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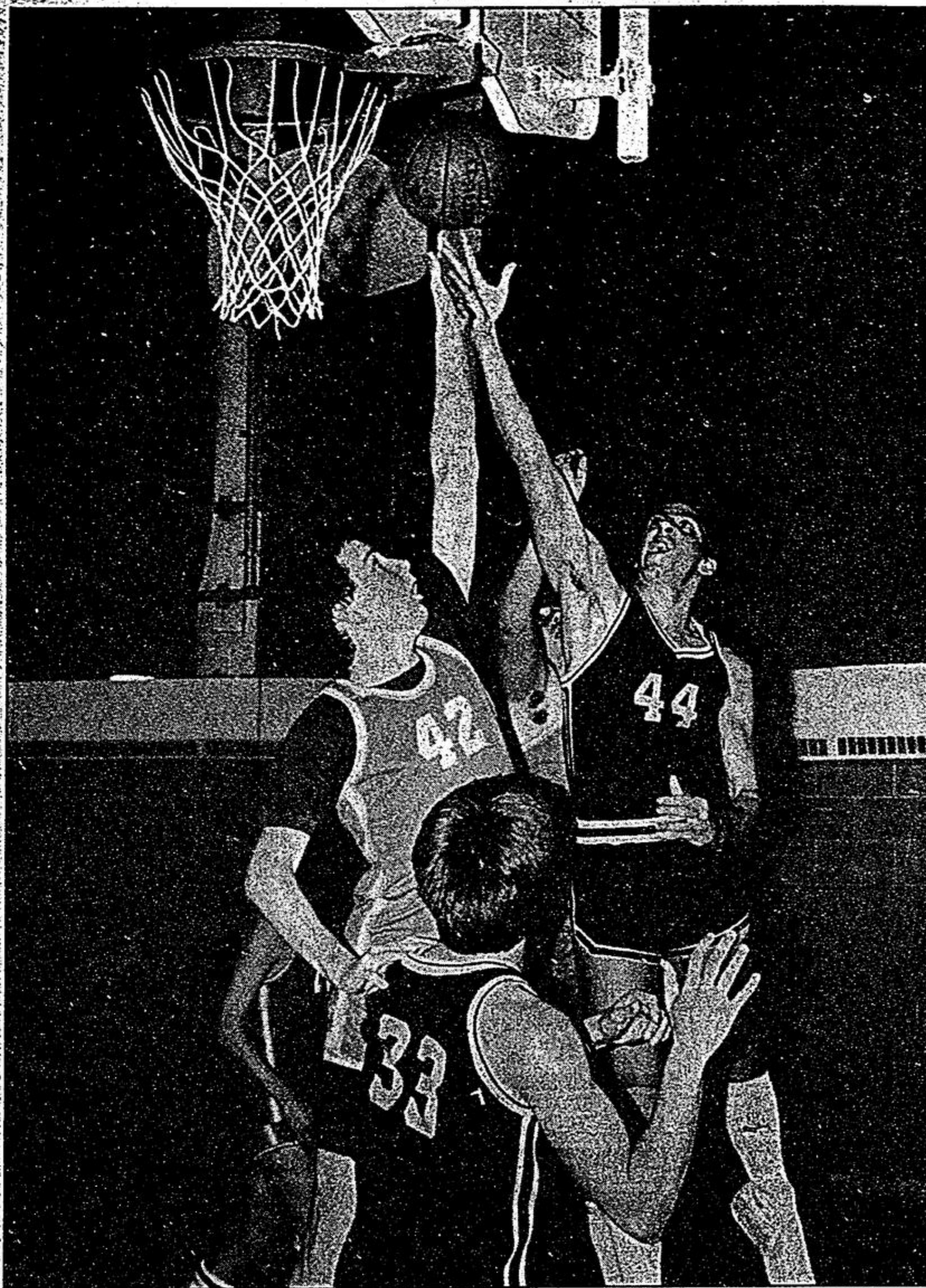
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Stretch for it

Everybody up for the ball. Rich Gibson (44) of the Uxbridge Secondary School Junior Tigers stretches for the ball during game against Paul Dwyer Catholic High School during the Sixth Annual Junior Tiger

Tournament on the weekend in Uxbridge. Dwyer went on to win this game 39-37, and eventually take the tournament title. See story on page B-2.

— Alan Shackleton

Kingston next opponent

Peewees sweep first series over Lindsay

Jason Underwood's seven goal performance in the Stouffville Peewee Clippers 9-3 victory over Lindsay last week made him a marked man in game three of the

best of five playoff series played Sunday in Lindsay.

However, try as they might, Lindsay could not contain Underwood or the rest of the Clippers who won the game 6-3, sweeping the series and advancing to the next round versus Kingston.

There was a big crowd on hand for the game in Lindsay Sunday, and with their backs to the wall they came out hitting.

Underwood in particular was heavily checked at every opportunity.

Brandon Pridham and Richard Zaal teamed up on a pretty passing play to open the scoring for the Clippers in the first period.

Both the Lindsay goalie, and Clipper keeper Baron Ellis had to make some big saves in the period which ended 1-0 for Stouffville.

The Clippers came out flying in the second period and scored three goals to Lindsay's one.

However, the stars of this period and of the game were the Clipper defencemen.

They stood up well at the blueline and broke up numerous Lindsay rushes.

Bill Pride led the defensive corps, as strong play was put in by Eilert Fraser, David Caramanico, David Showers and Paul Trentadue.

Lindsay's play became very rough in the third period, but the



JASON UNDERWOOD
Marked Man

Clippers kept their cool and stuck to hockey, adding two more goals in the period.

Chris Barker, who is becoming a good winger for the Clippers scored one of the goals.

Bantams win in three

Stouffville's Edwards-Murphy Bantam Clippers made it three wins in a row over Lindsay with a 5-3 victory on the weekend to sweep their best of five playoff series.

Going into game three in Lindsay Saturday night, Clipper coach Kerry Keller was concerned that the game might be a rough one and he had warned his players to keep their composure.

"I expected Lindsay to come out with a lot of cheap shots in this game, but they didn't," he said. "We ended up getting more penalties than they did. The refs were calling everything."

Despite winning, the score was closer than Keller liked.

"It was an up-and-down game, very entertaining for the fans, but it wasn't the best performance I've seen," he said.

The Clippers were up 2-0 heading into the third period, but with five minutes left in the game the score was tied at three.

Goalie Scott Evans had to make a big save on a Lindsay breakaway to keep the Clippers from falling behind.

"We finally woke up, after that, and in the last five minutes when we decided to get serious we dominated the game," Keller said.

The Clippers scored two goals to put the game away.

Keller was pleased with the performance of the power play, which hit for three goals in the game.

The Bantams now have a lay off of at least three weeks while they wait to find out who their opponent in the next round will be. The winner of the Belleville-Kingston series will face Stouffville.

Atoms need one win to sweep series

The Fame International Atom Clippers are set to make it three sweeps in a row for Stouffville over Lindsay in OMHA playoff action.

The Atoms won their first two games in their best of five series on the weekend.

The Clippers started the first game slowly at the Recreation Centre, but managed to win 5-3. It wasn't until late in the opening period that they found the net.

Winger Phil Pridham put a perfect pass onto the stick of Darren Zellers who buried the puck in the corner to give the Clippers a 1-0 lead.

Lindsay came right back and by the middle of the second Stouffville was trailing 2-1.

However, Dan McNaught tied the score on a shot from the slot, and the teams entered the third tied 2-2.

Stouffville jumped to 4-2 lead in the third, with two goals coming 30 seconds apart.

Zellers and Pridham were the goal scorers.

Lindsay made the game close again when they beat Clipper goalie, Greg Sandford with a shot to the stick side.

However, Geoff Smith put the game away for the Clippers with a goal on pretty back hand shot.

Other point getters in the game for Stouffville were Jay Hause with an assist, Trevor Bardell with an assist, David Spoorenburg with two assists, Ryan Jefferson with an assist and Brian Coughlan with an assist.

The next day, the Atoms traveled to Lindsay where they played one of their best games of the season and came home with a 4-1 victory.

Stouffville controlled the puck with a strong passing game which led to many scoring opportunities.

David Spoorenburg opened the scoring for the Clippers on a deflection of a Jay Hause slapshot from the point.

The play was nicely set up when Trevor Bardell won the face off and sent the puck back to Hause while Spoorenburg headed for the front of the net.

Geoff Smith made it 2-0 Clippers near the end of the first period.

Goals by Dan McNaught and Spoorenburg in the third, gave the Clippers a comfortable 4-0 lead.

However, they were unable to preserve goalie Greg Sandford's shut out.

Jason Reesor with two assists and Sean Morrison with an assist were the other point getters for Stouffville.

The Atoms will face Lindsay again this Friday night at 8 p.m. at the Recreation Centre, in what could be the final game of the series.

FIFTIES DANCE

Tickets are still available for the Fifties Dance the Clippers will be holding on Feb. 21 at the Ballantrae Community Centre. The cost is \$15 a couple and they can be purchased from the parents of Atom Clippers at the game this Friday.

Sports galore at Sno-pitch Carnival

There is still time to enter your team in the second annual Stouffville Sno-Pitch Winter Carnival softball tournament.

The fun takes place on the weekend of Feb. 14, and features a wide variety of events from cross-country ski races to snow golf to ATC races.

However, there is more to this year's carnival than just sports.

Some of the scheduled activities include a pancake breakfast, talent show, dog sled demonstrations, hot air balloon rides in the Labatt's Blue balloon (weather permitting), hay rides, skating, a dance and an

exhibition softball game against radio station CFTR.

Events such as the snow golf, dog sled demonstrations, talent show, balloon and hay rides are new to this year's carnival, and should provide something of interest to everyone.

Most of the action will be taking place in and around the Stouffville Memorial Park in the town centre. Sports-wise, the softball tournament begins at 8 a.m. Saturday, and continues until Sunday afternoon.

The event is sponsored by the Stouffville Royals.

If you are interested in getting a team together to compete, there is still time to register. A team must be made up of at least five men and five women. For information, call Blair Emmerson at 640-3522 or 640-1464.

Sno-pitch is very similar to slo-pitch, with some obvious differences, such as playing with an orange ball which occasionally gets lost in snow drifts, Emmerson explained.

"You can't really practice for it," he said. "You just go out there and have fun."

The tournaments defending champions are A & S Raiders and Raiderettes.

Snow golf is a new event to the carnival. A nine-hole golf course, with plastic buckets for holes, has been laid out in the park, and players are given one club and a plastic practice ball. The event is sponsored by John Evelyn's Golf Centre.

Returning for their second year are the popular ATC races, sponsored by Gord Britton's ATC Corral.

Blair Emmerson urges all area residents to come out and enjoy this year's carnival.

"Last year was our first crack at it, and we've learned from that," he said. "We hope everyone will come out, support and enjoy the carnival."

If you would like more information on the carnival, call Blair Emmerson at 640-3522 or 640-1464.

Last chance for minor softball registration

Time is running out for youngsters interested in joining the Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Softball League. The final registration will take place at the Recreation Centre on Thursday, Feb. 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. and on Saturday, Feb. 14 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. You can also register by phoning Dianne White at 640-1706. There are both T-ball and softball house league teams for five to 18 year olds and rep teams for those up to 20. Please register promptly as some divisions are nearly full. So far the league has registered a record 325 players for Stouffville teams alone.

Forget winter, let's go golfing

I have had it with snow. I'm sick of shovelling it, driving in it, slipping on it and generally being miserable while around it.

Now, I know there are many brave individuals who laugh in the face of Old Man Winter by refusing to let him get them down. I'm not one of them.

I'd much rather be golfing.

Lush green fairways, warm sun shining down, bunkers full of bright white sand; that's the dream that gets me through the winter blahs. It's a four iron fantasy shared by me and a few million others at about this time every year. We long for the click of a well hit ball as it sails down the fairway, and we also miss the thud of a badly hit one and the colorful explanation that inevitably follows.

Golf. The dictionary defines it as an "outdoor game played with a set of clubs and a ball, in which the ball is driven with the fewest possible strokes, into a succession of holes."

Well, as definitions go that one is just F and D (fine and dandy), but it doesn't come close to describing some of the madness you're likely to find during a weekend afternoon on the links.

Some people, I'm convinced, believe golf is a body-contact sport. These guys are amazing. They screech into the parking lot at about 100 m.p.h., windows open and stereo blasting out some Van Halen to get them psyched up before they attack the course.

And I do mean attack. With their bare chests, cut-off shorts and combat boots, they play golf Rambo-style.

If you don't keep your head up while around this kind of golfer, you might just lose it.

Still, bad as these guys are, they're puppies compared to the golf snob — the most despised animal to ever grace a green.

Wrapped in enough polyester and plaid to keep Herb Tarlek, General Sales Manager, WKRP, in tacky for the rest of his life, they arrive in big cars with big golf bags and big mouths.

Of course, the golf snob is no better a golfer than the Rambo-type player, but they don't believe that — they all think they're Ben Hogan.

Sidelines

By ALAN SHACKLETON

Sports Editor



They assume that since they spent thousands of dollars on custom-made top of the line golf clubs with ostrich leather grips, they must be good golfers. The thought that some slob in jeans and a sweatshirt, playing with cheap second-hand clubs he bought at a garage sale, might actually be better than them is unacceptable.

And that, friends, brings us to the saddest aspect of golf, the attitude that only people of a certain class or income should be playing the game.

One of the easiest ways to keep the riffraff out is dress codes. On a number of golf courses no jeans, no track pants, no shorts and no running shoes are allowed, which is about the entire wardrobe of most teenagers.

That stinks.

Golf is a wonderful, enjoyable game you can play your whole life. It's about being outside and hitting a small ball with a club. It's not a fashion show.

Shack Tracks...Ein Prosit, good buddies. What a week I'm having. A special thank you goes out to the Pielsticker family. Your kindness was

overwhelming. Now I know why they call Stouffville the Friendly Town. Cliff Dunkeld came by the office last week and dropped off a poem he'd discovered about volunteers; the people who make amateur sport work. I'd like to share it with everyone else. The name of the author is unknown:

Many will be shocked to find
When the day of judgement nears
That there's a special place in Heaven
Set aside for volunteers.

No eager team that needs a coach,
No bazaar and no bake sale,
There will be nothing to staple,
Not one thing to fold or mail.

Furnished with big recliners,
Satin couches and foot stools,
Where there's no committee chairmen
No group leaders or car pools.

Telephone lists will be outlawed
But a finger snap will bring
Cool drinks and gourmet dinners
And rare treats fit for a king.

You ask, who'll serve these privileged few
And work for all they're worth?
Why, all those who reaped the benefits
And not once volunteered on Earth.