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Stouffville showdown with feisty bull boys

The depth of team character and determination on the Stouffville Novice Clipper bench has sent the Bowmanville Toros into a tailspin.

The bulls, favored to win the best-of-five Lakeshore hockey final, no longer regard Stouffville as the underdog. Both teams, locked in a 2-win-1-tie stalemate, have forced a sixth and deciding contest — for the championship — to be played in Stouffville Friday night at 7.

After the first two games (the series was tied 1-1), the next three went into overtime. Here's a summary:

Game 3 at Darlington—Stouffville trailed 1-0 after the first period. Ryan Jefferson set up Roger McMann to tie the game. The local squad again fell behind the bulls. Geoff Smith, assisted by Jason Reesor and McMann, evened it up. The bulls grabbed the lead once more in the third frame. It didn't last. Smith passed to Lindsay Haylow who cracked home the tying marker with 42 seconds remaining, to force the overtime. Bowmanville scored the winner late in the extra minutes for a 4-3 decision.

Game 4 at Stouffville—The Clippers took a 1-0 lead with less than a minute remaining in the opening period. Smith set up Phil Pridham for the goal. Stouffville hung on to the slim advantage for most of the game. Bowmanville beat Stouffville goalie Greg Sanford late in the third period to force overtime. Neither squad could break the 1-1 deadlock and the game ended in a tie.

Game 5 at Darlington—The Clippers couldn't settle for a tie in this game. They had to win to stay alive in the series. Bowmanville led 1-0 for most of the game. With less than two minutes remaining, Pridham fed Jefferson a pass behind the net. Jefferson tucked the puck in the corner to force the contest into overtime once again. Geoff beat the bull's goalie for a 2-1 decision.



Local bowlers go pin-hunting in quest to be the best

Six Stouffville bowlers remain from a starting field of 72 who competed in the month-long Beat the Champ competition. From left, Norm Webster, Doug Stuart (top bowler so far with 830), Tom Gottschalk, John Tait and Cliff Dunkeld show off their winning style.

Missing is Frank Chieffallo who reportedly was practising his bowling technique in a Buffalo alley. The finals will start Sunday morning at 10 in Stouffville.

Stouffville wins opener, blows second game

Bantam, Pee wee boys can't afford to lose now

"Maybe we didn't want it as badly as they did," admitted hockey skipper, Grant Nesbitt.

His Edwards-Murphy Bantam Clippers lost to Beamsville 4-3 on Sunday in game two of the OMHA best-of-five final. The series is now tied one game apiece.

Nesbitt does have a point when he talks about wanting to win. His club razed Beamsville 7-1 in the opener. The local boys had their mind set on winning that one. "We just didn't play to our capabilities (in game two)," he figured.

Even the first game had its shaky moments. Beamsville took a 1-0 lead. "We hadn't played in three weeks. We were a little bit rusty," explained Nesbitt. His

boys quickly cast off the cobwebs in the second frame to score five goals in five minutes.

Craig Stronach (2), Kevin Francis, Kent Smythe, Kevin Blacktopp, Brad Macdonald and Kirk Smythe did the scoring. Darron Baston (3), Danny Larmer and Kirk Smythe collected assists.

In game two, it was a see-saw battle with Beamsville scoring the winner in the last period. Francis (2) and Larmer responded for Stouffville. Blacktopp (2) and Larmer (2) also collected assists.

"I don't think ability wise, player-for-player, Beamsville is as strong as Woodbridge," suggested Nesbitt whose boys ousted

the brawny Woodbridge club in the semifinals.

Game three goes tonight in Stouffville at 8. The Clippers travel to Beamsville Saturday and return to Stouffville Sunday for a 4 p.m. tangle (if necessary).

PEEWEEES

The Stouffville District Credit Union Pee wee Clippers split their first two games of the OMHA final with Amherstburg (Windsor) last weekend. Jason Underwood's four-goal barrage on Friday evening paced the Clippers to a 7-3 victory.

However, the following day Amherstburg resorted to a little more physical intimidation and salvaged a 3-2 decision. The chip-

py body contact appeared to throw the local boys off their game despite a 1-0 lead.

Stouffville hit the post and everything else except the net. Amherstburg scored all three goals in the second period.

The real test for the Clippers will come this weekend when the remaining three games in the series are played in Windsor.

Goals and assists in the opening contest were tallied by Underwood (4,1), Scott McKinley (1,3), Jason Maskery (1,0) and Guy Biadi (1,0).

Underwood and Biadi (with eight seconds left in the game) responded for Stouffville in game two. Keith Piette assisted on Underwood's marker.

Senior girls win largest tourney

BY KELLY CONNELLY
Stouffville's senior girls' hockey squad won the "D" division championship at the largest female hockey tournament in the world last weekend.

A record 160 teams from the United States, Ontario and parts of eastern Canada converged on Meadowvale Four-Rinks (in Mississauga) for the four-day Easter challenge. Stouffville entered three teams in the tourney — midget B; intermediate and senior D.

Unlike the Betz Pools seniors, the Credit Union midgets were ousted in the semifinal by Kingston Kodiaks 3-1. Stouffville's intermediate contingent suffered a more dramatic demise, losing 6-0 to a Massachusetts team in the championship.

UNDEFEATED

But it was the senior girls who stole the spotlight for Stouffville. They went undefeated in five games — hammering Newtonbrook 5-0, Oakville 3-2, Georgetown 7-0, Michigan and Kingsville 2-1 for the crown.

Trailing 1-0 in the final, player-coach Karen Brodie tied the game. Teammate Allyson Jackett scored the surprise winner while shorthanded. Goalie Jill Clarke allowed only three goals in five games.

Although most of Stouffville's opponents were Canadian clubs, Brodie noted that American players were more adept at skating than hitting. It was especially evident against Michigan in the semifinal, she said. The American squad wasn't accustomed to the body contact.

KEY SAVES

The Stouffville Midgets won their division opener 1-0 against Chelmsford, Massachusetts. Centre Shawn Morrison scored the winner. Goalie Dorothy Tscheng kept the local squad in the game with many key saves.

However, Kingston, which had earlier thrashed a stunned Leaside 6-1, eliminated Stouffville 3-1 in the next encounter.

The girls lost the game in the last two minutes, explained coach Ted Lowery. "It was 1-1 with two minutes to go. Kingston got a penalty. Instead of playing conservatively, we went for the win," he lamented.

One of Kingston's potent shooters intercepted the power-play and broke away to score a shorthanded marker. The final goal was an empty-netter. Vicky Smith fired Stouffville's lone marker.

LOST FINAL

Coach Barry England and his intermediate battalion marched all the way to the championship, defeating Brockville 4-1 and Ottonabee 5-4 in the process. The victory purge suddenly crumbled in the final when Stoneham (Massachusetts) skinned Stouffville 6-0.

"We couldn't believe it," remarked assistant-captain Michele Coppins. "Nothing was clicking for us. We were tired too. We only had three players on the bench. Stoneham had 18. Every time they came on the ice it was like a new game to us," she recalled.

Remarkably, Stouffville skated with Stoneham and the contest remained scoreless until the third period. Sharpshooter Julie Thompson, who usually does most of the scoring for the squad, was upstaged in this tournament by a variety of teammates who collected points.

Speedway-itis hits Stouffville

BY KELLY CONNELLY

Does Stouffville need a motor speedway? Last night the Town Planning Committee will have listened to an ambitious group of former race car drivers indicate their intent to build a race track and automotive industrial park on the southeast corner of Hwy. 48 and Bloomington Side Road.

This grandiose scheme would cost about \$7-million and occupy 62 acres of relatively barren land. Adjacent to the oval track, drag strip, and automotive retail and commercial shops would lie an off-road course. There's already sufficient dirt, mud and hills for that tricky-terrain thrill.

Nate Salter and Gord Hooper, the men who recently formed a corporation called Stouffville Motor Speedway, have been toying with the idea of a race park for the past two years. Last night they will have attempted to sell that toy to Town Planner Michael Saunders and company.

They defend their choice of site — Stouffville — for the following reasons:

- 1) the town's close proximity to Toronto where a substantial number of residents engage in race car events;
- 2) Stouffville needs development and Ontario needs a speedway in the Toronto area;
- 3) it would generate capital by increasing the flow of travellers to Stouffville shops, restaurants and gas stations (the speedway would have seating for 10,000);
- 4) it would create 30 full-time administrative jobs, 300 jobs within the automotive industrial units, and employ about 100 kids on any given race night;
- 5) it would provide a sanctioned outlet for teen speedsters who drag with their friends on public roads illegally.

"A speedway isn't just a hole in the ground with asphalt," said Salter in a recent interview. Automobile racing helps kids who aren't superior athletes physically get behind the wheel and compete on an equal plane with others.

"I was short and fat, but I could drive a car faster than anyone else," recalled the former oval track racer. "It's the ultimate Walter Mitty escape. Everybody in the stands has a chance to compete."

Fair enough, but what about the Stouffville residents — there's always a few — who will inevitably complain about the noise and exhaust pollution these scream machines will spit out?

"Our entire season would create less pollution than one aircraft taking off at Pearson International Airport," contended Salter. "The speedway and drag strip would be in the bowl of the existing gravel pit which would retain sound and form a natural amphitheatre."

Gravel trucks make more noise than high-tech competition mufflers, he challenged.

I agree with Salter that the timing is right to pursue the venture in Stouffville since the Canadian National Exhibition and Molson's Breweries — after years of fighting huffy ear, and nose sensitive residents — will host Toronto's first-ever Molson Indy, July 18-20.

But Toronto is a long way from the idolized speedway mecca that permeates European society — in other words, we're not racing fanatics yet. Agreed, the C.N.E. and Stouffville proposition allude that attitudes might be changing.

I do have one concern about a Stouffville Motor Speedway though. All this talk about it being built by 1987 is generously optimistic.

Until this summer, Parkdale residents and certain politicians — for the last 10 years — had effectively prevented the Indy event from taking place in Toronto.

Speedways aren't built overnight.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Our entire season would create less pollution than one aircraft taking off at Pearson International Airport."
Nate Salter, president of Stouffville Motor Speedway, addresses an inevitable concern about his proposed speedway and industrial park proposition for Hwy. 48 and Bloomington Side Road.



Stouffville Panther stars represent York Region

Six of Whitchurch-Stouffville's most promising young soccer players were chosen to represent York Region in last weekend's Ontario Inter-District Indoor Soccer Tournament in London. From left, Aaron Massey, Giles Francis, Dae Glover, Travis White, Frank Nardi and Charlie Melko paced York Region to a 2-1 record in four

games. Stouffville Panther coach Alfons Rubbens said provincial scouts were interested in some of his players. The black cats haven't let snow-covered fields get in the way of team practices this winter. They've been working out in Richmond Hill's indoor soccer facility. See the WEEKENDER for details. — Kelly Connelly

Resident NHLer donates \$500 to Stouffville hockey

Dear Keith Acton:
The Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey Association accepts with gratitude the cheque for \$500 donated by Carling O'Keefe Breweries on your behalf for your hockey accomplishments. The executive and membership of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey Association congratulate you on your success and thank you for remembering us in your moment of victory. In recognition of your generosity we are using the \$500 for plaques in recognition of House League player accomplishments. We

feel that the House League system is the back-bone of our minor hockey system and as such should be recognized.

We are confident that you share our feelings and in keeping with our tradition we are inviting your mother and father to participate in the House League presentations on April 7 and 8.

Again, we thank you and Carling O'Keefe for your generosity.

Yours sincerely,

W.S.M.H.A. Executive

Midget Clipper manager commends boys' attitude

Dear Sports Editor:
Hockey is a highly competitive, extremely physical sport. Team success results from all players combining their personal best with the strengths of others.

On March 23, 1986 the Stouffville Midget Clippers played their final game of the season. During the game, each player demonstrated excellent hockey ability plus team spirit, good sportsmanship and self control.

The hockey season has ended for the Midget Clippers, but the pride-in-performance demonstrated by these young men will be remembered by parents, friends and fans alike.

On behalf of Dave Fockler (coach) and myself I wish to thank each player for a great hockey season.

Sincerely,

John Martin,
Manager, Stouffville Midget Clippers