

**SPORTS:** Top-rated Jr. A player in E. Canada

# Serville's NHL ranking jumps

Stouffville Spirit defenceman Brennan Serville is the top-ranked Jr. A player in eastern Canada for the 2011 NHL draft.

The Pickering resident is ranked as the 104th top North American skater in NHL Central Scouting's final rankings released this week - up from 145th in the mid-term ratings.

Forward Joel Lowry of the Victoria Grizzlies is the only Canadian Jr. A player ranked higher, at 95th.

Serville, a six-foot, two-inch, 184-pounder, had three goals and 27 assists in 36 regular season games with the Spirit this past season. He was outstanding in the playoffs, leading the Spirit to the Ontario Junior Hockey League semifinals with 12 points in 19 games.

Scheduled to attend the University of Michigan this fall on a full hockey scholarship, Serville also played with the Canada East squad that settled for the silver medal at the 2010 World Junior A Hockey Challenge in Penticton, B.C.

The NHL entry draft is scheduled to take place in St. Paul, Minn., June 24 and 25.

## Spirit grad voted RIT co-captain

Daniel Spivak, a former member of the Stouffville Spirit, was named as one of three captains for the Rochester Institute of Technology Tigers men's hockey team for the 2011-12 season.

Appearing in 36 games this past season with the Tigers, Spivak, 22, recorded two assists and had a plus-six rating.

The Thornhill resident enters his senior season having played in 84 career games and was a vital cog on the blueline for the Tigers.

"I am very happy for Daniel, that his teammates have voted him a captain," said Tigers head coach Wayne Wilson. "His hard work and improvement in the last few seasons are a major reason for our success."

Spivak toiled with the Spirit for four seasons starting in 2004-05 to 2007-08.

Also named with Spivak to serve as team captains are Chris Haltigin and Chris Saracino.

## Carrick at Three Nations in Finland

Trevor Carrick was named to the 2011 Team Canada Selects team roster that will compete at the Under-20 Three Nations Cup tournament in Helsinki, Finland.

The 16-year-old Stouffville native who played this past season with the Stouffville Spirit was one of eight defencemen chosen to the 22-player roster.

The tournament, which includes teams from Finland and Sweden, began Wednesday and will wind down Sunday.

A fifth-round pick of the Mississauga-St. Michael's Majors in the 2010 Ontario Hockey League draft, Carrick was the Spirit's third-leading scorer during the postseason with two goals and 11 assists in 19 playoff games.

During the regular season, Carrick had six goals and 13 assists in 40 games.

Carrick signed a contract with the Majors to join them next season.



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