

# Spirit meeting leaders in weekend tilts

**LAST WEEK:** Saturday: Brampton Capitals 5 vs. Stouffville Spirit 3. Spirit record: 14 wins, one overtime win, one shootout win, eight losses, one shootout loss, two overtime losses, 35 points. Fourth place in North Division of Ontario Junior Hockey League.

**COMING UP:** Saturday: Stouffville at Burlington Cougars, 7:30 p.m. Sunday: Newmarket Hurricanes vs. Stouffville at Stouffville Arena, 2:10 p.m. (WhiStle Radio)

**GAME NOTES:** The Stouffville Spirit lambasted the Brampton Capitals in a game played back in October 11-1. But when the two clubs met on the ice for a second time in Brampton Saturday, the Spirit encountered a different Capitals club this time around. When the final buzzer sounded, the Capitals gained a measure of revenge with a 5-3 win. After a scoreless opening 20 minutes, the Capitals drew first blood in the second period. The Spirit thought they had the equalizer when Declan Gunovski appeared to put a puck off the skates of the Capitals netminder that went into the short side. But the officials ruled otherwise and the score stood through 40 minutes.

Both clubs' offences opened up in the third period as the Capitals scored a short-handed marker just 13 seconds after the opening faceoff to pad their lead to 2-0. But on the same infraction, Christian Finch scored the just eight seconds later to get the Spirit back to within a goal. The Spirit then capitalized on another power-play opportunity when Matt Neal scored just over two minutes later to tie the game. But the Capitals regained the upper hand with a pair of unanswered goals to take a 4-2 lead. The Spirit power-play struck again when

Neal scored his second goal of the game to cut their deficit to within a goal. But the Capitals gained some breathing room with just under two minutes remaining with a goal that would round out the scoring. The Spirit outshot the Capitals 38-34.

**INSIDER:** Brennan Serville was chosen to participate in the 2010 Canadian Junior Hockey League Prospects Game in Dauphin, Man., Dec. 8 and 9. The Spirit defenceman was one of 10 players chosen from the Ontario Junior Hockey League to play for Team East. The East roster was selected from the CJHL's five eastern leagues, which include the OJHL, Northern Ontario Junior Hockey League, Central Hockey League, Ligue de hockey junior AAA du Québec and Maritime Hockey League. Player selection was done by the CJHL and NHL Central Scouting. The CJHL Prospects Game was created to showcase the top 40 NHL draft eligible players in the CJHL. The event includes a two-game, total goal series between Team East and Team West. It's normally well attended by local fans, NHL scouts, and representatives from Canadian and American colleges and universities.

On the injury front, defenceman Blake Stephenson could be out for another week after incurring an upper body injury during the club's 3-2 loss against the Orangeville Flyers Nov. 21. Forward Mike Robinson also remains out indefinitely with a back injury.

Former Spirit forward Ethan Werek was not invited to the Canadian national junior team's selection camp next month in Toronto. The New York Rangers draft pick, who is in his third year with Kingston of the Ontario Hockey League, attended the

national team's summer camp. The world championships begin Boxing Day in Buffalo. His father, Zeev, is part owner of the Spirit.

**GENERALLY SPEAKING:** Spirit head coach Craig Donovan warned his players that they would be facing a different Brampton team.

"We talked about it and tried to tell them it would be a different game. But it (having beaten them earlier with relative ease) might have been on the minds of the players," he said. "We weren't focused enough early in the game."

Donovan felt an inability by his club to capitalize on early opportunities came back to haunt them.

"I thought we controlled the first period, we had a lot of scoring chances but we couldn't capitalize."

"In the second period their goal came off a miscue we made at the blueline and then we had a goal that was disallowed and that would have made it 1-1."

If anything, Donovan hoped his charges learned something from that setback.

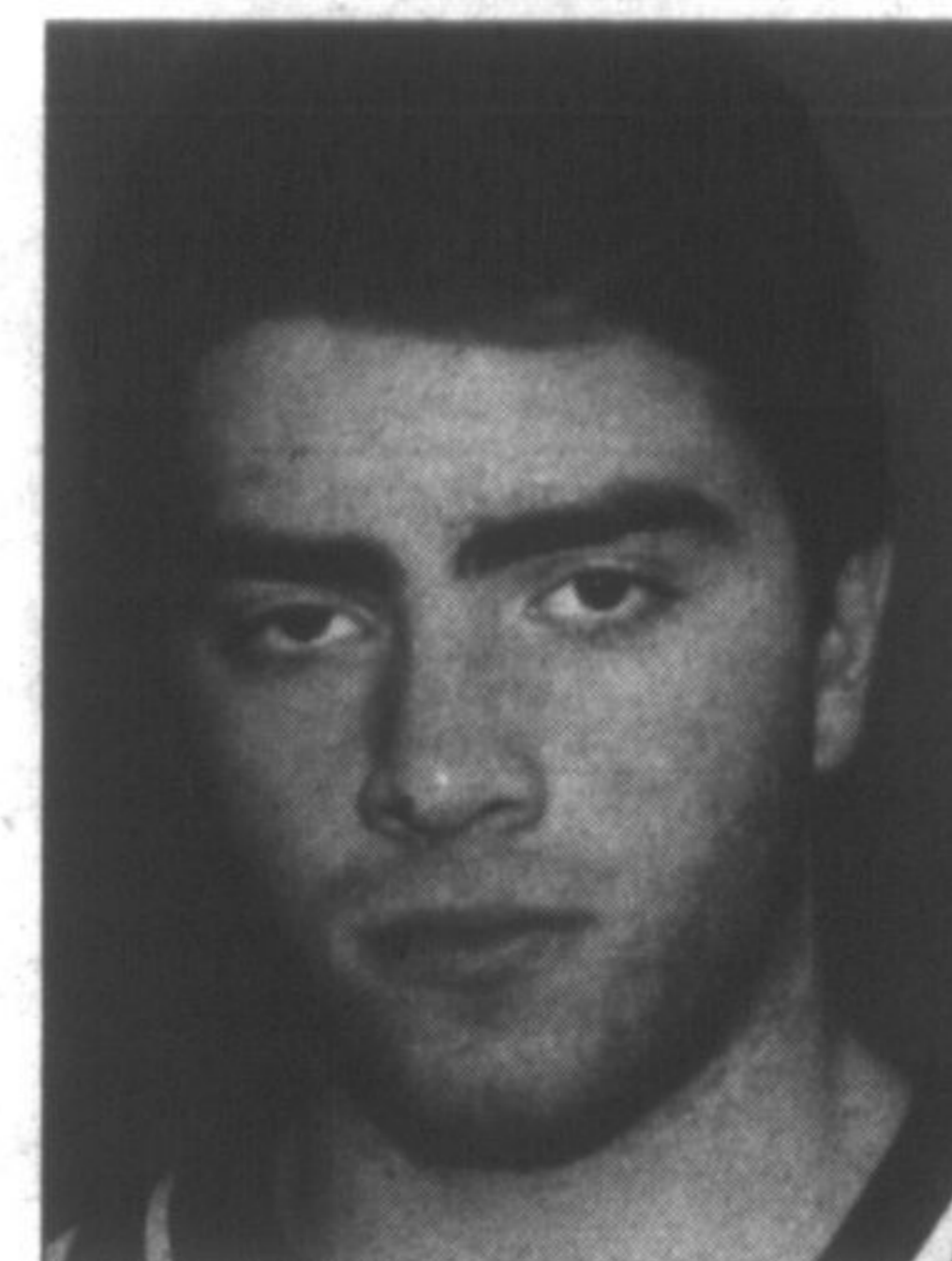
"We can't take anything for granted. You have to play the games and when we get our chances we have to take advantage of them. You can't wait until late in a game. We have to play to win from the start of the game and that has to be our sole focus."

Their next two outings include a road tilt against the West Division-leading Burlington Cougars and a Sunday matinee at home against the North Division-leading Newmarket Hurricanes.

"It will be a good challenge for us to play the two first-place teams. We've got to prove to ourselves that we can play with these teams," Donovan said.

"We will learn a lot about ourselves in those two games and know where we stand," he said.

-Michael Hayakawa



**MATT NEAL:** Forward's pair of goals not enough to save day for Stouffville in Brampton Saturday.

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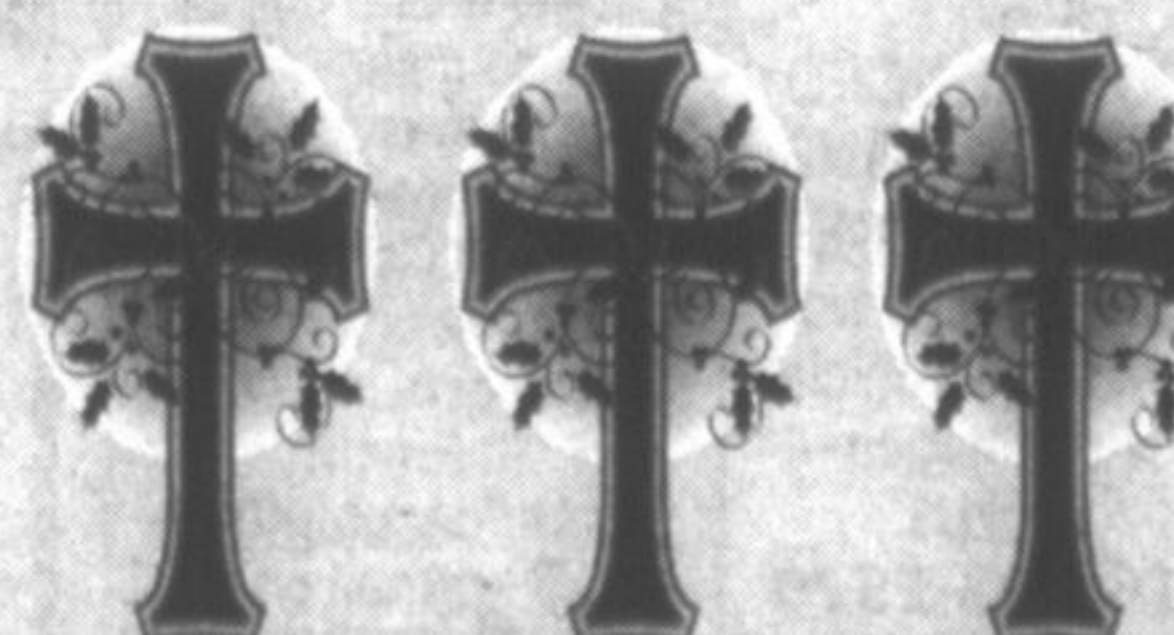
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