

Novices edged

In their home game against a Markham A squad on Friday night, the Neil Patrick Novice Clippers set a hot pace in an evenly matched contest that could have gone either way, unfortunately they were edged 2-1.

First period action saw end-to-end play, with Markham posting a 1-0 lead towards the end of the period.

The Clippers came back in the middle frame. They broke up the Markham attack, the offensive line plugging away until Phil Pridham finally came up with the tie. The assists went to Lindsay Haylow and Geoff Smith.

With both defensive lines holding firm, it looked as if the third period would end in a tie. However, with just over a minute left to play, Markham blasted in a shot from the point that just managed to find the corner of the Clipper net.

Strong performances came from defenceman Sian Morrison and netminder Jason Brown.

Elitist soccer?

Dear Jim,
I am distressed, but not surprised, with the decision of the Whitchurch Stouffville Soccer Club to delegate their responsibility for house league soccer to the neighbouring town of Uxbridge.

Parents of house league players now have to decide whether to travel to Uxbridge, a distance of 25 kms, twice a week (game and practice) or to enrol their kids in another sport.

At the same time, I am not surprised. Since 1982 the leadership of the club has been oriented towards competitive soccer only. Little, if any, effort has gone into house league, with the result that total registration dropped from 414 players in 1981 to 298 players in 1984.

It is apparent that the W.S.S.C wishes to be elitist. Therefore, further, tax-payers grants, as well as playing facilities, should be reserved for true community spirited clubs, maybe even another soccer club.

Casey Van Maris
Past president WSSC

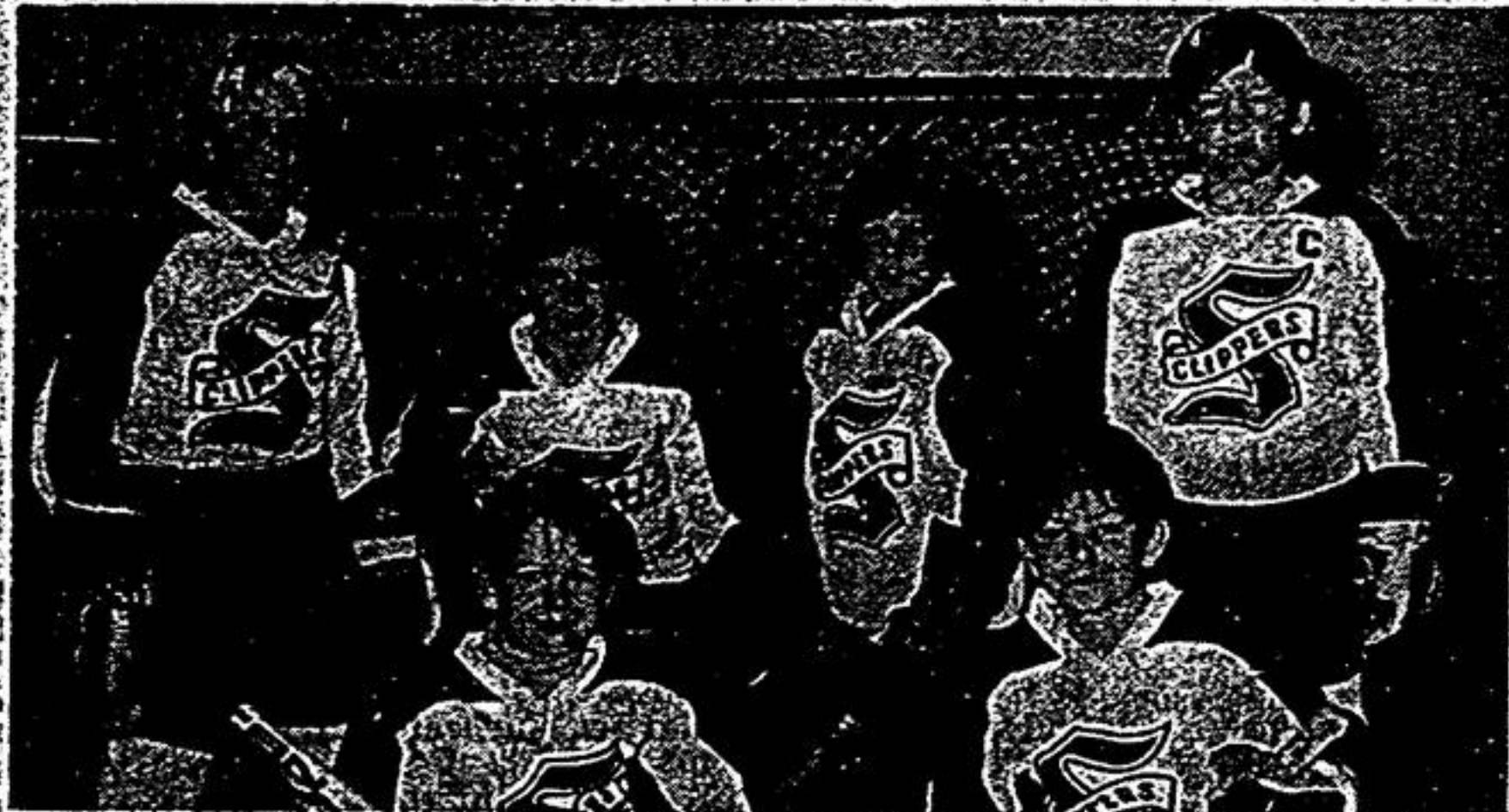
Classics tie Port Perry

The Giles Chev-Olds Classics Oldtimer squad came within an ace of winning their game against Port Perry's Oldtimers last week, despite trailing 3-0 halfway through the game.

George Collins gave the Classics a boost with a two goal salvo at the halfway mark, both the assists going to Doug Gornall.

Don Kimura fired the puck into the corner of the net with an impressive goal early in the third period; Wayne Jackson laying it on Kimura's stick with the perfect pass. The Classics went ahead 4-3 when Doug Gornall deflected Rich Hughes' shot into the net, but their hosts were determined they were not going home with a win and tied it up two minutes later.

John Willis put in an excellent performance in the Classics' net.



Stouffville's youngest allstar team, the Neil Patrick novice Clippers, start their playoffs this Friday. Guarding the Clipper net be the defence of: (back row) 1 to r Jason Reesor, Jason Brown, Dwayne Vanderligt and Geoff Smith (front row) 1 to r: John McKinnon and David Mountjoy.

Select-Inter game ends in 5-5 tie

Saturday night's game at the arena between the AHL Selects and the Intermediate squad was probably one of the best seen at the old arena for some time. The clash, which could be classed as Experience vs Youth, turned out to be an excellent case for non-contact hockey. It was fast, skilful and, what is more important, a crowd-pleaser.

The game ended in a satisfactory 5-5 tie, but neither side dominated the game at any one time.

First period action saw Terry Weatherill put the Selects ahead with a pair of goals followed by singles from Glen Whitebread.

Bob Leger and Bill Ormison in the middle frame; John Barnett and Whitebread proving a formidable defence duo for the Selects, while netminder Wayne Hainschwang took top honors for a terrific first period performance.

The Inter squad got off to a fast start, but only Tom Lehman could get the puck past Hainschwang in the first period.

Lehman scored again early in the second, as did Percival, but the Inter boys still trailed by two going into the third.

Action continued unabated in the third period with both sides giving it their best shot. Inter netminder Rich Bartley kept the Selects from scoring further, while at the other end of the ice goalie Dave Parrot received a standing ovation for his brilliant performance. However, the Inter boys were determined to go away undefeated and their continued raids in the Select end finally paid off.

Kevin Bartley brought the Inter squad within one, while Tom Miller finally ricocheted the puck in after a lot of shoving and pushing in front of the net, to tie it up 5-5.

Honour was satisfied.

Proceeds from the game - about \$1,200 - will be split between the Intermediate squad and the Edwards-Murphy bantam Clippers. The Clippers are busily raising funds for their trip to Denmark over Xmas, while the Inter squad will use the money for tournament entry.

According to AHL president Gerry Cole, hopefully there will be a rematch sometime in March. He also extended thanks to Bob McKinnon, Floyd Fockler, Ray Steel and Glen Whitebread for helping organize a most entertaining evening of hockey.

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