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Gloria fires hat trick to down Scarborough

By BLAINE KANEKO
Scarborough's Crawdaddy's Restaurant was given a healthy serving of Mintz meat, and they found it hard to digest.
Gloria "My teammates call me Borje" Mintz scored a natural hat trick in less than two minutes to lead the Stouffville Betz Pool girls to a 5-3 win.

Off to an early first period lead courtesy of Cathy Hannah's individual effort, the homeside took advantage of an undermanned visitors' bench.
With a Scarborough player in the penalty box, Gloria notched the first of her three goals on the powerplay.
About a minute and a half later, Julie Thompson skated down the left wing, hesitated, freezing the opposition's defence and fed a perfect pass to the rushing Mintz who pulled Crawdaddy's goalie Debbie Garbatt out of position and popped it over her.

Crawdaddy's squad from getting any closer than two goals.
The only incident to mar the skillfull and physical contest occurred about mid-way through the middle stanza.
Michelle Coppins was chasing Crawdaddy's defenceman Karen Allen behind the opposition's net when the Scarborough player fell and crashed into the end boards injuring her leg.
She was taken by ambulance to Scarborough Centenary Hospital where she was treated and released.



Scoring a four point night, Gloria Mintz led the Betz Pool Girls' Sr. 'C' team to a 5-3 victory over Scarborough, Sunday at the Recreation Centre. Gloria's natural hat trick in the second period insured the win.

Port Perry lose in overtime to Stouffville

By BLAINE KANEKO
There was a crime Monday night at the Recreation Centre.
And the Neil Patrick Novice 'Clippers' were involved.
They managed the larcenous act of taking a divisional playoff game from the red and white of Port Perry 2-1 on an overtime goal by Kyle Norton.
The win gives the hometown boys a 2-1 lead in their best-of-seven series.
They may be ahead in the series standings, but the game could just as easily slipped to the opposition if it were not for the exceptional play of goalie Evan Boyd.

It was the fifth game in four nights for the nine-year-old net-minder who faced 17 shots in the game, three on breakaways with the game on the line.
The Clippers played wide-open positional hockey in the opening frame even outshooting the opposition 4-3, but Port Perry goalie Mike Moran was equal to his counterpart at the other end of the ice and the period ended scoreless.

Player openings remain in Stouffville ball leagues

By DENISE McDONALD
Considering whether to pull that old ball glove out this summer, but just can't get yourself geared to thinking beyond this present spell of slushy, dreary weather?
Well, never fear. Ample registration vacancies are still left,

according to Stouffville Baseball Association registrar Kathy Van Koughnet.
"There's lots of openings in the older levels, especially in rep ball and the Peeewe levels on up," she said.
"We held the registration at the same time we always do, but I

think it's a rough time of year to ask people to think about baseball," she said. "We also had two really rough Saturdays."
Van Koughnet said the low figures were particularly surprising as they were expecting a lot more representation from the new subdivisions.
"About 100 more will probably filter in over the course of the next few months," she said.

Hat tricks abound: SAHL

Plenty of hats should have been given out Sunday, as four out of five teams playing in the Stouffville Amateur Hockey League had a player scoring three goals.
Greens Restaurant, 6; G&R Flooring, 1.
Mike Jones was the big gunner for Greens with his three goal performance as he led his teammates to the 6-1 win. Randy Gray added a pair, and Bob Leger contributed with one. Bob Thornhill was the lone Jet to put one past the goalie.
Betz Pools, 5; Century 21, 1; Meharg, 1.
Neil Newton counted three times and it was all the Nordiques needed to get by the Whalers 5-1. Along with Neil, Gord Ness and Pat Coughlan tallied while Whaler Bill Ormson hit the score sheet with his single.
Canadian Tire, 5; Smurthwaite Heating, 1.

Terry Weatherill was the featured player in the Blackhawks 5-1 trouncing of the Bruins. Terry hit the light three times, with teammate Bob McKinnon chipping in for a pair. Steve Ellis was the only Smurthwaite sniper.
Towne Restaurant, 4; Stouffville Travel, 2.
Dave Boyd ripped the mesh on three occasions which was a good thing for the Kings as they needed his scoring punch to edge the Flyers 4-2. Andy Cartwright was the other King to score, while Bill Wetherall and Pat Madigan put Stouffville Travel on the map.
Village Landscaping, 2; Farquarson Realty, 1.
In a janty Sunday, no player on either team notched the hat trick in the close contest. Rick Glen and Larry Penny netted goals for the Caps, and it was good enough to narrowly get by the Penguins with their only goal courtesy of Don Harman.

Novice Clippers skate to consolation round title

In between the playoff match-up with Port Perry, Stouffville's Neil Patrick Novice 'Clippers' found the time and stamina to compete in the Lindsay Novice 'A' Tournament.
The hometown boys were probably glad they participated in the weekend competition as they skated away with the consolation championship after a 4-3 win over the host team.
It was quite an accomplishment considering the beating the team took at the hands of East Gwillimbury, losing 9-2, dropping the Clippers into the consolation round.
Kyle Norton scored the only Stouffville goals in the defeat while goalie Evan Boyd was recipient of the most valuable player award for his efforts in minimizing the opponent's bombardment.
The next game featured a fired-up Stouffville team.
The local boys eliminated Port

Hope 3-0 on goals by Andrew Hutchison, Kyle Norton and Ryan King. Evan Boyd collected his second MVP Award and the Goal-tender's Shutout Award.
The victory put the Clippers in the consolation finals against the host team, Lindsay.
Going into the game Lindsay had the psychological advantage having beaten Stouffville in two previous tournaments, but it did not phase the Clippers as they went on to beat their rivals in a tight contest 4-3.
Kyle Norton, Ryan King and Andrew Hutchison were the goal-getters for Stouffville with Tim Smart, Adam Crowder and Grahame Smith counting assists.
Not only did Stouffville leave with the consolation trophy, Kyle Norton garnered MVP honors for his performance in the final game.

Ex-Clipper Les Clarke heads reunion

By BRUCE STAPLEY
When the Markham-Stouffville Hockey Oldtimers Reunion is held at the Recreation Centre on April 30, one of the people who will be able to take much of the credit for its success will be Stouffville's Les Clarke.
Les, who is on the committee organizing the big event, has fond memories of his days with the Stouffville Clippers of the old Intermediate 'A' League.

"It got to the point where it was becoming difficult for the businessmen," he says. "People from Markham who had been doing business with Stouffville stores would change stores because of the hockey rivalry."
Recently retired after 35 years in the insurance business with Birkett and Hassard in Stouffville, Les came to play hockey with the original Clippers in the fall of 1948.
It turned out to be more than just hockey he came here for.
I ended up marrying the daughter of Bert Bell, the team's

manager," he says referring to his wife Audrey. "Back in those days I was commuting to the games with Austie Baker, who was the team captain. We both lived in the east end of Toronto."
It was while he lived in Toronto that Les teamed up with Bob Hassard on a local hardball team.
Hassard's athletic abilities eventually led to his playing for the Toronto Maple Leafs.
Les himself had played hockey for a Toronto outfit called the 'Q and L Flyers' before joining the Clippers. The Flyers were coached by ex-Maple Leaf Hank Goldup.
He had gone to Oshawa to tryout for the Millionaires in an early season practice when the Stouffville coach approached him about playing for the Clippers.

"He told me it was a new team and there would be plenty of openings," Les says.
He recalls the first Clipper squad consisted of several players who had jumped from the Millionaires. Those included Baker, his commuting partner, Bob Lawrie, goaltender Jack Harper and coach Ernie Lawrie.
"That is what started the war between Stouffville and Markham," Les admits.
So great was the interest in games played between the two arch-rivals, "you could hardly fight your way into the arena," he claims.
"I remember one game where the arena was so full that some fans went home to get ladders so they could watch from the window."
He remembers the games were

always high-spirited.
While the Clippers first played on natural ice in a covered arena situated where the town pool now stands, the coming of the 'new arena' in 1949 provided a much better facility.
For playoff matches there would sometimes be as many as 1,800 spectators on hand in the new arena which was demolished this past fall, Les recalls.
His career with the Clippers spanned the years 1948 through 1957, with a two year stretch with the Newmarket Senior team thrown in between his years spent in Stouffville.
He eventually moved to town in 1952, where he established a family consisting of two daughters and a son. He currently has five grandchildren.
While small in stature, Les always gave it his best effort and wasn't afraid to mix it up with the big boys.
"I certainly didn't back away from anybody," he smiles. "And the Millionaires had some big boys."
Despite the intensity of the Markham-Stouffville rivalry, Les insists the game was played primarily for fun.
"We played to win, but if you lost, tough luck," he says. "It was strictly recreation. It was fun."
Les would become captain of the Clippers his last few seasons with them. But for him, one name will always stand out.
"In my opinion, the best all around player that ever played for Stouffville was Nick Bangay," Les says. "He was a super guy. Bangay would go on to play pro



Despite the intense rivalry with the Markham Millionaires in the 50s, former Stouffville Clipper star Les Clarke was more than glad to help organize the reunion between the two teams.

Ross downed 2-1 in girls action

Bunnie's Flowers continued their improved play, following up last week's draw with a 2-1 win over their George Ross Photo rivals in the mid-division for Girls' House League hockey.
After a scoreless opening period of end-to-end action, thanks to the efforts of goalie Cheryl Norton for Bunnie's and Katie White for the George Ross squad.
It wasn't until late in the middle frame when Nicole Bardell put one in from Sabrina Denomme giving Bunnie's a 1-0 lead.
But the George Ross team fought back, pressuring Bunnie's until Laura Winterstein tied the contest with about five minutes remaining in the game.
Another tie between the two teams appeared likely, but Julie Comito had other ideas.
With 51 seconds left on the clock Julie pounded one into the net to give Bunnie's a 2-1 victory.
In the Junior House League division on the strength of four first period goals, the Kinsmen routed the McNeill girls and pulled ahead of their rivals by four points.
Bonnie's started the way with three markers, and another goal by Denise counted for a pair, and Amanda Drayton and Ecca Watson netted for the girls.
Amy Ormson and Kelly Ormson counted for the girls.