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Despite an indifferent season, the senior Spartan cagers made it up to coach Dave Connell with a win at the Woodbridge Invitational last week. (back row l to r) Sean Torrington, Trevor Young, Daralee Stevens (manager), Dave

Connell (coach) Meredith MacDonald (stats) Gary McGilvray, Rob Reesor, Garnish Persaud; (front l to r) Doug Massey, Shane Rutherford, Mark Savary, Bernie Schopf.

## Spartan cagers top team at Woodbridge meet

Competition was tough at Woodbridge High School's Wyvern Invitational basketball tournament, but it didn't stop the senior Spartan cagers from collecting the championship trophy. The Spartans dropped only one game against Langstaff in the opener, before making a comeback and beating them in the final, albeit by a single point. For coach Dave Connell and his boys, the win was a complete turnaround after a poor start. The series allowed the teams only a

single loss before elimination. "We played very poorly in the first game, missing lay-ups and easy jumpers which hurt us badly," said Connell. However, prior to game two, coach Connell's pep talk obviously had an effect; they comfortably disposed of Richmond Hill 70-57. Mark Morrow set a hot pace with 31 points, strongly supported by Mark Savary with 16. Dave Elliott and Bernie Schopf were both 8-pointers. Against Brebeuf in the

semis, which they won 65-60, Savary came into his own with 21 points, followed by Morrow with 18. Schopf consistent throughout the series, added 8 of his own with Gary McGilvray also tallying 8. Ironically, it was Langstaff who faced the Spartans in the final. In a highly exciting game that saw several changes of lead, the Spartans squeaked by to avenge their previous loss 51-50. Throughout the tourney, Garnish Persaud, who seldom shows up among the

scoring leaders, displayed fine handling and a defensive fervour that verged on the fanatical. Coach Connell was well-pleased with his boys. "It was gratifying both to myself and the team to end the season on such a positive note," he said. Points stats for the tourney are as follows: Mark Morrow 65, Mark Savary 59, Bernie Schopf 32, Gary McGilvray 25, Garnish Persaud 17, Shane Rutherford 13, Dave Elliott 12, Sean Torrington 4.

### First gold medals for novice squad

## Uxbridge tourney won by Patrick Clippers

Fans of the Neil Patrick Novice Clippers were treated to some exciting hockey over the weekend. The action started on Friday night with a playoff game at Port Perry, who scored midway through the second period, with a two-man breakaway against goaltender Jason Brown. The Clippers didn't answer until late in the third when Geoff Smith netted the puck with a high shot into the net. Port Perry again went ahead on a breakaway, but the Clippers tied it up when Phil Pridham took posses-

ion of the puck from a face off in the Port Perry end, passed it to Smith, who collected his own rebound and went behind the net to slip it in for a 2-2 tie. A rematch takes place this Friday night at the Stouffville arena. Saturday, the scene changed to Uxbridge for the Novice Tournament. The Clippers came out flying against Markham in game one. Geoff Smith's shot from the point rebounded to Pridham who tucked it in, while Smith followed through with one of his own after circling the Markham

net. Markham posted a goal late in the first period, but with 16 seconds to go, Pridham came from behind the net to make it 2-1. The Clippers then advanced to the championship final against Huntsville. Lindsay Haylow scored the only goal of the first period, picking up the puck on a three-way play between Jefferson and Pridham. Huntsville came back to score at the halfway mark, but with less than a minute left, Smith weaved his way down the ice to score un-

assisted. Smith did a replay of his earlier goal in the third, putting the Clippers ahead by two for what looked like a certain win. However, Huntsville would not let go of the title that easy. With two minutes left to play, they scored two quick goals to tie it up and make overtime a strong possibility. But with 54 seconds left to play, Pridham popped up from behind the Huntsville net to tuck in the winner, the assist going to Smith. The 4-3 win gave the Novice squad their first tourney win of the year.

### Playoff series split

## Bantams take first loss

The Edwards-Murphy Bantam Clippers topped off the first round of their round-robin playoff series with a win against Markham last Monday, making them undefeated in the ten-game series. Clipper goal getters in the 4-1 win were Darron Baston and Danny Larmer with two goals apiece. Assists went to Larmer (2), Kirk Smythe, Kevin Blacktopp and Derek Hamilton. The action moved to Owen Sound on Saturday for game one of the quarter finals; the

Clippers coming away with a blistering 8-2 win. Clipper scoring came from Kent Smythe (3), Craig Stronach, Kirk Smythe, Derek Hamilton, Darron Baston and Danny Larmer. Assists going to Stronach (3), Kent Smythe (2), Blacktopp (2), Sven Hennze and Kevin Francis. Goaltender Scott Evans put in a powerful performance with some very fine saves. Positions were reversed on Sunday when Owen Sound visited for a return

game. After eleven straight wins, the Clippers were finally brought down, this time a reverse 8-2 score. It was a most definite off-day for the home side, whereas the Owen Sound goalie was back on track after having an off-day of his own the previous day. Clippers goals came from Kent Smythe and Mike Ferguson, assists going to Derek Hamilton, Kent Smythe and Craig Stronach. Game three is at Stouffville on Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

### Playoff schedule

Two big playoff games will be held at Stouffville arena this Saturday, March 2. At 6 p.m. the Credit Union Peeewees go up against Owen Sound for their first quarter-final game in the best of five series, followed by what promises to be the cliff-hanger of the week when the Edwards-Murphy bantams meet Owen Sound for game three of their five-game series. The bantams are presently tied in the series, having won 2-2 away, but dropping their home game by the same score last Saturday. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

## Peeewees reach Quarter finals

Led by Jason Underwood's four goals, the Credit Union peeewe Clippers pounded Pickering 6-1 last Friday night. Their season resting on the outcome, the Clippers responded with a solid team effort to advance to the next round of playoffs against Owen Sound. Despite a scoreless first period, the Clippers struck just 15 seconds into the second period on a powerplay when Underwood took a pass from Drae Glover and buried it under the crossbar. Pickering's only goal came five minutes later on a powerplay of their own when Basil Lucigno was beat low to the corner. However, the Clippers' constant offensive pressure paid off before the period ended when Lee Scaife

gave the Clippers the lead for good. Carrying their momentum into the final 15 minutes, the Clippers started the rout when Underwood scored his second goal with assists going to Guy Biadi and Scaife. Underwood completed his hat-trick five seconds into a powerplay when he stuffed in a rebound. His fourth goal was a short-handed effort that beat Pickering's goaltender high to glove. Jamie Campbell rounded out the offense with a short-handed marker of his own with just under five minutes left. In addition to their offensive outburst in the third period, the Clipper's defence was just as impressive allowing Pickering only a handful of good scoring opportunities throughout the game.

## Girls win tourney

The Stouffville Altona Autobody Legion senior girls' hockey team won the Dundalk tournament this past weekend. Stouffville defeated Nobleton 3-2 in overtime in their opener on Friday night. Janice (Dee Dee) Keith opened the scoring for Stouffville at 1:22 in the first period on a pass from Marina Zenk, before falling behind 2-1. However, with four minutes left, Karen Brodie, from Keith and Zenk, connected for the tie, leaving Barb Goudie to score the winner at 3:20 in overtime. On Saturday, Stouffville dropped Toronto Commodore 3-1 in game two. Debbie Coxworth, playing defence in this one, opened for Stouffville with a passing play from Zenk and Brodie. Allison Jacket made it 2-1 at the 9:37 mark in the second frame, the assist going to Brodie, who

followed through with the insurance marker with 51 seconds left. The assists went to Coxworth and Zenk. Goaltender Terry Piette was outstanding in this one. The semi-final saw King City upset 4-3 in the second overtime period. City took an early 2-0 lead before Laurie Taylor got Stouffville on the board late in the middle frame. Assists going to Zenk and Janice Keith. With only 2:08 left in the game, coach Bill Keith pulled his goalie for an extra forward and Brodie on Janice Keith's assist brought them within one. With less than a minute to play and with the Stouffville goalie still sitting on the bench, Brodie got the equalizer from Zenk, while Zenk went on to score the winner from Keith. With only an hour's break, Stouffville took on Peterbor-

ough in the final and found themselves trailing by one at the end of the first period. Despite a marker by Janice Keith midway through the second period, Peterborough went ahead 2-1. Stouffville started the comeback with hectic checking in the third period. Zenk scored to make it 2-2, followed by Taylor's goal that gave them back the lead. Zenk scored the clincher with only 13 seconds left to play, giving her a total of 11 points for the tourney. Amy Ramsey, Ann-Marie Lacoursier, Sandy McCracken and Jannine Ferguson all contributed to the win in the final with some fine checking. The team expects to meet Newmarket in the upcoming provincial zone finals.

## INTRODUCING BECKERS MILK MIDGETS



The Beckers Milk allstar midgets are currently awaiting the outcome of a protest between Pickering and Markham before completing the first round of their playoffs. Meanwhile they are getting in all the practice they can. (l to r) Dave Fockler, Paul Sinclair, Scott Burrows, Sean McQuilge, Kevin Johnson and Danny Martin.

(l to r) Frank Sluga, Derek Hutchinson, Wayne Patterson (goaltender), Jeff Christensen, Sean Pennanen and Brian Lewis.