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## Atom Clippers in 'BB' finals

By BRUCE STAPLEY.

"We're having a season on borrowed time."

This is how Fame International Atom 'Clippers' coach Don Reesor summed up the recent playoff exploits of his amazing Atoms after his charges eliminated Paris with a 4-1 victory Saturday at the Recreation Centre.

"Since we were down three games to none against Cobourg, we've gone 10 wins, three ties and no losses," coach Reesor said. "I'm real pleased with the character they are showing."

The well-deserved win in the series clincher against the determined Paris team gave the Clippers a 3-0-1 margin of victory in the best-of-five OMHA 'BB' semi-final. The Clippers will now meet Hespeler in a series to decide the Provincial Championship.

In Saturday's action, Stouffville showed their balance with all lines contributing solid performances. Phillip Pridham was the offensive leader with a pair of goals, while Lindsey Haylow and Geoff Smith chipped in a goal a piece.

Greg Sanford was particularly effective between the pipes for the home team, losing his shutout bid in the third period to Paris' Kyle Leman. The Clippers were able to stymie Paris sharpshooter Tyler Pelton, who scored five goals in the opening game of the series. "We knew we had to slow them (Paris) down offensively after the 6-6 tie (March 18)," said coach Reesor. "We had to come up with a plan and the kids executed it well. The kids played excellent."

Stouffville came out of the first

period of Saturday's contest with a slim 1-0 lead on Lindsey Haylow's shot along the ice that went in off goalie Jonathon Burr's skate.

In the second frame, Phillip Pridham's deflection of Jason Reesor's shot from 20 feet out made it 2-0. Greg Sanford came up big on several occasions to help the Clippers maintain the two goal bulge.

When the homeside sustained pressure as the period wound down a scramble from in front of the goal resulted in Phillip Pridham counting his second from Ryan Burkholder.

The Clippers held their own in the final stanza, trading singles with Geoff Smith putting the icing on the win.

Coach Reesor expects the Hespeler series to be a close and exciting final.

"We're in tough that's for sure," he admitted. "It's going to be an interesting series."

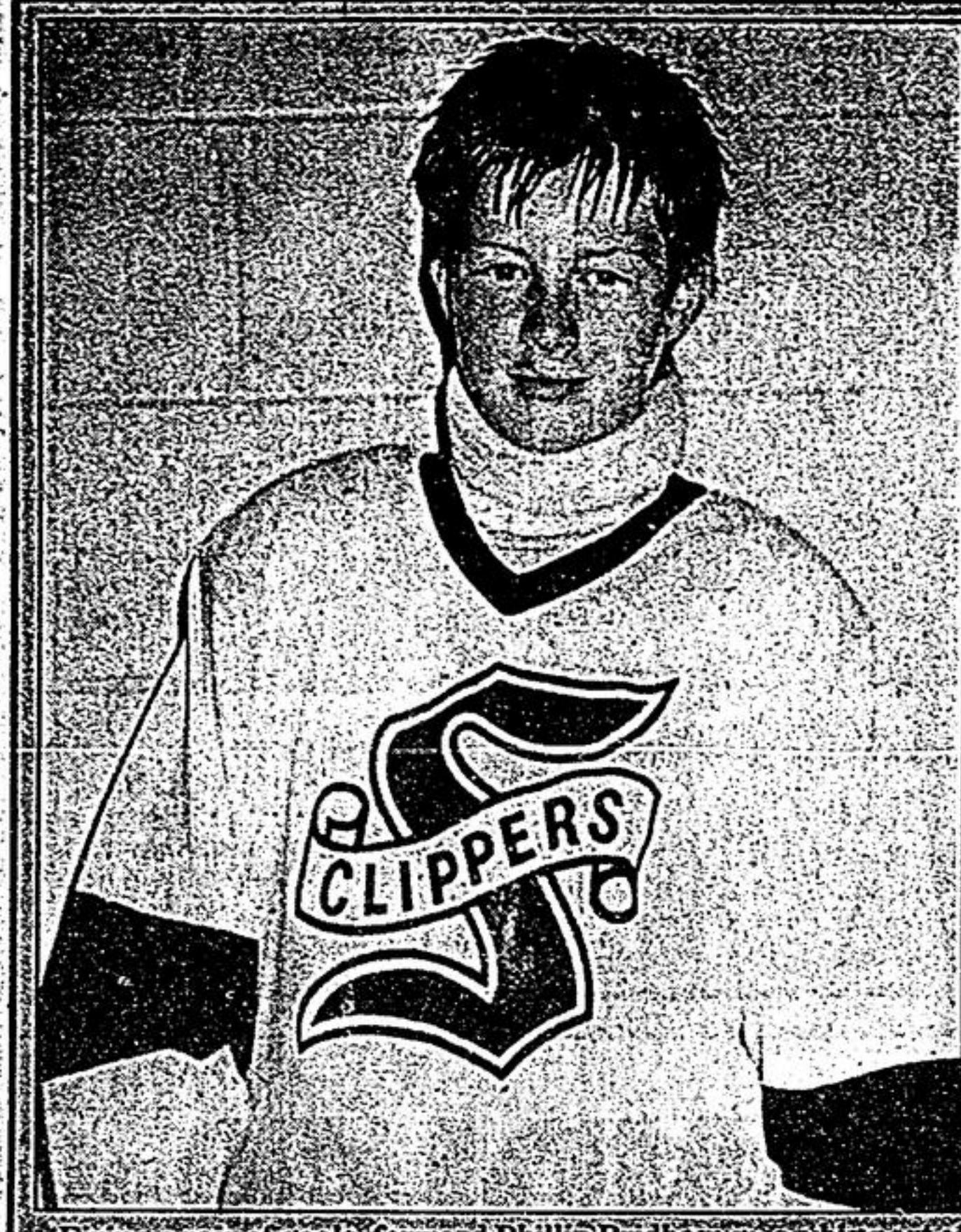
The two teams met only once all season in a tournament in January, with the Hespeler squad scratching out a 2-1 victory.

"They are a fairly well balanced team," said the coach. "No matter what happens, we can hold our heads high."

And all of a sudden the team that came within nine seconds of being eliminated a few weeks ago stand on the threshold of grabbing all the marbles.

The first game of the best of five series takes place March 31 at 7 p.m. in Hespeler. Game Two is 3 p.m., April 1 at the Recreation Centre.

The following game's schedule is decided by coin toss.



Firing a pair of goals forward Phillip Pridham was a big part of the Atom 'Clippers' elimination of Paris 4-1 Saturday at the Recreation Centre. With the victory, the local boys have advanced to the OMHA 'BB' Finals against a strong team from Hespeler.

## SAHL top scorers upset in playoffs

It was a case of playoff hockey and not even SAHL president Bob McKinnon's hat trick could stave off the upstart Century 21-Meharg squad from upsetting the league's first place Canadian Tire team in the opening game of the Stouffville Amateur Hockey Association's playoffs.

Leading the way for the Whalers during the Sunday showdown was Lionel Villeneuve and Bill Guest with a pair each, and Dave Tucker and Ted Spice potting singles on their way to the surprising 6-3 win.

Betz Pools, 4; Smurthwaite Heating, 1.

On the strength of Gord Ness' pair of markers, the Nordiques beat up on the Bruins 4-1. Ron Evans and John White were the other Betz Poolers to mark the scoring summary, while the lone Bruin gunner was Gary Fraser.

Towne Restaurant, 5; G&R Flooring, 5.

In another upset of sorts, the highly-favored Kings had a difficult time ruling the Jets and only managed a draw. Leading the way for the new and improved G&R Flooring squad was Bruce Gibbons, Wayne Smith, Bob Slack, Brent Stachel and John Tardella. Counting for the Kings was John Barnett, Brian Harper, Wayne Emmerson, Randy Lee and Andy Cartwright.

Village Landscaping, 2; Farquharson Realty.

The league's second place Village Landscaping took on the Farquharson's Penguins and the result was fairly predictable with the Caps taking a 2-0 victory. Pete

Mabley and Rick Glen were the two Caps to sink the Penguins.

Stouffville Travel, 2; Greens Restaurant, 0.

In a battle of two evenly matched teams, the Flyers managed to get past the North Stars and in the process shut their shooters down.

Tallying for the Stouffville Travel was Steve Rainer and Dave Turner on their way to the 2-0 win.

The final scoring statistics have been tabulated and Terry Weatherill and John Barnett have won the scoring titles. Terry Weatherill's goal getting touch led his Canadian Tire team to a tie for the over 40 division first spot, but because of a tie breaking procedure, the Blackhawks had to settle for seconds.

On the other hand, John Barnett was part of the Towne Restaurant King's triple crown line with Dave Boyd and Wayne Emmerson who were all in the top five in scoring of the over 30 division.

If you had them in the company hockey pool, here are the top 12 point getters for each division.

Over 40:

Terry Weatherill, 45; Rich Hughes, 37; Ron Brooks, 36; Bob McKinnon, 34; Phil Pirie, 32; Don Lloyd, 30; Bill Ormsen, 30; Ron Arends, 28; Ron Evans, 28; Doug Gornall, 27; Don Kimura, 26; Roy Ireland, 25; Gord Ness, 25.

Over 30:

John Barnett, 52; Dave Boyd, 48; Pat Madigan, 36; Wayne Jackson, 36; Wayne Emmerson, 36; Brent Stachel, 34; Art Nicholson, 32; Mike Jones, 31; Pete Turner, 30; Rick Glenn, 25; Pete Mabley, 25; Jim Hargrave, 24.

## Key performance at Guelph tourney

"I went to Guelph and all I got was a lousy keychain."

It may sound like a vacation novelty, but that might be how the Stouffville Dist. Secondary School co-ed volleyball team might have felt had they not earned their momento at the University of Guelph Co-ed Volleyball Tournament.

When the team made up of Lisa Zeck, Lisa Weatherill, Mary Sled, Debbie Chilvers, Karsten Henne, Don Clearwater, Wallace Barbour and Steve Head travelled to the weekend tournament it was the first time they played as a unit.

It was a factor that didn't phase coach Jim Fletcher. Days before the tournament, "Fletch" said he wouldn't be surprised if his team of talented setters and spikers finished in the top five.

"One thing he did not count on was a slow start."

"Before they could say 'tough competition' they had already lost to All-Ontario Champs Leamington and then to Northern from Sarnia."

The two loses combined with a

tie against Glendale put the local team in the Tier Three Pool.

Although feeling a bit disconcerted himself, the inimitable 'Fletch' motivated his team as only he can do and the team went on to capture five games in a row beating Oxford and Port Dover.

The brightest moment of the tournament for Fletch was Mary Sled hitting the game's final points set up by Lisa Zeck to win 15-6 and 15-11 over Port Dover. It was the last time Mary and Lisa will play volleyball for SDSS as they graduate at the end of the year.

It was the third year Fletch and Bob Tooker have assembled a squad for the competition. And despite the team's eight place finish, the eventual winner coming from East Elgin, Fletch was pleased with the end performance if not the keychain.

"We had fun, it was a fun tournament," offered Fletch. "We had a full days worth of volleyball. It gave the team an opportunity to meet other kids from around the province. It was a fine competition."

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## Volleyballers arrest police

By BLAINE KANEKO

There was an ace of police brutality in the gymnasium of Stouffville Dist. Secondary School March 23.

The technique the York Region Community Services Bureau used against a mixed squad for SDSS' volleyballers could best be described as brutal.

Unbelievably, with their unorthodox style the eight-man unit with the addition of teacher Scott Croucher managed to win a game 12-15 but lost the set 15-13, 15-8.

The match-up was a fundraiser for the school's athletic council.

Receipts for the afternoon event totalled more than \$500.

Money raised will be used to fund tee shirts, awards and the year-end athletic banquet.

The genesis of the police-student volleyball game was developed on a whim according to co-organizer Leslie Snooks.

Her father, Constable Wayne Snooks, was recently transferred to the Community

Services Division. He mentioned to Leslie the Sgt. Rodney Sine was looking for an approach suitable to public school and high school students.

I talked to my dad about a volleyball game and it just evolved," said the 18-year-old Grade 12 student. "Sgt. Sine contacted me. He wanted to come up with an activity with the schools on a fun basis."

It was the first game for the team consisting of Community Services officers. They came into the game admitting they had no practice but confident because they had monetary influence with the referee. They went as far as saying the real referee was tied up and thrown in the trunk of their car.

Whatever the method it did not work although it kept the crowd of about 250 students on their toes as they fielded errant volleyball.

By game's end with knees bruised and bows broken the York Region team reluctantly conceded defeat.

The tough game left a real tough team. A dedicated

officer Brian McHale doing his best to keep the referee

from being hit in the head by

## Novice 'Clippers' overwhelmed by Bowmanville Bulls

By BLAINE KANEKO

It was a case of David versus Goliath.

Only this time David was squashed, but not without trying.

When the Fame International Atom 'Clippers' took on the Bowmanville Bulls during the weekend to determine the Lakeshore Group Two zone champions, they took the bull by the horns but just couldn't wrestle it to the dirt, losing Saturday's game 8-1 and the following day's game 5-0.

No one said this series would be easy. And considering the home side is a 'BB' squad and Bowmanville, who beat Trenton in their semi-final, is 'A' the local boys had an enormous task at hand.

It is a series coach Wally Crowder wasn't too anxious to play taking into account his boys have participated in about 60 games this season, but the Ontario Minor Hockey Association ruling dictated otherwise.

"We don't shoot the puck enough," admitted Dave Turner.

"But that's been a problem all year. Before the game they were told to put pressure on them, beat them to the puck and check like crazy. With a couple of lapses against them they score."

"We could have played better," added defenseman Danny Armour. "We didn't shoot the puck enough."

"We might not be able to beat them but we can come close."

The next game is tonight at 7 p.m.

## Final chance to book field

It's the last strike for those wanting to schedule diamond times for the upcoming season.

The Community Ball Association meeting is at Latcham Hall, Tuesday, April 5 at 8:30 p.m. to finalize diamond schedules for 1988.

Team representatives that want to confirm or register diamond times should attend the meeting.

## Springtime sports heating up SDSS

By BLAINE KANEKO

The athletic department at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School is just hitting their stride.

The coterie of coaches including Dave Connell, Sue LeRoy, Jim Fletcher, Cathy Croucher, Scott Croucher, Laurie Cook, Jim Rehill, Ron Dempster, Al Piette, Doug McCammon and Rod Leonard as the assistant trainer are preparing for the spring sport season.

Already indoor track and field sessions have begun and coach Scott Croucher said he is encouraged by the enthusiasm shown.

"Indoor track and field started Monday, and more than 50 kids turned out," the coach said. "We have 28 midgets, 23 juniors and four or five seniors. There's a lot of interest and a lot who haven't done track."

To compensate for the unavailability of a track at SDSS, coach Croucher has introduced a weekly trip to York University

utilizing their advanced training facilities to get the edge on other schools who will enter the April 13 Durham, York Secondary School Association tri-meet at York University.

Among the track and field participant's on the team, coach Croucher said athletes like Michelle Hall and Brenda Hatch, who qualified for OFSAA last year, along with Sue Baston and Anne Beecher are a formidable nucleus to build a team around.

And if the team needed any more inspiration, the by-chance meeting of Ben Johnson at the university's training facility should probably solidify their commitment.

As for the other major events, badminton under the supervision of Jim Rehill and Laurie Cook is in full swing, with girls' soccer, girls' baseball, boys' baseball, and the SDSS originated fitness challenge just around the corner.

