being ejected from Friday's game, the Spirit were forced to go with four defencemen during the remainder of the contest.

With the Spirit now in the Christmas break, Donovan

gave his team time off prior to this Sunday's Battle of York exhibition charity fundraising game against the Newmarket Hurricanes. Proceeds from the contest will go to the Southlake Cancer Care Centre in the name of former Hurricane and Spirit player Kevin Lord, who passed away from cancer in 2006, the Bloorview Kids Foundation in memory of Josh Sedore, son of Hurricanes assistant coach and former Spirit coach Steve Sedore and the KJ Ramolla memorial scholarship fund. Both young men died in 2008. Tickets for the game are \$10 and can be purchased at Boyd's Source for Sports in Stouffville. Children five and under are admitted free.

**GENERALLY SPEAKING:** "That was a great way to end our schedule going into the Christmas break with a couple of wins," Donovan said in reference to his club's 4-3 win last Thursday against the Peterborough Liftlock Stars, combined with Friday's road triumph in Pickering. "We went into last Thursday's game in eighth place and now we're in fourth. Those two wins made a big difference."

Reflecting on last Friday's road win, Donovan attributed it to his club's discipline.

"We didn't deviate from our game plan. When you're playing on the road and you're down, guys tend to try to do things on their own. But we played well as a team. We played a solid game."

Another aspect that pleased Donovan was the performance of McLaughlin.

"We've liked him for a long time and we knew he was a good player who didn't get enough of a chance to play when he was in Aurora. But with us, he'll get playing time and he'll be a good player for us. Along with having Matt Neal, it gives us depth in our centre position and he's good on winning faceoffs."

For more on the Spirit, go to: [www.stouffvillespirit.com](http://www.stouffvillespirit.com)

## York Region Transit / Viva service update

EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 20, 2009

### Whitchurch - Stouffville

Starting December 20, 2009, YRT/Viva is revising select bus schedules and routes within the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

#### REVISED ROUTES/SCHEDULES

- > 9 - 9<sup>th</sup> Line
- > 414 - Unionville/Bill Crothers School Special

#### PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

**Christmas Day - Friday, December 25, 2009 & New Year's Day - Friday, January 1, 2010** Sunday/Holiday service on YRT/Viva routes, Route 77 and modified Sunday service on TTC routes operating in York Region.

**Boxing Day - Saturday, December 26, 2009** Saturday service on YRT/Viva routes, Route 77 and modified Saturday service on TTC routes operating in York Region.

#### SPECIAL NOTES

**Ride Free New Year's Eve - Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup>** Free rides after 7 p.m. Extended service until approximately 3 a.m. on select routes.

**High School Specials Holiday Schedule** All YRT High School Specials (400-series) will be cancelled from December 21 to January 1, 2010. High School Special routes will resume service on January 4, 2010.

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