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## Peewee champions

Battling to the point of exhaustion in a marathon eight period (5x10 minutes of overtime) the Peewee Clippers proved they had more stamina than their finalist opponents in the Richmond Hill tournament last week.

The 2-1 victory for the Stouffville squad came when Craig Stronach picked up a loose puck and flipped it over the exhausted and recumbent body of the Woodbridge goaltender, clinching the 'A' division title after what must have been one of the longest overtime periods recorded in the tournaments history. The goal came at the 1:25 mark.

Kevin Francis, on Danny Larmer's pass, put Stouffville ahead in the first period, with Woodbridge tying it up five minutes later and the teams settled in for their draw-out battle for the title.

The outstanding overall performance by Stouffville's net-minder Scott Evans peaked in the final game when he came under heavy attack from the Woodbridge big shooters. Woodbridge's goalie, standing at just under six feet, was nearly as good. He foiled numerous Stouffville attempts to end the game early, but they just couldn't get the puck past this giant peewee.

The trip to the final was no easy ride for the home team, and Richmond Hill retained their reputation for attracting some of the finest peewee hockey teams in the area.

Despite their 7-0 blanking of Downsview the opening game was no walkover for Stouffville. Their opponents could easily have taken the initiative were it not for some fine saves by Scott Evans early on. Goals came from Kirk Smythe, Mike Ferguson, Kevin Francis, Sven Henzke, Darron Baston, Tonio Trentadue

and Kevin Blacktop. In their semi-final against Niagara Falls the team came away with a 2-1 edge that saw Darryl Ham, Craig Mucci Brad Tiley and Aaron McWilliams continue to frustrate the opposition lines with some excellent and imaginative defensive plays. Their performance throughout the tournament was excellent. Goals came from Kent Smythe with the opener, while Francis, on assists from Larmer and McWilliams, made it 2-0 two minutes later. Niagara averted a shutout when they scored in the final seconds of play.

After their win against Woodbridge (a 3 hour and 15 minute battle) the team found themselves with a 10:30 pm starting time against the 'AA' division winners, the Toronto Aero's, for the Grand Championship.

It was too much for the home squad. Battered, tired and exhausted they gallantly took to the ice but, unfortunately, they had nothing left to give. Scott Evans had to leave the net at the end of the first period, due to a back injury, while Lee Armitt took over. The gutsy Evans refused to stay off the ice and was back by the end of the second period.

An unassisted goal by Kent Smythe in the second period averted a shutout, but the Aero's went on to a 6-1 win in the 'AA' Championship.

Coach Grant Nesbitt, Manager Nelson Ham and Trainer John Tiley expressed their delight at their team's performance and championship win and wish to thank the parents, fans, also those members of other teams who gave them such strong support, particularly in the final games, for their encouragement throughout the tournament.



Don Appleton, President of the Stouffville Progress Club, was on hand to present his club's plaque to this year's winners of the Stouffville minor hockey association's annual house league tournament for peewee and novice teams. Proudly receiving the trophy on behalf of the Hathaway novice team are Danny Clements (centre) and Glenn Hathaway. ---Jim Holt

## House league battle for tourney titles

If enthusiasm and activity can be used as a yardstick, then the Christmas holidays, as far as the novice and peewee divisions of the Stouffville minor hockey association were concerned, was a huge success.

During the Christmas holiday week the annual house league hockey tournament at the Arena attracted seven peewee and six novice teams; a total of 158 players taking part in what was a tense, exciting and boisterous tournament that left everyone, organizers, parents and players alike, thoroughly exhausted.

Each participant was given a crest prior to their opening game, with the winners receiving gold and the runners-up silver medals.

For the novice teams it was the first games they had played on full ice. They even had their names announced before the final.

Even at 7 am the Arena buzzed with great activity, while the games had an intensity and excitement unknown in everyday house league play.

In the peewee division Custom Concrete reached the final after winning all four of their games; defeating Rental 5-1, Cedar Beach 7-4, Co-op 6-3 and A.T. Services 11-2.

The Legion team, with three wins and one loss, got into the final after downing Byers 3-1 in their fourth and deciding game. This was Byers only defeat of the tournament. The Legion defeated A.T. Services 7-0, Co-op 8-3 and Byers 3-1. Their only loss was posted with Rental who edged them 4-3. A.T. Services upset everyone's predictions by posting a 3-2 win against Rental in the final.

In the novice division Commercial were in first place going into the finals, with three wins and no losses. Their record showed a 12-0 blanking of Beckers, 4-0 against Schell Lumber and 9-1 over McNeil. Hathaway was in second place, also with three wins and a record of 8-2 against Beckers, 9-2 over Schell Lumber and a 3-3 tie with the Kinsmen. Hathaway secured their playoff spot for scoring the first goal in their game against the Kinsmen. This was the Kinsmen's only loss. Previously they had downed Beckers 8-1 and McNeil 4-0.

In the Kinsmen peewee house league tournament final, Karsten Henzke led the scoring with a five goal salvo for Custom's 9-3 win over the Legion, while Steve Oldham tallied a hat trick and two assists. Craig

Johannessen notched a single and two assists. Assists also came from Jay Edwards (4), Darren Gornall and Shawn Schewers.

Scoring for the Legion were Peter Hary, Steve Hutchison and David Petramala (1 assist). Other assists came from Steve LeMotte (2), James Hume, Kevin Atkinson and Jason Stover.

The Progress Club novice tournament final saw Hathaway down Commercial 6-1 with a hat trick from Kevin Sutton and a pair of goals from Glen Hathaway. David Sporeenber added a single and an assist, with assists going to Chad Stover and Shayne Wilcox.

Darryl McMann scored Commercial's solitary goal, with assists from Jason Brown and Dwayne Vanderligt.

The organizers would like to thank everyone who put so much time and effort into running the tournament, especially Maurice Hamilton, Bill Ormson, Ray Steel, Barry Gyton, Larry Grove and Eric Blundon for running the clock and keeping the score sheets. Also a big thank you to the coaches for their dedication and hard work.

## Bantams come alive over holiday season

The Edwards-Murphy Stouffville Bantams finished 1982 with a

brilliant tournament-winning performance after spending the first part of the season with a losing streak as long as your arm; they won only three games in the first half of the season.

At Unionville, on Dec. 28 the team met Listowel in the first round of tournament play and came through with a close 5-4 win. Goals came from Sean McQuigge's hat trick and Tim Evans' and Jeff Christianson's singles.

Having set the pace, the team went on to edge a strong Ajax team 3-2 and advance to the 'A' division championship round; goals came from McQuigge, Dave Fockler and Burky Elsmar.

A pre-game pep talk from coach Vern Thomson, who pointed out that having come that far they might as well win the tourney, must have made an impression. They did. Downing Sarnia 4-3 in a game that could only be described as a 'barn-burner'.

Markers came from McQuigge, Sean Pennant, Russell King and Fockler.

In their second holiday tournament, on Thursday, the Bantams went to Port Perry and put their hosts out of their own tournament with a 4-2 win in the opening round. Goals came from McQuigge, Fockler and Tim Evans. Winning their fifth game in as many days the team went on to win the semi-final and advance to the championship round against Uxbridge, whom they had previously met but never beaten. The story was no different this time. Despite a strong effort by Stouffville they were doubled 6-3.

Having won five out of six consecutive games in tournament play the Bantams proved they have the ability and strength to greatly improve their league record. Tonight will give them their chance when they again meet Uxbridge.

## Oldtimer hockey

Entertainment is guaranteed this Friday night (Jan. 7) when the Oldtimer Classics clash with the CKVR No-Stars at the Arena.

Opening the program at 7 pm will be a game between the Clipper Oldtimers and Scarborough Oldtimers (first class hockey guaranteed), followed by the fun

event of the evening, a couple of hours of hockey hilarity that the kids will just love.

With a reputation for doing the unexpected, the No-Stars are guaranteed to surprise and delight any audience.

Tickets are available from Giles Chev-Olds, or at the door. Price \$2. Children free.

## In my opinion

By Jim Holt  
 Sports Editor



Rebutting my predictions that we shall never have a new arena, and reaffirming (just a little) my faith in politicians, I spoke to our esteemed mayor last week and learned that he is solidly behind the Town having a new replacement for our current eyesore. Furthermore, you (and that includes me) of little faith, can rest assured that he does not want to spend one red cent on the present building. Bravo! bravo! bravo!

His main concern, so he says, has been making sure that the Town can afford a new arena. Also, that "...the taxpayer will not have to bear too heavy a burden." He also opined that the sporting organizations will have to work hard to produce revenue as grants become more difficult, in some cases impossible, to obtain. There is no lack of support there. Their enthusiasm is boundless.

He also reminded me that it is just two years since he tabled a motion for a new arena; point taken. However, there does seem, to me at least, a sad lack of information regarding progress (or lack of it).

Council's tardiness in appointing a new parks and recreation committee is causing concern to one or two people who want to "get on with it". Rest assured that by January 11 the committee will be appointed and in place (Eldred said).

Newly appointed council member Margot Marshall of Cedar Valley is one of two council members appointed to the parks and recreation committee. She affirms that she is in favor (with reservations that are financial) of a new arena. However, since it is over a year since she last visited our present ice-pad, I suggest she go take a look and discover just how badly we need a new building.

It would be remiss of me to ignore the time-honored tradition of making a few predictions for the New Year. Poss-

ibly, they are written with tongue-in-cheek, but not without a grain of truth. Bear with me and, if possible, send me your own predictions. We will go over them 12 months hence and see how far out we all were. Here goes:

1. Someone will build a house (singular) on Dulverton.
2. The Arena will burn down (hopefully).
3. Mayor King will be offered a seat on the board of York Sanitation.
4. George Schlukker (our chief librarian) will continue to scatter the landscape with funny looking pieces of unidentifiable sculpture; making it look like a cross between Stonehenge and the Uxbridge Wreckers.
5. Becker's Midget hockey team will get as far as the provincial semi-finals (at least).
6. Gasoline prices will drop drastically in the spring.
7. A councillor, probably one of the new one's, will disagree with the Mayor.
8. My boss will give me my very own VDT unit (dream on).
9. The Minor hockey executive will be overwhelmed with volunteers at its next annual general meeting.
10. Ed. Grimshaw will talk to me again.
11. The Stouffville Theatre Group will stage 'Oh, Calcutta' for twelve sell-out performances at Latcham Hall.
12. Jim Thomas, our esteemed editor, will get a new camera (but don't put money on it).
13. I'll be appointed to the parks and recreation committee (I've only been trying for three years).
14. Betz Pools will win the AHL playoff final on a Saturday night.
15. The soccer club will be given acreage for three new soccer fields at Ballantrae.
16. The High School Junior rugby team will win the York County title.
17. There will be no increase in the cost of ice-time next season.

## Reach Silver Stick finals

Beckers Milk Midgets opened the Silver Stick hockey tournament with a convincing 9-2 over their Midland hosts during the holiday season. Chris Brown led the Stouffville scoring with five goals. He also received the game's MVP award.

Wednesday's game against Bowmanville's Major Midgets saw the Stouffville team play their best game of the tournament with an impressive 7-1 win.

Bill Hutchison Jr. led the scoring with two goals and three assists, while Chris Brown also added a pair of goals and two assists. Third member of the line, Lee Brown, also tallied with a single and two assists. Darryl Brown and John Jamieson rounded out the scoring with singles.

As expected, the toughest opposition came from Aurora's Major Midgets in the championship final. They edged Stouff-

ville 3-2 in a very close game for the title.

After trailing 2-0 in the first period, Stouffville came back with goals from Chris Brown and Doug McQuigge to tie the game early in the third frame. Unfortunately, Stouffville took a penalty with only three minutes left to play and Aurora used the power-play situation to good advantage, scoring and winning the title.

Coach Bill Hutchison was more than satisfied with the team's performance, despite a very sloppy first period in the final, and felt they were very competitive in the third period when they came close to winning.

Joe Risk's exceptional performance in net saw him chosen as the game's MVP.

The Midgets resume play on January 7 when they travel to Sutton for a league game.

## Close finish

After battling their way to the semi-finals in tournament play at Baltimore, Ont., over the holiday season, Farmer Jack's girls' bantam hockey team were forced to bow out with a 4-1 loss against Bellville in the 'A' championship round.

In their opener against Newcastle, the Stouffville team opened the play with a 4-0 lead at the end of the first period. Laurie Taylor collecting a hat trick with three successive goals, while Shawn Morrison added a single. Assists went to Morrison and Kim Guthrie.

Laurie Taylor extended the lead to 5-0 in the second period with no reply from Newcastle.

Newcastle got on the board early in the third period but were swamped by another three goal salvo; this time by Suzanne Nedgial - her shot skid-

ding off the goalie's helmet into the net - Laurie Taylor and Kim Guthrie.

The third period was again a Stouffville affair. Newcastle replied with a single but were already out of contention. Shawn Morrison fired two more goals (from Jennifer Attilia and Kristin Graham) to sink their opponents 10-2.

Bellville, fresh from a 15-0 win, came looking for an easy victory against their much younger, smaller opponents, and got it. However, it was no walkover.

Despite a 4-0 lead at the end of the second period, Bellville were kept off the board in the final frame; Shawn Morrison scoring from just inside the blue line, Kristin Graham's assist to avoid a shutout.

## Atoms edged at Beverton

A home and home series with Whitby saw the Sound of Music Clippers emerge with three out of a possible four points.

At the Brooklyn arena the Clippers tripled their opponents 6-2 with Jason Underwood and Lee Scaife both tallying a pair of goals, while singles went to Robbie Mountjoy and Giles Francis. In the return match on home ice the teams skated to a 5-5 tie with Billie Payne leading the scoring with a pair of goals and assists. Keith Piette also tallied a pair and Jamie Campbell recorded a single.

In tournament play at Beaverton the Clippers came within 45 seconds of forcing overtime in the championship game against Sutton, who managed to pop the puck in for a 4-3 win.

The Clippers tripled Oakwood 6-2 in the opener, firing four unanswered goals in the first period. Marksmen were: Jason Underwood, Campbell, Piette and Jeremy Hall. Singles by Lee Scaife and Brad Blacktop nullified further efforts by Oakwood.

A 8-2 win over Keswick, who had beaten them in a previous tournament, saw the Clippers open up a 4-0 lead with a flying

start with goals from Campbell (from Drae Glover), an unassisted effort by Glover, Underwood (from Blacktop) and Glover once again.

Keswick managed to get on the board in the second period, but a further onslaught by the Clippers in the third put Keswick's hopes out of reach. Goals came from Piette (from Scaife and Campbell), Campbell (from Piette and Francis), and despite Keswick getting one back the point collecting contued with markers by Jeremy Hall (from Scaife) and Piette (from Campbell and Robbie McClure).

Most valuable player awards went to Jamie Campbell (forward) and Brad Blacktop (defense). Both received medals.

Sutton proved as tough as expected and took a 1-0 lead before Francis banged in a reply on Campbell's goalmouth pass. Sutton again replied and it was Lee Scaife who tied it up late in the second period.

Hopes were raised when the Clippers went ahead on Jamie Campbell's goal (from Robbie Mountjoy and Dan McNeil), but Sutton pulled out all the stops and the lead slipped by to a 4-3 loss.



Worth their weight in gold

The Stouffville Figure Skating Club honored two of its talented senior members at a small ceremony at the Arena on Dec. 27. The two skaters, Cindy Wilson and Peter Mellon, have had

their names inscribed on a special plaque, recording the names of members who have achieved their Gold level tests. Both Cindy and Peter have achieved double golds. ---Jim Holt