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## Flamingo is Midget luck omen

By BRUCE STAPLEY  
Giving all the credit to their mascot, a pink flamingo named Frankie, the Stouffville Midget Clippers beat Oshawa 5-3 at the Recreation Centre Friday night in their last game of the regular season.

But while the players would laughingly deflect the credit to the plastic bird, the truth of the matter was they played a top notch game to edge an Oshawa team that played sound, aggressive hockey.

Fiesty defenceman Aaron McWilliams, sticking to the most part to solid, controlled hockey, showed just what a valuable con-

tribution he can make to the Clippers, scoring once and assisting on two more goals.

"I had a lot of energy tonight, said McWilliams at the games end.

"After being thrown out last week, I just said to myself that I wasn't going to let that happen on the last night of the regular schedule."

Goalie Dan Bell showed flashes of near brilliance in the Stouffville goal, robbing Oshawa from point blank range on several occasions.

McWilliams opened the scoring in the first period with a searing slapshot that caught the corner from 20 feet out, earning Danny Larmer a questionable assist. Todd McKay tied it for Oshawa later on in the period.

In the second stanza, Stouffville took the lead on a short-handed goal. Darren Baston blasted a clearing slapshot off the boards into the neutral zone, only to have Craig Stronach pick it up at centre and go in alone on the Oshawa goalie Scott Kippen. The agile forward made a nifty move, then tucked it in the left side.

Kent Smythe made it 3-1 on another breakaway, flipping it between the legs of the Oshawa goaltender. A Stouffville defensive lapse led to Oshawa's second goal, with Dan Pellerin making it 3-2.

The second period had to be cut short when Oshawa goalie Scott Kippen had the net fall on him, injuring his back and ankles. The remaining 1:04 was tacked onto the third period, and Kippen was able to continue.

It was McWilliams again in the third period, booming a wicked slapshot that Kippen stopped, but left lying in the goal mouth for Danny Larmer to tap home.

Rob Montgomery brought Oshawa within one again, but Kirk Smythe gave Stouffville an insurance marker with a good move, McWilliams assisting. Shortly after, Bell made perhaps his most spectacular save of the night, holding his ground on a breakaway to preserve the two goal lead and break the spirit of the visitors.

Clipper coach Ray Steel was encouraged with his team's play, although he felt they took a few needless penalties. "Overall, they're doing well," he said of his team, which will begin the playoffs January 29 against either Cobourg or Port Perry.

Oshawa is a good, aggressive hockey club. When you play aggressive hockey, you're bound to take penalties," coach Steel said.



Hockey committee plans Oldtimers reunion

A committee of former players is setting the wheels in motion for the second annual May Oldtimers Reunion. The committee is planning a reunion for the Stouffville Hockey Club at the Recreation Centre April 29. Participants in discussions Thursday were seated (left to right): John Dunlop, Steve Lewis, John McWilliams, John Pridham, John Ridd, and John Smith.

## Soccer Clinic

Tom Baxter, formerly of the Markham Soccer Club, has agreed to give an introductory coaching clinic for the Whitechurch-Stouffville Soccer Club to parents of first-time players.

Mr. Baxter will use some newly developed instructional video tapes for this purpose.

The clinics will be held in one of the local schools during March and April.

Anyone, interested should contact either Martin Johannessen at 640-4764, or Nancy Gillespie at 640-5665.

This clinic is ideal for parents who are not familiar with the game of soccer.

## Future bright

By JEFF YOUNG

According to Stouffville High's junior basketball Asst. Coach Doug Walker, the junior Spartans have the speed, ball control, and offensive strength to develop into a winning team.

Under the watchful eye of Mr. Walker and coach McKnight, the young Spartans started slowly with two wins and four losses, but Mr. Walker said: "With a little experience, we'll be there when the play-off's start."

"After a slow start, the team is beginning to develop to its full potential," Mr. Walker said.

### Busy skaters

The Stouffville Figure Skating Club is heading into a busy season.

On Tuesday, (Jan. 19), Inter-Club competitions were held at the Town Rec Centre followed by presentations of medals.

On the weekend of Feb. 13 and 14, Stouffville will host the York Inter-Club, with competitions continuing Saturday and Sunday.

On April 15 and 16, the local Club will hold its alternate year Spring Carnival with one show Friday evening, another show Saturday afternoon and the grand finale Saturday night.

## Trio of hat-tricks

Three hat-tricks featured Stouffville A.H.L. play at the Rec. Centre, Sunday.

Pete Mabley collected three as Village Landscaping 'Caps' downed G&R Flooring 'Jets' 6-4. Pat Madigan and Bob Nichols each blinked the light three times as Stouffville Travel Flyers' rolled over Farquharson Realty 'Penguins' 9-1.

Other lamp-lighters for Village Landscaping were — Rick Glen, (2); Henry Stevens, (1); Brent Stachel and Bill Harman each potted a pair for the 'Jets'. Ron Martyn, Gary Husbands and Dave Turner notched singles for the 'Flyers'. Murray Thompson was the lone goal-getter for the Pens.

Results of other games follow:

Towne Restaurant, 3; Greens Restaurant, 3

Goals for Towne were counted by — Jim Hargrave, (1); John Barnett, (1); Dave Boyd, (1). For Greens, the goal-scorers were — Steve Ramer, (1); Wayne Jackson, (1); Art Nicholson, (1). Betz Pools, 4; Smurthwaite Heating, 1

Neil Newton and Rich Hughes each struck for two goals, pacing Betz Pools to victory. Ken May counted the lone Smurthwaite tally.

Century 21, Meharg, 3; Canadian Tire, 0

Roy Ireland collected two goals for the real estate squad. Lionel Villeneuve scored one.

## College star

The Western Michigan University 'Broncos' captured the Riverfront Invitational Hockey Tournament in Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 23 with rightwinger Shane Redshaw playing a prominent role.

Shane, in his second year at WMU, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Redshaw of Goodwood.

Shane played previously with the Pickering 'Panthers'.

The Broncos defeated nationally-ranked Colgate 8-7 in the overtime semi-final and downed Miami, Ohio 10-6 in the championship game. Shane counted one goal and picked up two assists. He now has three goals and seven assists on the season.

## Peewees pose playoff threat

If the Stouffville Credit Union Peewees can begin the playoffs as they ended the league games, the chances of advancement are good.

The home club bounced Port Perry 4-1. It was the second meeting between the two teams in four days.

Brandon Pridham with a pair, led the Stouffville offensive. Franco Santeramo and Paul Trentadue notched singles.

Brandon's first tally came on passes from Santeramo and Trevor Bardell. His second goal glanced in off his leg after Trentadue let a drive go from the point.

Santeramo counted one of his own with Jay Hause and Bardell assisting. Paul Trentadue put the game out of reach from David Spoorenberg.

Lee Wideman was a standout on the Stouffville defence. Lee dropped back to a blueline position to fill in for an injured rearguard. Jeff Willis turned in a fine performance between the pipes, on one occasion blocking four shots in a row when his mates had trouble clearing.

It was Port Perry's first loss in league play this season.

Penalties Hurt  
In the first of the home-and-home set with Port Perry, the Clippers lost 4-2. Stouffville kept pace with the Seugog squad through two periods, but penalties hurt. Port Perry scored two unanswered tallies in the third.

Brandon Pridham and Jermain Franklin were the lamp-lighters for Stouffville. Danny McNaught assisted on Pridham's goal.

Pridham Pots Pair  
Brandon Pridham kept his goal-scoring steak alive with two tallies as the Clippers downed a tough Bowmanville team. His first came on passes from Paul Trentadue and Trevor Bardell. His second saw Bardell and Jay Hause pick up assists. David Caramonico and Darren Zeller fired singles.

The victory was an excellent all-round performance by the Clippers, proving they can beat any team in the league. They looked strong from the goaltender out.

A Great Comeback  
Spotting Port Hope a three-goal lead in the first four minutes, net-minder Shawn Wilson was wondering if his mates had packed up their

gear and gone home.

However, the Clippers returned to realism and battled their opponents to a 5-5 tie.

Brandon Pridham was Johnny-on-the-spot for two tallies. His first was a converted pass from Jay Hause and his second, a set-up from Franco Santeramo and Trevor Bardell.

Paul Trentadue scored on a brilliant end-to-end rush and David

Caramonico hit the top corner with a sizzling wrist shot.

Port Hope took the lead 5-4 on a solo up-ice dash that had even the Stouffville fans applauding. But the Clippers weren't to be denied. Their fifth goal came on a picture-perfect play with Santeramo feeding the puck to Jay 'slap-shot' Hause. Hause blasted a shot into the crease and Bardell tipped it past the post, beating the netminder cleanly.

### Registration

With hockey in full swing, it's hard to think softball. The executive, however, has softball on its mind with registrations this week and next.

The dates, times and places follow:

STOUFFVILLE REC. CENTRE and VANDORF COMMUNITY CENTRE  
Wed. Jan. 20 from 7 to 9 p.m.; Sat., Jan. 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Sat. Jan. 30 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

BALLANTRAE COMMUNITY CENTRE  
Wed. Jan. 20 from 7 to 9 p.m.; Sat. Jan. 23 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.  
Sat. Feb. 6 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

For additional information call Cathy VanKoughnet, 640-2303.

## Norton fires empty-net goal

By BRUCE STAPLEY  
The Stouffville Novice Clippers beat Port Perry 3-1 at the Recreation Centre Friday night in a fast paced, well played contest.

The game featured strong defensive play that made for only a few really good scoring chances, with the local Neil Patrick outfit holding an overall edge in play.

Kyle Norton led the Clippers with 2 goals, the second one into an empty net with 26 seconds left to play in the game to insure the victory. Ryan King counted the other Stouffville marker.

After a scoreless first period that was characterized by strong checking, Norton put the Clippers in the lead at 7:29 of the second frame. The red-headed offensive star took a pass from Scott Assinck and lifted a high wrist shot from 20 feet out that found an opening.

Three minutes later, King upped the lead to 2-0 on an unassisted goal as Stouffville continued to carry the play.

A Clippers' penalty led to the first sustained Port Perry pressure of the night. Evan Boyd was called upon to smother a shot from point blank range.

In the third period, the Clippers mounted a considerable offensive thrust, but were held at bay.

Port Perry made it exciting with a goal with 4:30 remaining, a short-handed effort. Port Perry's Tim Fitzpatrick beat the usually reliable Boyd with an innocent looking wrist shot that seemed to handcuff the young netminder.

The visitors pulled their goalie with 48 seconds remaining to attempt one last assault on the Stouffville net, but Stouffville's Kyle Norton bulled his way into the Port Perry zone and banked a shot off the post and into the goal to salt the game away.

When questioned at games end about the soft goal that robbed him of his shutout, Clippers' goalie Evan Boyd just shrugged and said, "I don't know how I lost it."

## Ready for playoffs

Stouffville's Fame International Atom 'Clippers' were good hosts on Friday to the visiting Wexford Raiders from Scarborough, losing the game 3-1.

From the opening face-off, it was evident the hometown boys would have their hands full with the Scarborough team. Wexford opened the scoring in the first period on a two-on-one break. Clippers' goalie Greg Sanford made the initial save, but a Wexford player was there to bang in the rebound.

A tripping penalty against Wexford paved the way for Stouffville's tying goal. Geoff Smith passed to Jason Reesor, who let go a blast that was tipped in by Phil Pridham.

The second period included some exciting end-to-end action with the Clippers unsuccessfully firing a barrage of shots at the Wexford net, only to have the visiting Scarborough team mount their own offensive threat and sneak one past the Clippers' goal.

In the third period, Stouffville kept the pressure on the Raiders, but were unable to score, having a goal called back and one bounce off the visitors' goal post. The game ended 3-1 for Wexford.

The Clippers are off to a tournament in Peterborough this weekend as a tune-up for the upcoming play-off.

