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Faces behind the names that appear weekly in the sports pages of The Tribune are familiar to Stouffville hockey fans, but to other readers they are unknown. Here is a chance to see them. Introducing the successful Fame International atom squad (back row) l to r Tim Lavell, David Sporenberg, team captain Brandon Pridham, Nathan Brown and Jay Scafe. (front row) l to r Marcus Milos, Darrin Zeller, Jason Whitebread and Trevor Bardell.

## Patrick Clippers spring big surprise

Got to hand it to the Neil Patrick novice Clippers. They are a team that refuses to be intimidated by reputations. Friday night saw them pull off a come-from-behind 3-2 win against league leaders, Pickering, before going on to defeat Uxbridge 4-1 in Sunday's away game.

The team has had an indifferent season and were not expected to get past the first round of the playoffs. However, as coach Steve Malcolm said "If they keep playing like that..." He, obviously, is as surprised as everyone else at the team's sudden turnaround.

Friday night saw Pickering open the scoring, but Geoff Smith put in a fine solo effort to equalize just a minute later. Picking up the puck from behind his own blue line, Smith skated it all alone up the ice to blast it

past the Pickering netminder. There was plenty of action in the second period, but neither team could get the puck in the net.

The Clippers went ahead in the third on a two-on-one assault by Phil Pridham and Ryan Jefferson, the pass coming from Jason Reesor; it was Pridham who found the range.

Pickering tied it up within seconds, leaving the Clippers to keep on digging until Lindsay Haylow forced the Pickering defence to cough up the puck from behind their own net. Pridham, as usual, was in the right spot to tuck it in, but just wasn't fast enough on this occasion; his rebound getting picked up by Geoff Smith who made absolutely no mistake in banging it in.

At Uxbridge the tension did not run as high, but the

Clippers continued to play like winners, coming away with a satisfying 4-1 win over their neighbors.

Ryan Jefferson started the Clipper scoring effort by digging out the puck from behind the Uxbridge net, giving Pridham his first of two goals.

The Clippers remained ahead in the second period, making it 2-0 on a beautiful shot from the blue line by Smith, who found the top corner of the net. David Mountjoy foiled the Uxbridge attempt, late in the period, to clear the puck from their own end, passing it to Colter Carconi, who made it 3-0. The assist went to Chad Dickinson.

Although Ryan Jefferson's fast breakaway failed to produce a goal, Phil Pridham was again in the right place to pop in the rebound.

## Editor's Mail

### Soccer president replies to 'elitism'

Dear Sir,  
 Regarding Casey Van Maris' letter charging the Whitchurch-Stouffville Soccer Club with elitist practices, favouring competitive soccer to the detriment of the house league.

I am disappointed that Mr. Van Maris did not spend some time getting all the facts before rushing into print with a totally distorted view of what we are trying to achieve within our club.

We, as a club, are extremely concerned about house league players; hence the reason for deciding to amalgamate with our friends in Uxbridge on a one-year trial basis. Only our other option was to enter them in the York Region Recreational League, which is plagued with problems and might not even operate this coming season. Many clubs who participated in their program last year became disenchanted.

We want to provide these young people with the best possible environment in which to participate, the facilities at St. John's School being second to none.

Mr. Van Maris mentioned the travelling involved, but failed to point out that the York recreational house league players would be travelling to places such as Aurora, East Gwillimbury, also Bradford which is at least 40 kms from Stouffville.

Another fact overlooked by Mr. Van Maris is that 88 house league Mites will be playing mini-soccer all season at the McNeill fields. He also fails to mention that of the other ten or more teams (depending on enrollment) playing out of Stouffville, only two, the Panthers and Castle Royals, will be A1 competitive teams. That makes a minimum of 160 players out of a total of 248.

It would also like to point out that a great deal of time and effort was spent last winter, and indeed this winter, in developing our players in an indoor program that ranged from squirt to bantam, in which soccer skills are taught to all who wish to partici-

pate, regardless of ability.

Mr. Van Maris is welcome to visit my Monday night session at the Ballantrae School where he will find there is not one competitive player in attendance. These boys all played in house league last year, at either squirt or minor atom level.

Should he prefer, he can have the choice of visiting Ballantrae or Summitview schools every Thursday evening, where he can see house league and competitive players hone their skill under the capable direction of Roy Houston and Brian Bishop.

On the weekends we get together at Stouffville Secondary School in a friendly indoor game to try and put the skills learned into a game situation. I would be the last to deny that Royals and Panthers are there in liberal numbers, but they are mixed with house league players.

It is interesting to note that during Mr. Van Maris' tenure as president of the WSSC, the following was passed in the minutes, 1980/46, and I quote: "That as of January, all gyms are to be used for A1 team try-outs. Could it be that Mr. Van Maris was the instigator of the 'elitist' theory? Furthermore, I am pleased to inform him that this policy has been rescinded by the present executive. All gyms are now used for player development regardless of skills."

It might also be of interest to know that the fee for an outdoor season of house league soccer has been reduced from \$35 to \$22.

By the time this letter is printed four Stouffville soccer teams will have competed in the Peterborough Indoor Tournament. The teams are made up as follows: the atoms consist of 100 percent house league players, while the most quitoe team field 80 percent house league players.

I would, sir, ask that you would do the same. Sincerely,  
 Tom Morton  
 President WSSC

## Decision unfair

Dear Editor,  
 Regarding Casey Van Maris' letter, I agree with what he said. After three seasons of supporting the club, a child playing recreational soccer is now being singled out

it's terrible to think that a child is denied the right to play recreational soccer. Instead of competitive in his or her own town. Sincerely,  
 Ann McKenzie,  
 Stouffville

## Veteran skier wins gold

Last Friday's Men's Day at Huntsville saw former local politician Bob Lewis cap a determined effort with a gold medal. The Whitchurch-Stouffville Yacht Club and Mens' Ski Team held their annual club race along with 200 other competitors; ten team members finishing up there with the best of them.

However, from a sentimental point of view, Lewis's win was the most satisfying.

Twenty-four teammates from the local organization competed, and along with the gold medalists, Dave Stronach, Wayne Newmarch, Bill Anderson, Mark

Murphy, Wally Austin, Ross Bannerman, David Isaacson and Denis Tanji, seven won silver: Jack Watson, Jim Brazier, Brian Cave, Gary Murphy, Al Hachey, Phil and Peter Arkley, and seven bronze: Roger Chewins, Al Whittaker, John Griffiths, Walt Pinek, Brian Spettigue, Mike Arthurs and Mark Doyle.

Retired IBM employee Bob Lewis felt elated with his award. "I've busted my behind to get here," he claimed. "My greatest concern was that they would disqualify me for age before I had an opportunity of winning the Gold."

## Soccer club indoor win

Not one of the four Stouffville soccer teams entered in the Peterborough Indoor Soccer Tournament managed to win a solitary game on the first day of the tourney, which was hardly surprising. The power of the host squads, especially the Bantam and Pee wee teams, was awesome.

However, on the second day the story was different. Stouffville's Pee wee and Bantam squads showed skill and determination in securing wins in the consolation final, ending up 3rd overall.

Aaron Massey had a good outing, scoring his fourth goal of the weekend in the Pee wee win against Woburn, while Vince Nardi demonstrated his powerful shooting foot against Pickering in the Bantam final.

For many new players in the WSSC it was a learning experience in the art of indoor soccer. The club plans to enter two more tourneys, prior to joining the proposed York Region Indoor Soccer league later this year.

During the month of February, indoor games at SDSS will be played on a Saturday (not Sundays as scheduled). Times remain as published. For further information call Tom Morton 640-6426 or Roy Houston 473-3541.

The scoring was pretty well shared, singles going to Kevin Francis, Mike Ferguson, Kent Smythe, Rob Parham, Kirk Smythe, Darron Baston and Derek Hamilton. Picking up assists were Kevin Blacktopp, Kent Smythe (2), Kirk MacDonald (2), Kirk Smythe (2), Craig Stronach and Rob Parham.

In exhibition play against Uxbridge on Sunday, both teams battled to a 9-9 tie, which says something about the defensive lines of both teams.

Kent Smythe had a great afternoon. The young team skipper fired a four-goal salvo, while Darron Baston collected a hat-trick. Singles went to Mike Ferguson (2 as), and Danny Larmer. In on the assists were: Sven Henze, Kirk Smythe (3), Brd MacDonald (2) and Rob Parham. Next playoff game is against Whitby on Sunday Feb. 10.



Sunday morning was a special occasion for Kent Smythe (left), captain of the Edwards-Murphy bantam hockey team. He received a cheque for \$500 from AHL president Gerry Cole. The money, part of which came from the previous week's Intermediate-AHL game, will go into the team's fund-raising effort for their trip to Denmark. The AHL contributed \$300 towards the \$1,000 total, which was split between the bantams and the intermediate squad.

## Fame atoms hit winning streak

The Fame International atom Clippers started their playoffs at Port Hope on Jan. 29, coming away with an impressive 7-3 win.

Port Hope opened the scoring, with the Clippers coming back with a great goal by David Caramanico, who picked up a loose puck at centre and skated in to fire it into the high side of the net.

Port Hope forged ahead again only to have the Clippers tie it up on David Sporenberg's marker. When he banged in Brandon Pridham's rebound, the

assist going to Jay Beef Hause.

Second period action gave Port Hope the lead and it was Jason Whitebread's back hand shot, on Darrin Zeller's assist, that made the tie. Caramanico kept plugging along the boards to finally lay a perfect pass on Whitebread's stick for the winning goal.

Marcus Milos was well placed on the open side of the net to collect a perfect pass from Nathan Brown. He made no mistake.

Pridham again found the net, this time from Whitebread and Tim Lavell,

leaving Trevor Bardell to round out the scoring on Nathan Brown's assist.

In the previous night's game, the Clippers bombarded Pickering 9-4. Pickering opened the scoring, leaving Whitebread to score two minutes later, the assist going to Brandon Pridham. Nathan Brown put the Clippers ahead 2-1 by the end of the first.

Middle frame action saw goals from Whitebread (2), Jay Scafe, Pridham, Sporenberg, Milos and Brown; the final goal coming from Trevor Lavell.



The other half of the Fame International atom squad (Wilson and Jason Scott, (front row) l to r Jay Hause, David (back row) l to r Darryl Vanderligt, Jeff Willis, Shawn Caramanico and Paul Trentadue.