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# SPORTS

## Spirit loses sniper to U.S. loop

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The Stouffville Spirit was hoping Drake Caggiula would pick up where he left off a year ago during his rookie campaign in which he was their fifth-leading scorer with 22 goals and 23 assists in 48 regular season Ontario Junior Hockey League games.

Unfortunately for the Spirit, those plans will be scrapped when the 2011-12 regular season begins.

The 17-year-old forward informed the Spirit he will instead play for the Des Moines Buccaneers of the United States Hockey League. The Buccaneers selected Caggiula in the sixth-round of this year's USHL draft.

The Spirit will receive cash under a transfer agreement established between Hockey Canada and Hockey USA.

A native of Pickering, the five-foot, 10-inch, 160-pound Caggiula came to the Spirit last year after being chosen by the Erie Otters of the Ontario Hockey league in the third round of the 2010 OHL draft.

Caggiula's time with the Spirit was cut short after he incurred a concussion during the third round of the playoffs against the Newmarket Hurricanes.

While only playing in eight postseason

contests before his injury, Caggiula had two goals and six assists.

Spirit co-owner and general manager Kenny Burrows acknowledged he did not want to see Caggiula leave as he would have been one of his go-to players.

"We're disappointed to lose him for sure," he said.

Burrows speculated Caggiula received advice from an advisor who thought the calibre of play in the USHL was superior to the OJHL.

### TWO WEEKS UNTIL CAMP

Burrows remained optimistic the void left by Caggiula's absence will be filled when the 2011-12 season commences.

"We'll have somebody step up for sure," he said.

The Spirit opens training camp Aug. 19 at 6 p.m. at the Stouffville Arena.

Its first home pre-season tilt goes Aug. 25 against Whitby. For the team's complete exhibition schedule, go to [yorkregion.com](http://yorkregion.com)

The Spirit opens the 2011-12 regular season in Huntsville Sept. 9 at 7:30 p.m.

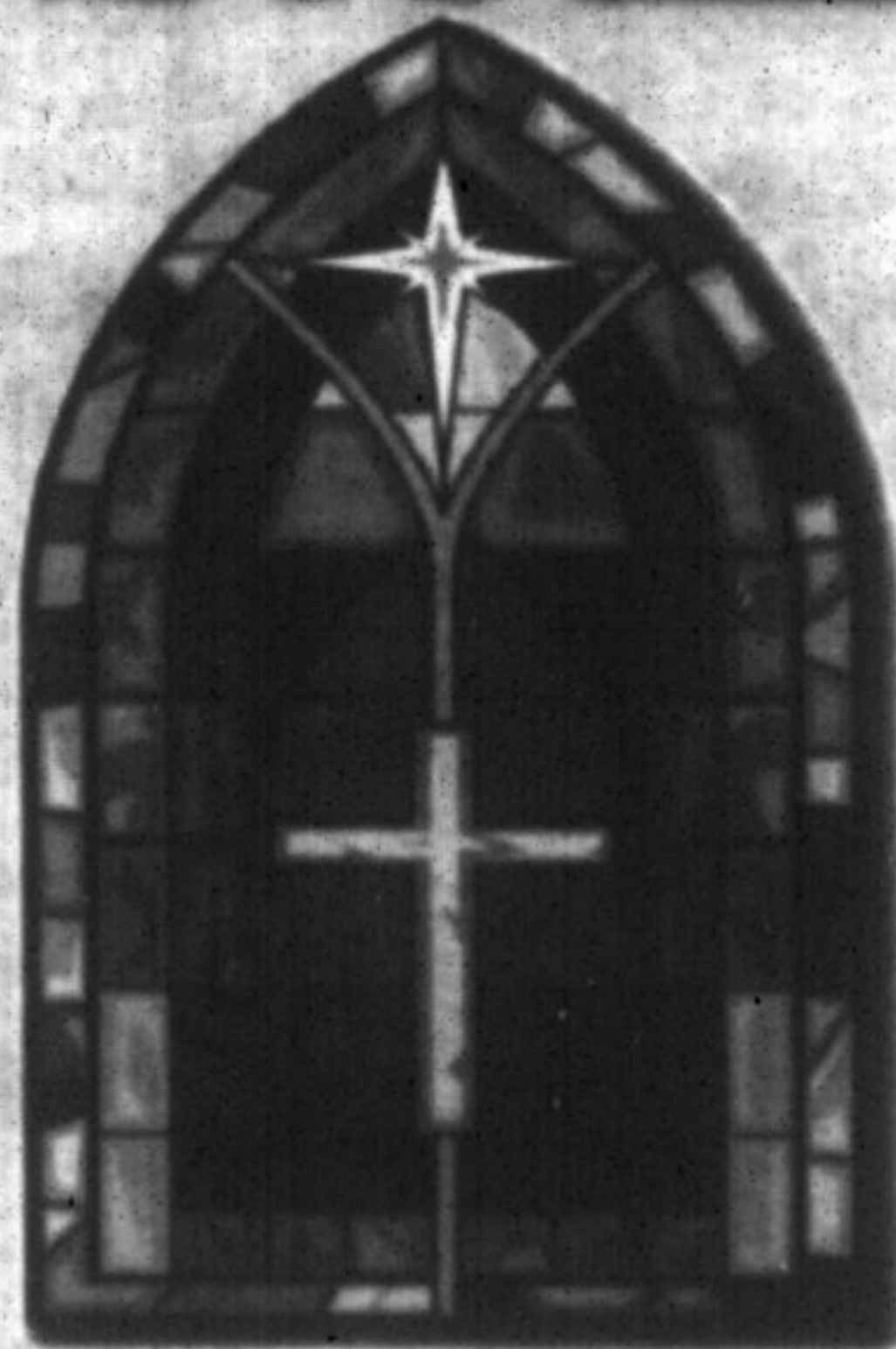
The Spirit's first home game is slated for Sept. 11 against the Orangeville Flyers at 2:30 p.m. at the Stouffville Arena.



The Newmarket Hurricanes and the rest of the OJHL won't have to worry about checking Drake Caggiula any longer. The now former Spirit player is jumping to the USHL.

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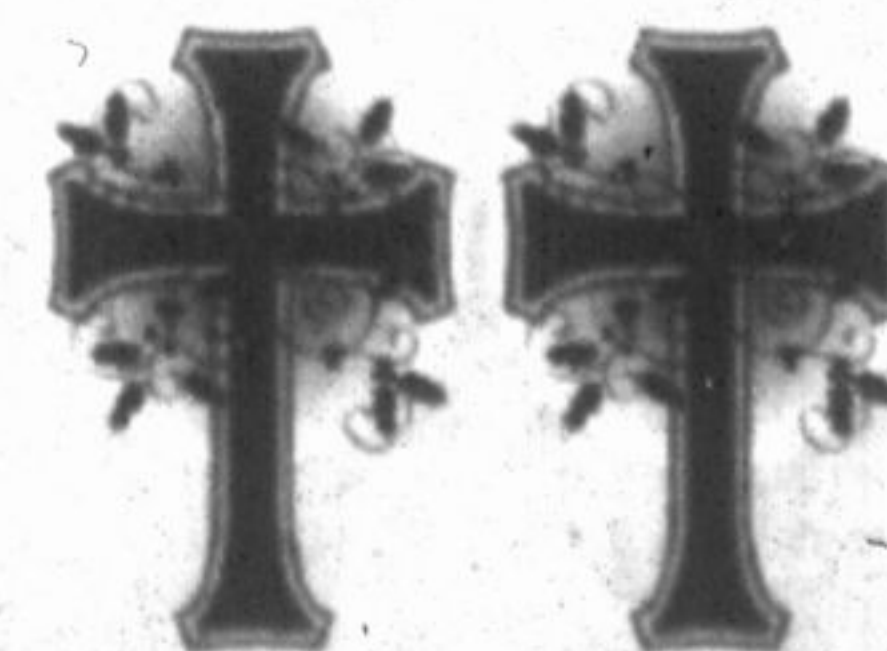
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