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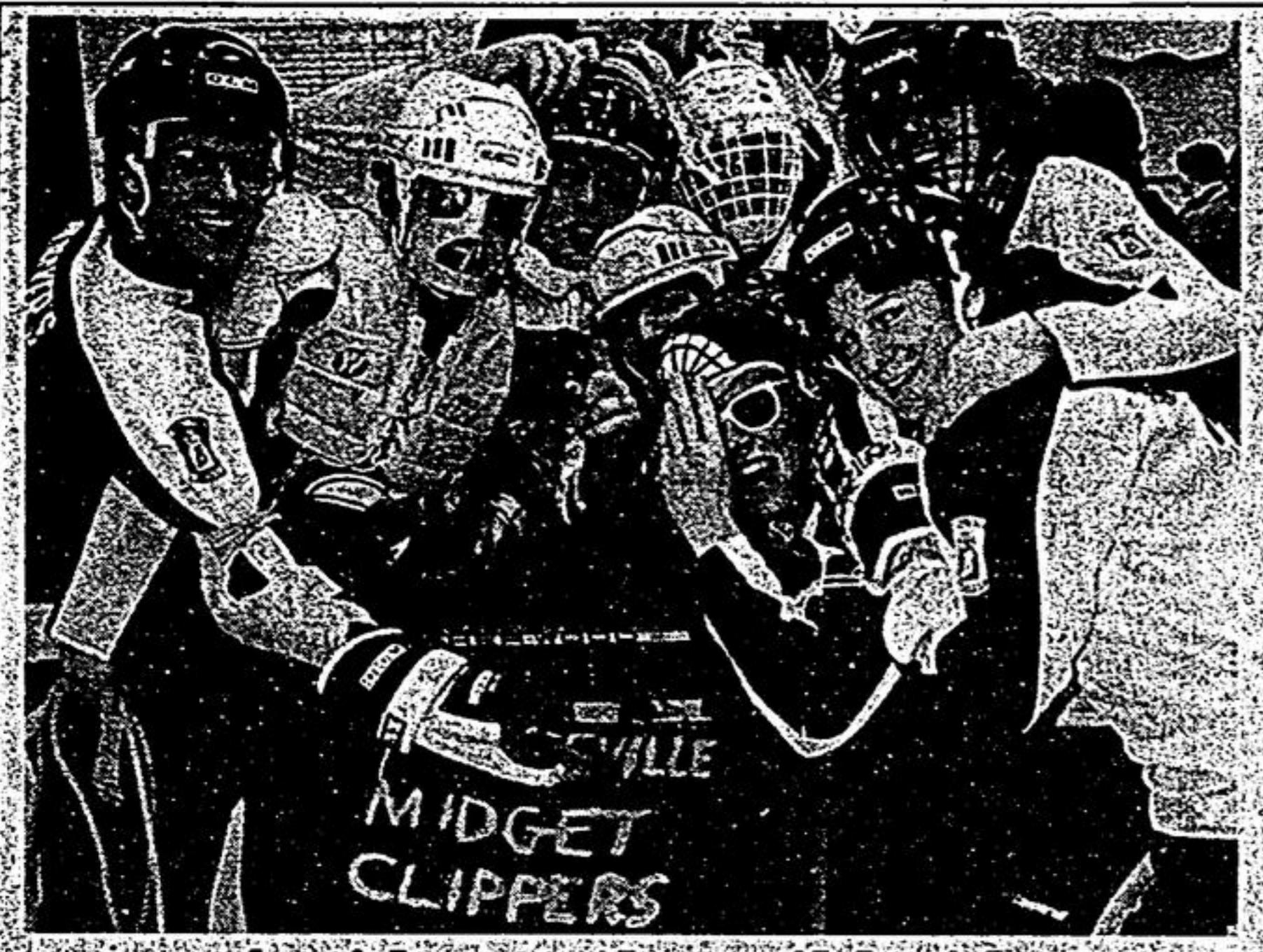
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A ride on the wild side

By the looks of things, these guys were sure prepared for Stouffville District Secondary School's bed race. Run through the halls, the race brought out some of the school's more bizarre inhabitants, these fellows in particular.

Stouffville soccer club has pitch full of woes

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Soccer Club has a serious shortage of soccer fields for their upcoming season, says league president Alfons Rubbens.

"We're so far behind, it's not even funny," said Rubbens recently in an interview. "The Town built the new arena over our best soccer field."

"If they had torn the old arena down before they built the new arena... well, that's exactly what they did to us," said Rubbens.

Compounding the problem is the fact that several fields the club was counting on using this summer won't be ready until 1986.

Included in the list of unusable fields are the ones at the high school and recreation centre, because of resodding that took place last fall.

According to Recreation Director George Schlukbier, the York County Board of Education's land use agreement says a field must not be used for one year after resodding. Similarly, if a field is seeded, the wait is two years.

"They've promised us things for eight years and given us nothing," said Rubbens.

"We have spent a great deal of time and money on soccer," said Mayor Tom Wood. "I'm sure we'll get there, it's just a matter of time."

The fact that several fields will be available in 1986 offers little consolation to Rubbens. "They're just giving back to us what they took," he said.

However, Schlukbier says he's confident that through negotiations with the York

County Board, one of the fields at the high school will be made available for use this summer.

"We're working on it as effectively as we possibly can," said Schlukbier, noting the Town has spent about \$100,000 on rejuvenating area fields.

Furthermore, the Town is now working on acquiring more land for the soccer club, said Schlukbier.

The club recently proposed a plan that would give them a facility to call home.

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"We had our chances," said manager Cliff Dunkeld. "We just didn't put them in. I really thought we'd take them."

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til then, Schlukbier says he has several events scheduled, including a dog and magic show.

According to Schlukbier, the ideal situation would be for a private investor to step in to operate the old facility. But, he says, the costs of such a venture could be prohibitive.

In 1984, Stouffville had about a \$30,000 operating deficit on the arena.

For starters, Schlukbier warns that the refrigeration equipment like the pipes and compressors for the ice is not reliable and is suspect to a breakdown at anytime.

Also, major alterations are required by the end of 1985 to meet upgraded fire regulations. And, the building requires a structural inspection every three years.

Furthermore, says Schlukbier, unless the present arena receives a major

face-lift, who will want to play games in the old arena when you can play in the new facility?

Since the old arena is situated on valuable land, Schlukbier said the Town

has no plans to sell the property. If someone is willing to operate the facility, it will be done so on a lease basis.

The ice surface in the old arena is scheduled for removal in about two weeks.

Brian's Banter

A cool, frosty drink

You know spring has arrived in Stouffville when the Buttermakers Slo-Pitch team gets hauled over the coals for their desire to hold an outdoor beer garden on the final Sunday of their annual tournament.

For the past few years, this community group has approached council for the permits to operate such a facility, but each time, the simple request is blown all out of proportion.

It just doesn't make sense.

For council to allow outdoor drinking on Friday and Saturday and not on Sunday is unfairly hypocritical. You either allow it for the whole tournament, or you don't allow it at all.

This is not a group of hippies getting drunk. These are your neighbors, doctors, lawyers, teachers and bosses enjoying a cold drink. Nothing evil or illegal is happening.

Baseball and beer have been part and parcel since Abner Doubleday first invented the game. Drinking in moderation is not anti-social. Excessive drinking is.

Don't forget, everybody benefits from the sale of beer during the tournament because the Buttermakers graciously donate a portion of the pot toward the local baseball organization.

As sure as death and the last place finish of the Maple Leafs, sports and alcohol will always be related. And you can bet your last vanilla Girl Guide Cookie that Stouffville won't be the only place on the continent where beer and baseball won't be allowed to hold hands.

To 99 percent of the population, having a beer is like consuming a glass of milk or cup of coffee. It's done out of pleasure and habit. Like it or not, beer and other alcoholic drinks are a part of our society.

And nobody is ever going to change that.

Senior C team went to semis

Stouffville's Senior C girls' hockey team advanced to the semifinals in this year's Brampton Cadettes Ladies' Hockey Tournament.

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Den Hagg has a terrific time

Stouffville added another chapter to its long-running relationship with international hockey when the girls' Senior C squad took on the OKUJ Devils from Holland.

The Devils were in Canada to compete in the 18th annual Brampton Cadettes Dominion Ladies' Hockey Tournament. And although the team failed to win any of their four tournament games, the girls were content just to participate in the Easter weekend tournament.

Prior to the tournament, the Devils played Stouffville in an exhibition game losing 2-0. After the game both teams gathered in Latcham Hall for a banquet.

Ice hockey for Dutch women is only about five years old. Their league consists of four teams with about 40 players. The Devils' eight games in Canada last week equals the number they played in their entire season.

The members of the team were billeted in the community for a night and from all reports anybody that billeted the girls thought the girls were just terrific," said organizer Cliff Dunkeld.

Members of the Stouffville squad took the Devils to a sporting goods store where the girls went on a hockey equipment shopping spree.

Gloves, shoulder pads and sticks were the hot items with the Dutch girls claiming they paid less than one third the price they would have paid back home.



Stouffville's Karen Brodie had the honor of taking the ceremonial faceoff. Mayor Tom Wood presided over the evening's events that included the presentation of town pins to each Devil's member. Jed Stonehouse, the president of the Chamber of Commerce, presented the Devil's coach with the Town's flag.



From left, Mayor Tom Wood, Gord Miller, Tom Wood, Jim Gilpin, and Linda Taylor.



Two of the OKUJ Devils, left, Gord Miller and Jim Gilpin, sit in front of their team banner during last week's game at Stouffville. Gord Miller said he had to work lots of overtime to make the trip.