32 SPORTS **Struggling Spirit drop fifth straight**

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Last Week: Saturday Lost 4-3 vs. Kingston Voyageurs

Friday - Lost 3-2 (OT) at Markham Royals. Coming Up: Saturday vs. Whitby Fury, Stouffville Arena, 7:30 p.m

Game Notes: Kingston built a 4-0 lead by the 24-minute mark and held off a Spirit comeback bid that included second-period power play goals by Andrew Hughes and Brett McInall. Joseph Teofilo netted a third-period goal to close out the scoring.

Goals by McInall and James Waldron staked

Stouffville to 1-0 and 2-1 period leads against Markham. The Royals forced overtime in the final minute of the third period and won the game on Laine McKay's tally 82 seconds into extra time.

The Skinny: Stouffville has lost five straight games and managed just one of a possible 10 points in that period to fall four points behind the North Division-leading Markham Rovals.

The Spirit enters the week sitting one point behind Kingston Voyageurs for sixth seed overall in the North-East Conference and two back of fifth-place Wellington Dukes.

Goaltender Hunter Jones and defenceman Kyle Thomas are among 40 players attending the final selection camp to be held Dec. 3 to 7 for Team Canada East. The squad will compete at the World Junior A Challenge to be held Dec. 11 to 17 in Bonnyville, Alberta.

The Spirit acquired Connor Rider from the Markham Royals in exchange for Justin Bennett in a swap of forwards last week.

Record: 14-8-1-2

2nd in North Division. 7th seed in North-East Conference.

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