

JR. A NOTEBOOK: Spirt missing players, coaches during 5-game skid

# Hamilton captain, returning stars welcomed

**LAST WEEK:** Saturday: Orangeville Flyers 5 vs. Stouffville Spirt 4. Sunday: Huntsville Otters 6 vs. Spirt 5 (shootout). Spirt record: nine wins, two overtime wins, one shootout win, one shootout loss, seven losses, three overtime losses, 28 points, tied for second place with Aurora Tigers in North Division.

**COMING UP:** Saturday: Spirt at Burlington Cougars, 7:30 p.m. Sunday: Newmarket Hurricanes vs. Spirt at Stouffville Arena, 2:30 p.m.

**GAME NOTES:** The Stouffville Spirt might best describe a series of events they experienced over the last few days as a weekend from hell. For starters, the Ontario Junior Hockey League club extended its winless streak to five games after incurring losses to the host Orangeville Flyers 5-4 Saturday and Huntsville Otters 6-5 in a shootout at the Stouffville Arena Sunday.

Adding to their woes, the Spirt were missing some key personnel during the weekend. Among those included head coach Craig Donovan, who not behind the bench for either contest after being under the weather. Assistant coach Jeff Perrin was absent Sunday while attending to personal matters. While the Spirt entered their weekend games without veteran defenceman Paul Geiger and forward Drake Caggiula, both skating for the Team Canada East squad at the 2011 World Junior A Challenge in Langley, B.C., first string goalkeeper Jon Hall went down with a leg injury during Saturday's game. The defence took a hit when Robert Powers missed Sunday's tilt after serving a one-game suspension for a checking-from-behind game misconduct during Saturday's tilt. Defenceman Josh Chapman broke a skate during Sunday's game and was unable to have it repaired.

In Saturday's contest against the Flyers, the Spirt trailed 5-1 after two periods before attempting to mount a comeback in the final 20 minutes with goals from Robert Powers, Matt Heffernan and Alex Botten before regulation time expired. Chris Porter scored the first Spirt goal in the second period after trailing 3-0. The Flyers outshot the Spirt 37-36. In Sunday's game, which saw the Spirt dress just 18 players, including three defencemen, they held a 3-1 lead after two periods before the Otters battled back to tie the game in the final 20 minutes to force overtime. After a scoreless five-minute sudden-death session, the Otters won the game when their first shooter, Jordan Minello was the lone player to score during the shootout. In regulation time, Michael Robinson scored twice for the Spirt while Brandon Gaudette and Thomas Tscicos and Andrew Doyle added single tallies. The Otters outshot the Spirt 44-43.

**INSIDER:** With Donovan and Perrin absent for Sunday's game, Spirt co-owner and general manager Kenny Burrows went behind the bench. The Spirt made

a move to bolster their forward units by acquiring Christian Powers from the Hamilton Red Wings Saturday for cash. The 20-year-old Powers was the Red Wings' team captain and third-leading scorer this season with 14 goals and 14 assists in 21 games. The five-foot, 10-inch, 185-pound Powers is in his third season in the league. With Hall being out indefinitely, Knick Dawe is expected to get the starting assignment during his absence. Burrows said he will employ call ups to back up Dawe for the time being. Burrows did not think Hall's leg injury was of the lingering variety, but rather happened after the Flyers scored their third goal.

At the World Junior A tourney, Geiger and Caggiula helped Team Canada East reach Sunday's gold medal final before falling 4-2 to Team Canada West. In the league's scoring race through Sunday's games, Finch holds down second place with 14 goals and 26 assists in 22 tilts.

**GENERALLY SPEAKING:** "It was a tough weekend," Burrows said. "But it's not the end of the world. There's a lot of hockey left to play. It's a marathon."

"I thought our kids played well. Anytime you can score nine goals in two games that should be good enough to get at least one win," he said.

The problem, Burrows said of his club's two weekend setbacks, were defensive miscues.

"They made some mistakes that we've been making all year, in our defensive zone or turning the puck over."

"But the effort has been there by our kids."

Looking ahead to their games Saturday in Burlington and at home against the North Division-leading Newmarket Hurricanes Sunday, Burrows feels his club can reverse their recent fortunes, especially in having players such as Caggiula, Geiger, Robert Powers, Chapman and hopefully Christian Powers in uniform.

In acquiring Christian Powers from Hamilton, Burrows anticipates he will be a valuable asset for the team, which is currently battling the Aurora Tigers and Markham Waxers for second place in the North Division.

"He's a leader, he's a tough kid and gritty and he can put the puck in the net. He's definitely a top player in our league," he said.

Burrows is hoping Powers will make his Spirt debut during Saturday's game in Burlington.

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

- Michael Hayakawa

## Geiger, Caggiula earn silver medals, looks from NHL, NCAA teams

Paul Geiger had a great time playing for the Team Canada East entry at the 2011 World Junior A Challenge in Langley, B.C.

But if there was one thing the 19-year-old Stouffville Spirt defenceman wished he could do over during the tournament it would be to replay the final game.

In Sunday's finale, Team Canada East fell to Team Canada West 4-2 and reluctantly settled for being second best.

"The tournament was really good. It was amazing," the Stouffville resident said of his experiences at the tournament. "But our plan from Day 1 was to win gold."

"It was disappointing (not to win gold), but at the same time, we played well. Sometimes things just don't go your way."

### 'REPRESENT YOUR COUNTRY'

Playing alongside Spirt forward Drake Caggiula with Team Canada East, Geiger felt the calibre of play at the tournament was what he had anticipated, that being a notch higher and faster than what he was accustomed to while playing with the Spirt in the Ontario Junior Hockey League.

He attributed the faster pace in large part to the calibre of talent opposing teams iced.

"Most of the teams there had their top guys," he said. "The U.S. had about six guys who were already drafted by NHL teams and Team Canada West had some, too."

Every National Hockey League team had scouts in attendance along with coaches from collegiate hockey programs from south of the border.

Geiger and Caggiula have not made a college commitment.

Geiger said it was something he will relish for a long time.

"Any time you can put on the jersey and represent your country, it's incredible," he said.

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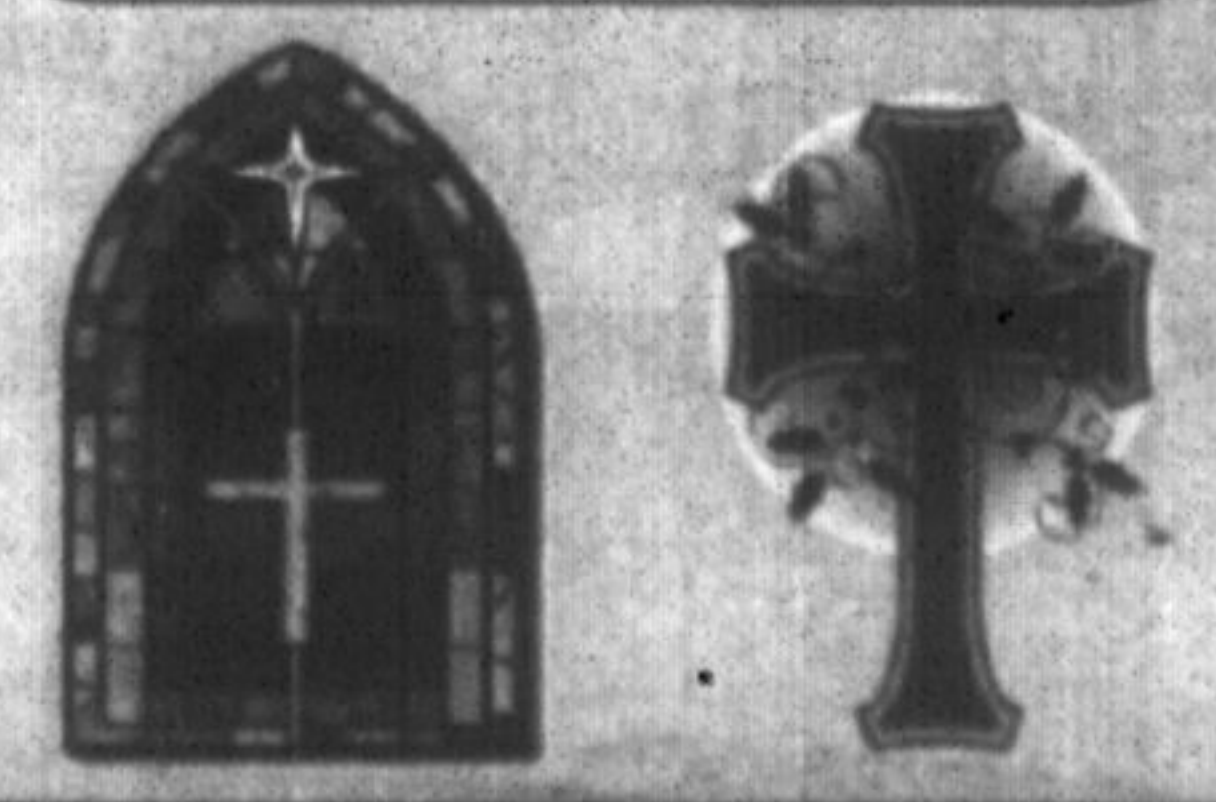
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