

# Rookie's 5 goals seal Spirit sweep

**LAST WEEK:** Friday: Stouffville Spirit 4 vs. Oakville Blades 2. Sunday: Stouffville Spirit 11 vs. Brampton Capitals 1. Spirit record: four wins, one shootout win, three losses, one overtime loss, 11 points. Third place in North Division of the Ontario Junior Hockey League.

**COMING UP:** Saturday: Stouffville vs. Hamilton Red Wings at Aurora Community Centre (Governor's Showcase event), 7:30 p.m. Sunday: Aurora Tigers vs. Stouffville at Aurora Community Centre (Governor's Showcase event), 2:30 p.m. Monday: Markham Waxers vs. Stouffville Spirit at Stouffville Arena, 2:10 p.m.

**GAME NOTES:** The Spirit ended a two-game skid with a hard-fought 4-2 road win over the Oakville Blades Friday and then returned to the friendly confines of the Stouffville Arena where they throttled the visiting Brampton Capitals 11-1 Sunday.

Spotting the host Blades a 2-0 lead in the first period, the Spirit rallied with goals from Paul Geiger and Billy Lovatsis to tie the game after 20 minutes. Lovatsis netted his second goal of the game to account for the lone marker in the second period that put the Spirit ahead 3-2 through 40 minutes. A power-play goal by Christian Finch just past the midway point of the third period put the game on ice for the Spirit. Rookie goalie Mike Sheremeta stopped 29 of 31 shots to earn the win for the Spirit. Stouffville had just 19 shots on the Oakville net.

In Sunday's win, the Spirit jumped out to a 3-1 lead after one period and erupted with seven unanswered goals in the second period to take a commanding 10-1 lead. Rookie forward Draig Caggiula ignited the Spirit offence as he lit the red light five times. Included in those goals was one off a penalty shot in the second period. Michael Robinson, Finch, Lovatsis, Declan Gunovski, Kyle McLaughlin and Chris Porter rounded out the scoring with single tallies. Sheremeta handled 29 of 30 shots while the Spirit peppered the Brampton net

with 44 shots.

**INSIDER:** Defenceman Brennan Serville incurred a freak knee-on-knee injury during Friday's game in Oakville and did not dress Sunday. Spirit head coach Craig Donovan said the club is taking precautionary measures and his status for games this weekend is undetermined. Serville was forced to sit out the Canada East team evaluations in Whitby Monday and Tuesday. But in talking with East general manager Troy Ryan, Serville said if he returns to full health he still has an opportunity at cracking the roster for the 2010 World Junior A Challenge in Penticton, B.C., from Nov. 8 to 14. Also invited to the auditions was Spirit forward Matt Neal. Also sitting out last weekend were Robbie Acton (muscle strain) and Trevor Carrick, who has his hand placed in a cast and could be out for two to three weeks.

**GENERALLY SPEAKING:** "To go on the road and play Oakville, a team being one of the top in the West Division, and to win was big for us and it was a confidence builder and I think we parlayed that into Sunday's game," Donovan said. "I think we have a lot of depth in our forwards where we can look down our bench and use any of our three or four forward lines and that helps," he said. "Defensively, we're playing better. The key to us winning is we competed harder defensively and created turnovers for us to generate our offence."

Donovan felt it was just a matter of time before Caggiula went on a scoring binge.

"It was nice to see him go off like that. He can do it and Sunday was one of those games. I think he'll have more games like that. For any young player out there it might take them a while to adjust to the league and speed of the game at this level. But he's a gifted goal scorer and eventually he would figure things out."

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

- Michael Hayakawa



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Stouffville Spirit forward Michael Robinson crashes into Brampton Capitals goaltender Andre Keire while Ori Abramson looks on during the Spirit's 11-1 Jr. A win Sunday at the Stouffville Arena.

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