

SPORTS: Spirit hosts Wellington tonight Bowmanville wakes up to take win

The Bowmanville Eagles must have had a good nap on the Oshawa Generals bus during their one-hour drive to Stouffville Thursday.

The Eagles looked like they were still asleep during the first period of their Central Canadian Hockey League with the Stouffville Spirit at the Stouffville Arena.

They managed three shots on goals and no goals. Meanwhile, the Spirit went 0-for-8 on their shots.

The Eagles woke up in the second period, dominating the Spirit and taking a 2-1 lead into the third.

The final frame was scoreless but it too belonged to the Eagles.

Final shots on goal were 26-17 for the Eagles.

Matt Neal scored his 18th goal of the season for the Spirit on a floater that surprised netminder Jackson Teichroeb.

The Spirit, which has won 22 of 41 starts this season, is in fourth place in the East Division. The Eagles are in second place.

The Spirit hosts the Wellington Dukes, including former Spirit captain Pat McEachen, tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Stouffville Arena.

Werek an OHL all-star for second straight year

Seven York Region hockey players, including Stouffville-area resident Ethan Werek, will suit up in the 2010 Ontario Hockey League All-Star Classic in Kingston next month.

The Eastern Conference All-Stars will host the Western Conference All-Stars in the two-day event beginning with the skills competition Feb. 2.

The game takes place the next night.

Werek, who plays for the hometown Kingston Frontenacs, played in his first all-star game last season. The 18-year-old New York Rangers draft pick played minor and Jr. A hockey in Stouffville.

Other York players named Wednesday are:

- Barrie Colts Stefan Della Rovere of Maple and Alex Pietrangelo of King City;
- Markham residents Jeff Skinner (Kitchener Rangers) and Cameron Gaunce (Mississauga St. Michael's Majors);
- Andrew Agozzino (Niagara IceDogs) of Kleinburg and;
- Sean Jones (Brampton Battalion) of Newmarket.

All eight OHL players on Canada's silver medallists from this month's world junior championships are scheduled to take part. They include top-ranked NHL entry draft prospect and Kingston native Taylor Hall of the Windsor Spitfires, Della Rovere and Pietrangelo.

OMHA playoffs begin Sunday, minor peewee AE's earn berth

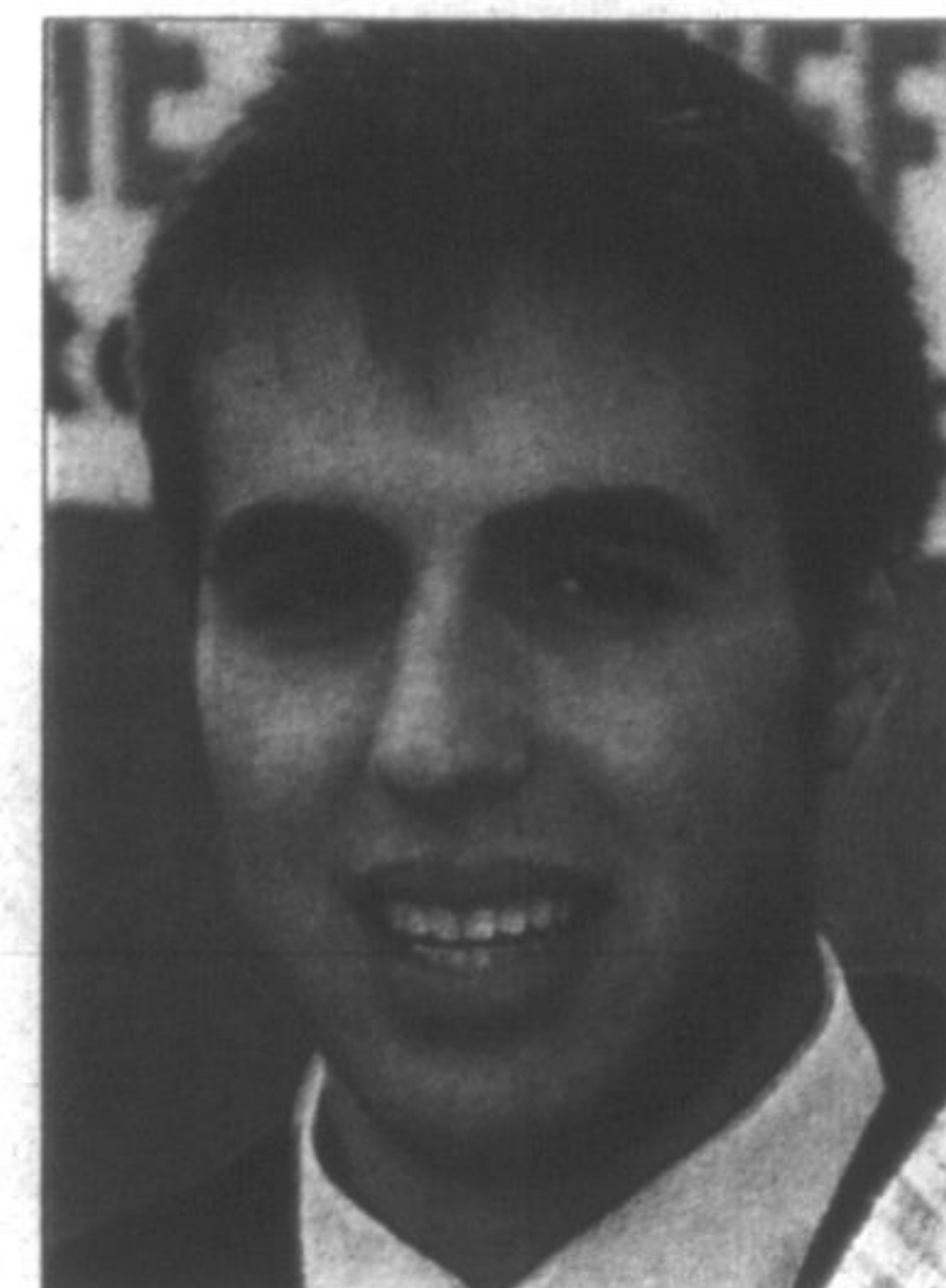
With a playoff berth on the line, the Stouffville minor peewee AE Clippers came through in a big way after skating off with a 7-1 win over East Gwillimbury Tuesday.

Brody Krabi and Robbie Krawczuk each scored twice for the Clippers, who clinched seventh place and will face Newmarket in the first round of the Ontario Minor Hockey Association playoffs.

Graham Smith, Cole Gunathunge and Tyler Sinclair each added single tallies.

Max Vonkaufman was credited with a pair of helpers while Brandon Harrington, Brett McNeil, Gunathunge, Sinclair, Marcus Ivanovski, Krabi, Tyler Perret-Swirla and Alex Tashos each had one.

Ethen Rehel handled netminding duties.



ETHAN WEREK: Stouffville product will have hometown crowd behind him at OHL all-star game on Feb. 3.

The Clippers are in Grimsby this weekend to take part in a tournament. They opened play Friday morning. The finals are on Sunday.

The OMHA playoffs begin tomorrow night at the Stouffville Arena.

McEwan big in basketball wins for Stouffville District

It took a while to come, but the Stouffville District Spartans senior boys' basketball team won their first game of the season Jan. 8, a 60-40 win over visiting Father Bressani (Woodbridge).

To prove it wasn't an aberration, the Spartans reeled off their second straight win Tuesday with a 52-42 decision over host King City.

Relegated into the YRAA tier two circuit just prior to the Christmas break after going winless, the Spartans were buoyed by Nick McEwan's 20 points and 10 from Brandon Paulino against Father Bressani.

Against King City, McEwan paced the Spartans with 13 points while Patrick Laffan added 10.

The Spartans were scheduled to play at Renaissance (Aurora) Friday.

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