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MCCLIPPERS: Roger McMann (at left) and John McKinnon both scored two goals and an assist in the Stouffville Atom Clippers' 8-1 triumph over Port Hope last Wednesday.

## Stouffville Spartans crowned kings of the volleyball court

By BRUCE STAPLEY  
For the Stouffville District Secondary School Spartans Senior boys volleyball team, the crowning was one week premature.  
But after Wednesday's workman-like performance in the school gym, they know for sure they are king of the hill.  
The Spartans, who had rolled over all comers to capture their second straight York Region Double 'A' championship the week before, challenged the Triple 'A' division-winning Markham volleyball team to a match to determine who was truly the best in York Region.  
And it was never in doubt: The Spartans jumped into an 11-0 lead in the first game of the best three of five set, going on to win the opener 15-3, and then came back with 15-9, 15-8 victories to earn the unofficial title.

"There was a job to be done out there, and we did it," said power hitter Guy Cowan in matter of fact fashion after the contest. "They were a super team," he said of the Markham squad, underscoring the point that the Spartans were just that much better.  
Fellow power hitter Scott Evans, who had complained after the title victory the week before that the whole thing had been a bit of a bore, was more enthusiastic about this match up. "It proves we're the best in York Region," he said. "We're getting primed up for the All-Ontarios now."  
Spartans' coach Jim Fletcher stood in awe of his troops after the three game sweep. "With Scott Evans and Don Clearwater in the middle, you just can't beat these guys. If the other team

covers one of them, the other is left open."  
He claimed the secret to his team's success lay in their great depth. "We're deep, we're strong all over. We've got guys like Evans, Clearwater and Cowan, but then Karsten Henze comes along and bangs off the last three points to win it. And look at how Karem Amer came off the bench."  
The exhibition match up had all the appearances of a championship event. The SDSS gym was packed with wildly cheering students; many of whom were wearing war paint on their faces. Zany attired male cheerleaders pranced about the court between victories, spurring on the crowd.  
Stouffville plays for the York-Durham championship November 25 at Brock High School.

## Goalies lead Atom team in three Clipper wins

Opposing coaches could be justified in thinking Stouffville Atom Clippers coach Bob McKinnon had found a way to play both his goalies at once. McKinnon has been changing his netminders intermittently during games all season, and the results have been enough to make one think that Evan Boyd and Brad Hackert are acting as joint custodians of the pipes rather than alternating tenants.  
The pair allowed only two goals in three games last week as the same International Clippers bounced back from two consecutive defeats to rack up an impressive three-game winning skein.  
On Wednesday at the Recreation Centre, Stouffville spotted Port Hope an early 1-0 lead, then roared back to annihilate

the visitors 8-1.  
John McKinnon and Roger McMann led the scoring assault with two goals and an assist apiece. Mike Underwood, Peter Smith, Kyle Norton, Brent Avery, David Hutchison, Ian Ellis and Steve Wilcox also scored.  
The Clippers were at it again Friday, stealing a 2-0 shutout from the visiting Bowmanville Toros. Scott Assinck and Ellis were masterful on defence in support of Boyd and Hackert.  
Goals by Avery, from Wilcox and Ellis in the first period, and Smith from Underwood and McKinnon in the second, gave Stouffville the win.  
Forced to close out the game two men short, the Clippers put on a brilliant display of forechecking to protect the shutout, with McMann carrying

the puck into the Bowmanville zone and keeping it there alone for 30 seconds at one point.  
Saturday saw the Clippers take their act on the road, and they still had enough left to best Lindsay 6-1.  
Hutchison and Underwood hit for unassisted markers to put Stouffville on its way to victory in the second period.  
Hackert's hot glove kept Lindsay off the board when they pressed in the third, and their forwards struck a gain to make it 3-0, with an assist by Norton.  
When Lindsay finally did score, McMann skated right back down the ice and found the mark with a high shot, making the final score 4-1.  
The Atoms meet Cobourg Friday at 8 p.m. at the Recreation Centre.



DOWN BUT NOT OUT: Don Clearwater of the sensational Stouffville Spartans, makes a diving save during an exhibition series against cross-town rivals from Markham District High School this week.

## Two victories for Clippers Midgets win short-handed

By BRUCE STAPLEY  
Thanks to Chris Burkholder, the Stouffville Midget Clippers were able to survive what appeared to be a permanent manpower shortage in two games last week.  
Burkholder led the penalty-prone Beekers Milk Clippers to victory twice with a nine point outburst that included three goals, two of which came within nine seconds during Wednesday's 6-2 win over Millbrook.  
In Pickering on Thursday, the smooth-skating forward scored the first goal of the game, then came back to contribute four assists in a 7-6 victory.  
Wednesday's game, played at the Recreation Centre, provided Clippers coach Al McNaught with the opportunity to perfect his penalty-killing format, as Stouffville received 15 penalties compared to Millbrook's four.

Stouffville took a 2-0 lead into the second period courtesy of goals by Brent Gould, from Ted Stonehouse, and Kevin Cryderman, from Gould.  
Burkholder went to work in the middle period, clicking early for two goals in nine seconds. Rob Parcells and Todd Balazs set up the first, with Parcells engineering the second.  
Millbrook finally broke through with a two man advantage, scoring on Clipper goalie Basil Luciano, who was called upon to make countless superlative saves during Millbrook's unceasing power play opportunities in the period.  
Parcells made it 5-1 in the early going of the third period, from Balazs and Burkholder. After the visitors got that one back, Parcells and Burkholder hit again, with Parcells collecting his second goal. Daryl Ham also

picked up an assist on the play.  
The Clippers took a 7-1 lead into the third period in Thursday's contest, but were retreating in the end after Pickering came up with five unanswered goals.  
The Clippers, playing with only three defencemen, tried in the dying minutes, and were barely able to hang on. Defenceman Lee Scaife missed his second consecutive game due to illness, and forward Keith Piette is out for three weeks until his broken arm heals.  
Daryl Ham, moved up to the forward line for the game, made coach McNaught look good by scoring three times. Stonehouse regained his form after an exasperating game the night before, scoring twice and adding an assist.  
Kelly McGinty and Parcells had a goal a piece.  
The game was marked by the

same Stouffville penalty parade that had characterized Wednesday's game. Coach McNaught was particularly pleased at how his troops had weathered the adversity of being forced to play shorthanded so often. "The boys held their cool during all the penalties. They were tired at the end."  
After playing the better part of two straight games shorthanded, they had a right to be fatigued.



DOUBLE TROUBLE: Trevor Bardell of the Stouffville Pee Wee Clippers was a double threat to the Millbrook opposition last week. The fiery forward logged two goals and two assists in the 5-4 edging at the Rec Centre.



TRIPLE THREAT: Stouffville's Midget Clippers look was outstanding between the pipes, and Chris Burkholder also posted two goals and a pair of assists.

## Sandra Shuker advances to skating finals

Gedra Valley's Sandra Shuker has advanced to the 1989 Central Ontario Section Figure Skating Championships.  
Sandra, 11, placed second in her flight of 13 competitors in the Pre-Novice Ladies division in Newmarket last Friday in the section run-offs. She was the only competitor among nearly 60 skaters in four flights to attempt a triple jump.  
And Sandra just missed landing a triple salchow in the competition, a jump she has landed frequently in practice.  
For her efforts, Sandra took first in the free skating portion of the competition, but finished second overall after placing second in figures.  
The top three skaters in each flight advanced to the Pre-Novice Ladies finals. This is the first level in the climb to the Canadian Figure Skating Association Championships.  
A Grade 6 student at Ballantrae Public School, Sandra skates for the Richmond Hill Figure Skating Club and the York Region Skating Academy.  
Twelve competitors will compete in free skating for the Pre-Novice Ladies title Friday, Nov. 25 at the Newmarket Recreation complex.

## Trevor Bardell saves Pee Wees first win

It was Trevor Bardell to the rescue Monday at the Recreation Centre, as the Stouffville Pee Wee Clippers registered their first win of the season over Millbrook.  
The Stouffville Credit Union squad came back from a second period 1-0 deficit to beat Millbrook 5-4. Bardell figured in four consecutive Stouffville tallies.  
After Dan McNaught tied it up at one apiece with assists from Ryan Jefferson and Darren Zeller, Bardell set up Ryan Burkholder for the go-ahead goal.  
Millbrook got that one back with a little more than five minutes to go in the second stanza, but Bardell clicked for his first of two goals a minute and a half later, with Burkholder and Lee Wideman drawing assists.  
Bardell helped the Clippers carry that momentum into the third period, scoring from Geoff Smith and Jason Reesor, then

setting up Jay Haise to make the score 5-2 for Stouffville.  
The visitors threw a scare into the home team, hitting for a pair of goals in the game's final 10 minutes, but Stouffville's defence hung tough, keeping the Millbrook forwards from getting behind them again and again.  
The Clippers' goaltending tandem of Greg Sanford and Steve Servinis performed capably between the pipes.  
For Clippers acting head coach Mike Jones, the win represented the taking of a proverbial monkey off the team's back.  
"We had lost three and tied one up until tonight's game, and two of the losses had been by one goal. It was good to win out there tonight. This team is going to win a lot of games before the season is through," said Jones.  
Buoyed by their initial victory, the Clippers then hit the road for two weekend games, a 4-4 tie with Bowmanville Saturday and a 6-1 pasting of Lindsay Sunday.