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Midgets tie back-to-back

The Stouffville Midgets faced their toughest competition yet, when they came up against the Ajax Major Midget squad last week in back-to-back tournament play.

In Ajax on Thursday evening, the Clippers stayed with their hosts until the third period when the Ajax power play capitalized on two consecutive opportunities for a 7-4 win. Mike Anderson led the Clipper scoring tally

with a pair, with singles from Bill Hutchison and Chris Brown.

The following evening saw Stouffville host Ajax and play one of their best games of the season to edge their visitors 6-5. Mike Anderson again played a strong game, scoring two goals - including the winner - and killing off a number of penalties. Chris Brown added a pair while Mike Feasby added a single.

The Clippers have

proved that they are capable of playing in a much high classification within the OMHA, whereas the Ajax AA Major Midgets have been together for four years; last year, as Minor Midgets, Ajax went all the way to the final before losing the title to Port Colbourne in the OMHA championship.

The Clippers host Richmond Hill in exhibition play tonight at 9:15.

Juniors edged by Lindsay

It is difficult to imagine how the A & S Construction Clippers ever lost 18-1 to Lindsay a few weeks ago, especially after their excellent showing against them at the Arena on Saturday evening.

Steve Chip made 48 saves in net for the Clippers, while the goals came from Dave Scott (2) and Kelly

Shanklin; Murray Rouse coming in on both assists.

The Clippers really did put on a sparkling performance and proved they can still lift a playoff berth, even with the Uxbridge Bruins breathing down their neck.

The Clippers took minimal penalties, ten in total, and produced some excellent third

period passing plays, bouncing the puck off the pipes on no less than three occasions in the final minutes.

The game was tied 1-1 at the end of the first, 3-3 at the end of the second. As for the third period, the Clippers certainly did not deserve to lose it by a single goal. The final 4-3 tally could well have been in the Clipper's favor.

Atoms chalk up another

Extending their undefeated streak to eight, last week the Sound of Music Atom Clippers picked up two more in the win column, defeating Pickering and Markham.

Hosting Pickering on Monday evening, the Clippers sent them home with a 3-2 loss.

Jeremy Hall Rapped in Jamie Campbell's

rebound in the first shift of the game, to get things off on the right foot. Brad Blacktop made it 2-0, assisted by Billy Payne early in the second period.

The Village replied before the end of the second, but Campbell potted the eventual winner midway through the third, assisted by Billy Payne

and Giles Francis.

Thursday, in Markham, playing without three regular members, the Clippers skated to a 2-0 shutout. Marksmen were Jeremy Hall from Danny McNeil, and Keith Piette from Jason Underwood and Francis. Danny Wilson was strong in net, making some very fine saves.

Bantams give college try

Say what you like, there is nothing more heartening than a team that keeps on trying week after week against very tough opposition and ends up producing an award-winning performance when all seems lost, such a team is the Bantam Clippers.

Having been battered in their last game against Keswick - they lost 12-8 - the gutsy team took on the fast shooting, hard hitting

Keswick team on Friday evening and came from behind to tie up in the final nine minutes of play; that's trying for you.

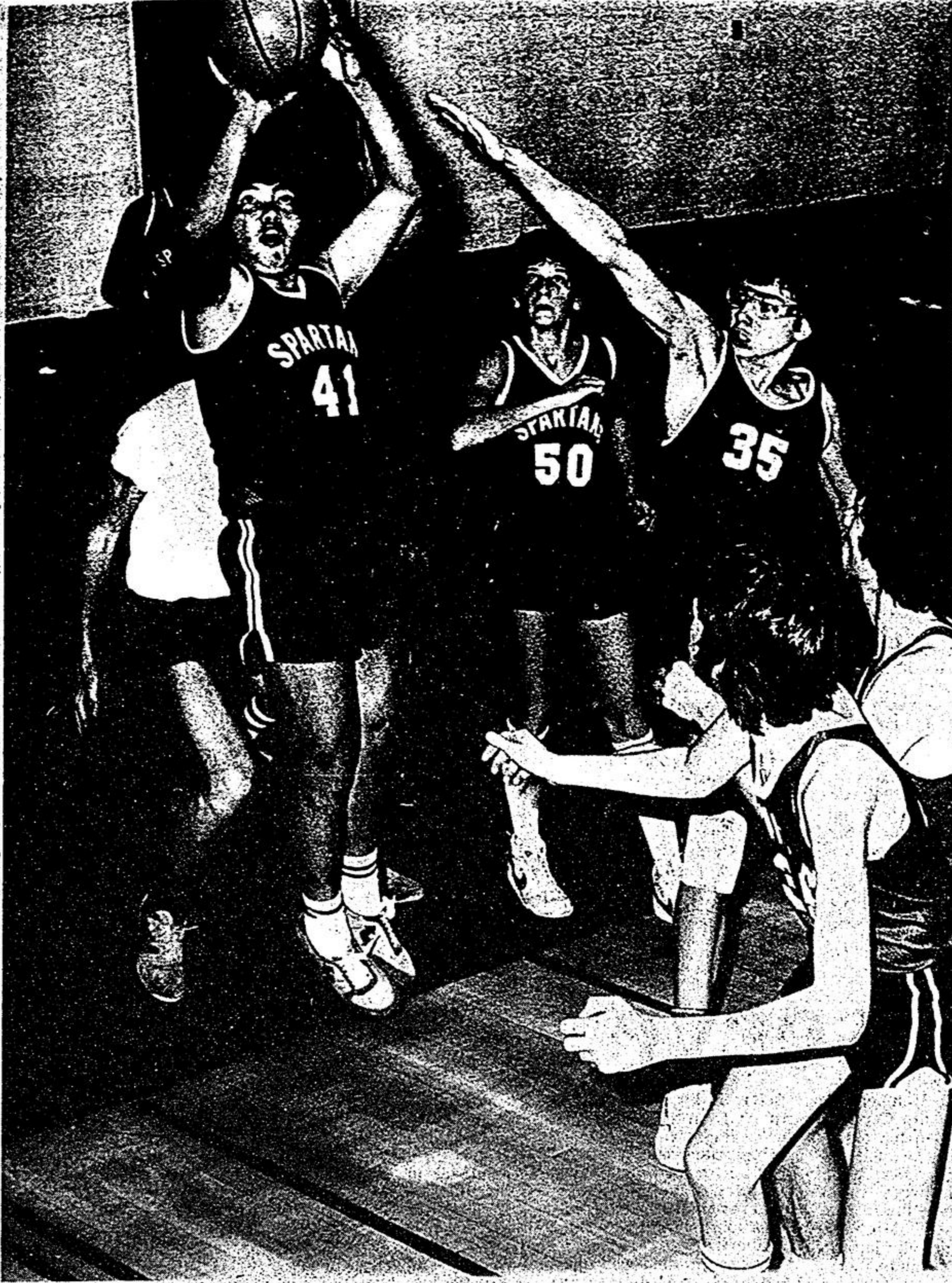
Trailing 4-0 halfway through the third period, Jeff Christianson's goal turned the game around. Ninety seconds later Dave Fockler got the first of his two consecutive unassisted goals, while Tim Evans tipped in the puck on a beautiful pass by Ian Marshall.

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with only 16 seconds left to play.

It was a much needed and heartening performance by the Clippers. Coach Vern Thompson was well pleased with their big effort, but he insists that they can do better if only they will learn to play for a full three periods.

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High school Midget basketball team captain, Wayne Cheng, lays-up for the basket in the Spartans game against the Woodbridge Warriors in their game last week. The Warriors went ahead to win 52-43 in the final quarter.

The Warrior visit also marked the return of Wayne Nugent, who previously taught at Stouffville. Wayne is now Phys. Ed. department head at Woodbridge. - Jim Holt

Spartan midget team show lots of talent

This year's high school midget basketball team have one thing in common; they are all rookies. Although a number played at grade eight level last year, none have previously played at midget level.

Pivot of the team is their captain, Wayne Cheng, who, inevitably, because of the intensity of his play, dominates the boards.

He also displays a fine lay-up. Back-up centre is Jim Stephenson, who is obviously eager to learn. With enough practice Jim will undoubtedly prove a team keystone, if only because of his size, an

undoubted asset to any team.

The forwards are gaining more experience with each game. Rob Hart is rapidly becoming one of the team's better rebounders, while John Petrie, also proving useful under the boards, is developing a nice stance at the baseline.

This year's guards are all good ball handlers. Sheldon Rennicks, standing a cool 5', is a coaches dream - no not his height, but his ability to listen and obey instructions; there are occasions when he can even be caught trying to get the

rebound. Left-hander Keith Grose is adept at dribbling and is shaping up well. Shawn Duncalfe and Bill Hughes have the ability, but will have to slow their game down a little so as to acquire that on-board sixth sense that only comes with discipline, practice and lots of games.

Alwyn Rose may not have too much height (another five-footer), but he is a very disciplined player. Another guard is Chris Harper; excellent at defense, but he must learn not to reach. He will, undoubtedly, eventually become a backbone on future Spartan teams

as he gives 100% in every game. His flashes of inspiration seem to rub off on his teammates.

This year's coach is Steve Rendall. Steve has a tough job ahead of him, but already his efforts are beginning to show a return.

In their game against the Woodbridge Warriors on Friday afternoon, the Midgets held their own right up until the final quarter when the visitors increased the lead by five more points to take the win 52-43.

First quarter scores were even at 16 apiece, with the Spartans leading until the final mi-

nute of play. Second quarter play saw the Spartans trail by 8 points at 30-22, but some nice baskets by Cheng and hard work by the team brought them within four points, 38-34, of the Warriors. The sustained strong effort by the Spartans petered out in the final quarter and the much stronger Warriors helped themselves to some nice intercepts and break-aways. However, the final score was not too hard to take for a team that up until seven days ago was still making cuts.

All in all the Midget Spartans are suddenly looking good.

In sweep

The Novice Allstar Clippers continue to sweep the opposition aside, this time a 3-0 shutout against Pickering on Saturday.

Goals came from

David Caramanico, Darrel Vanderligt, Jason Whitebread (1 Ass). Assists came from Marty Cordell, Paul Trentadue and Brandon Pridham.

Shutout!

The Family trust Atom, selects tagged another win on Nov. 29 this time against Uxbridge Barton Sports; romping home with an 8-0 shutout.

The team played well, putting in an above average performance with good offence and defence. The shutout was

shared by Basil Luciano and Todd Myles, both of whom were excellent in net.

Goals came from Brent Gould 2, Dayle Lewis, Jason Maskery, Jeff Cowley, Gai Biadi, D.J. Rugelis and Mike Rozario. Assists went to Biadi, Gould, Eilert Fraser, Cable Baker, Lewis, Rugelis and Scott Fraser.

He's a pro

PIONEER VILLAGE - One of the things that amazes people most when they visit the Harnessmaker's Shop at Black Creek Pioneer Village, says Isaac Baker, is the weight of the hide a cow carries about during its lifetime. Urban dwellers, in particular, but a large percentage of farm people as well, don't realize that cowhide is as thick as it is well over a quarter inch in several places.

Isaac Baker, the harnessmaker who staffs the shop in pre-Confederation crossroads community in Downsview, on the northwestern outskirts of Toronto, loves the feel of good leather and loves to tell people about the pioneer harnessmaker and his work.

Baker, whose kind, serene face reflects his Mennonite belief, is well-qualified for his interpreter's job at the Village, having been a harnessmaker all his life. The spry, sharp-minded octogenarian entered the trade as a young apprentice in 1920 and served a five-year indenture before setting out on his own in the village of Concord. In 1929, he built a house and shop in the community, a few miles north of Toronto, and ran the business until 1980, when he sold it to a man who had

learned his trade at Isaac's side.

At first, Baker made only harness, but as more and more people came to his shop he found his business taking on greater variety. Soon he was making horse collars, then dog collars and even special collars for pet animals such as cougars and bears. Before the advent of plastic in artificial limbs, several parts of these prosthetic devices were commonly made of leather. It became a regular practice for Baker to repair or replace worn out parts of artificial limbs brought to him by area residents.

At Black Creek Pioneer Village, the living 1800's community operated by The Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, visitors can see Isaac Baker busy plying his trade. His reputation has followed him from his previous place of business. Former customers and others who have heard of his skills from visitors to Black Creek, often come to him to have their equipment needs fulfilled. Today, he does a lot of custom work on saddles and harnesses, and if called upon to do so, can turn out a horse collar, especially, made to fit a particular animal.

Girls' hockey tourney proves to be rough

In tournament play on Sunday evening, the Girls' hockey league set a hot pace with wins in the junior and intermediate division, and a near riot in the senior division in what was supposed to be the feature game of the night; no less than 70 minutes in penalties when Altona Autobody met Scarborough and took a 3-1 loss.

Farmer Jack's Bantam girls edged Leaside 3-2, despite a defensive attitude by both squads in the opening and second periods; the goals not coming until Leaside opened the scoring half way through the final frame. Laurie Taylor, From Tracey Short, replied within a minute of the visitor's goal.

Bridgitte Edwards, from Kristin Graham, replied to Leaside's second tally.

It was Taylor who

potted the winner, just three minutes before the buzzer on Deanne Evan's assist.

Jenny Altilia played a very strong game on defense and Shawn Morrison and Janette St. John shared goalkeeping duties with some inspired saves.

Newtonbrook Block eked out a 1-0 win over Protective Rustproofing, the solitary goal coming six minutes into the opening frame.

Inspired goaltending by Terry Piette 'blocked' any further attempts by Newtonbrook to find the net and it was unfortunate that Rustproofing failed to find the range.

Michelle Coppins played an excellent game for Rustproofing.

An inspired performance by the Intermediate A & M Records squad saw them double

a strong Willowdale squad 4-2.

Karen Brodie opened the scoring on Denise Coppins assist, Willowdale replying before the end of the first.

A blistering shot by Julie Thompson halfway through the second period; the assist coming from hard working Dawn Stewart, while Jackie Armett got the range when she drove in Karen Brodie's pass to lead 3-1. With less than two minutes left, Willowdale found the range, setting the pace for an "anything can happen" third period.

Holding on to their one goal lead the 'Rustproofers' clinched the win on Andrea Tricker's shot on an empty net.

In the senior game things got just a little out of hand. Altona Autobody going down

3-1 against a powerful Scarborough squad.

Both teams came ready for battle - and battle they did. At the drop of the puck the lights flashed and both coaches told their charges to 'go'. Before they mayhem was complete, both teams had been in the box for elbowing, slashing, interference, tripping, high-sticking, roughing and one or

two other obscure infractions seldom heard of; a total of 70 minutes in penalties being shared between the combatants.

Action there was, hockey it was not. Fortunately, the game was not representative of girls' hockey - thank heavens, and for most of the spectators the tournament was well worth supporting.

During working hours.

Dance starts at 8:00 pm with buffet, bar and disc jockey.

Bring your wife, girlfriend or present "squeeze" The Trojans are renowned for their hospitality

Trojan rugby club dance

Stouffville's rugby football club, The Trojans, will hold their annual dance this Friday at the Ballantrae Community Centre.

Tickets are \$6 (\$12 a couple) and are available from members, or at The Tribune office

Mike Anderson

Midget profiles

This week's Midget Profile is 16 year old centre Mike Anderson, a grade 11 student of Stouffville High. Mike has been playing in all-star hockey for eight years, in both Midget and Bantam 'A' squads.

Other sporting interests are volleyball, basketball and water skiing, he is also a rock music fan.

In the recent midget games against the Ajax AA squad, Mike tallied four goals in total. His line is with Ken Burrows and Mike Feasby and he is assistant captain of the team.

A popular player with the fans, he seldom gets a penalty and is quite the breakaway scoring artist.

Talkative, both on the bench and in the dressing room, Mike motivates his team with a continual flow of chatter and is a team cornerstone.

