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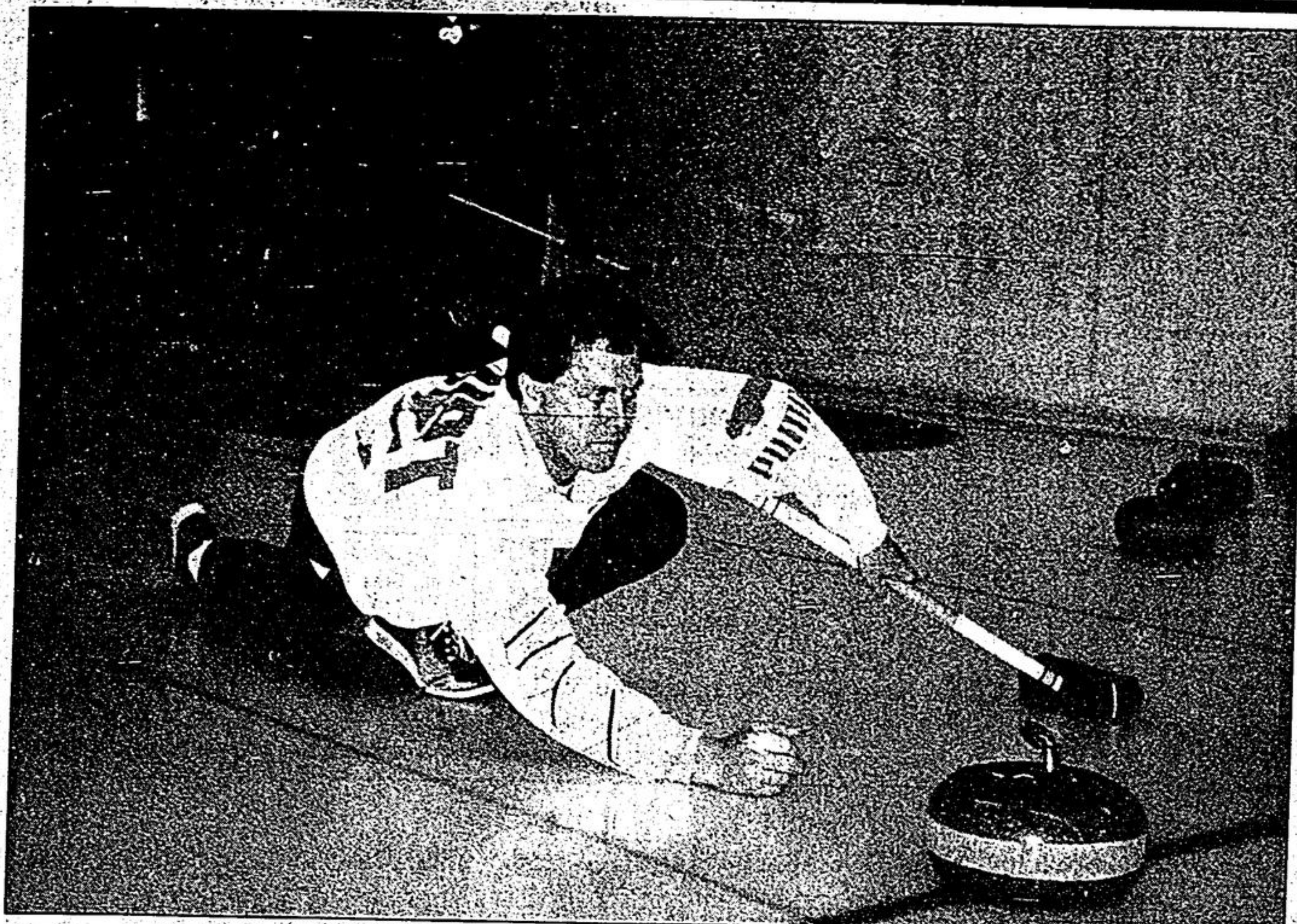
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Randy Grant from Stouffville delivers an end-stealing rock in fine form during this past weekend's Highland Beverage Bonspiel. The spiel, held at the Uxbridge Curling Club, drew teams from all over the

region, but the host clubs managed to keep three of the five top prizes in their own club. Grant curls regularly at the Uxbridge facility.

## Stouffville Pee Wees stymied in efforts to win playoff round

The Stouffville Pee Wee Clippers continued to be stymied in ground-robin playoff action, losing 3-0 to Port Perry on the road, then bowing 3-2 to Cobourg at home.

The Clippers had lost their previous playoff games to the same two teams by identical 7-2 scores.

Against Port Perry, the Credit Union Clippers fell behind early and trailed 3-0 after the first period.

**Hit post**  
Despite carrying the play in the

final period, the Pee Wees were unable to score, hitting four goalposts.

David Sporensberg's goal from Ryan Burkholder and Ryan Jefferson gave the Clippers an early lead against Cobourg. Geoff Smith, from Jason Reesor and Steve Emes, made it 2-0 as the first period ended.

**Held off**  
Clippers' goalie Steve Servinis held the visitors off the scoreboard until the final minute of the second period.

## Novice Clippers win first game of series over Bowmanville

When it comes to locking horns with the best, Dave Turner believes that practice makes perfect. And his Novice Clippers were as near to perfect as the coach could ever expect Friday night at the Recreation Centre, dumping Bowmanville 8-4 in the first game of their best-of-five series.

"We tried to teach the boys a system in practice to use in our end of the rink and in the other team's," said coach Turner. "And they stuck to it well. And our practices are always 50 per cent skating. It showed tonight."

The Neil Patrick Clippers were 2-1-1 in league games played against Bowmanville this year, but were edged by the first-place Bulls in a tournament at Bowmanville earlier this year.

But Turner knows it's the playoffs that really count.

"They can have the tournament — and we'll take this (the playoff win) any day."

Dan Tardella, Matt Turner and Ryan King led the attack for Stouffville, scoring three goals each.

Andrew Hutchison and Grahame Smith added singles.

The Clippers came back from a 2-0 first-period deficit and went into the third stanza with a 3-3 tie.

But they turned on the jets in the final period, scoring five goals in a row.

The two teams go at it again this Friday night at 7 p.m. at the Rec Centre.



Photo/BRUCE STAPLEY

The Novice Clippers are one of the few Stouffville teams who are playing on target, as the playoffs progress. This week, against Bowmanville, the Novices doubled the opposition 8-4, partly due to the strengths of Dan Tardella (left) and Matt Turner (right). The pair scored two goals apiece in the first game of the playoffs against the Bowmanville squad.

## Uxbridge Bruins scrambling to make playoffs

By BRUCE STAPLEY

Stouffville's Paul Sinclair capped a productive week by scoring two goals and assisting on two others as the Uxbridge Bruins overcame a 5-2 third-period deficit to tie Ajax 5-5 Sunday night.

The tie, on the heels of two top-sided victories over league doormat Madoc earlier in the week, left the Bruins five points behind Cobourg in the race for the last playoff position.

Uxbridge had the power play down pat Sunday in Ajax, with all three third-period goals coming with a man advantage. Trevor Clark, Gregg Pierce and John Steeves also scored for the Bruins.

Derek Lee led the Bruins to an 11-2 romp over Madoc on the road Tuesday, scoring four times. Sinclair had two goals, as did Steeves, Chris Winn, Greg Cook and Gord Roblin had singles.

At home on Friday the Bruins continued to beat Madoc as if it was the family mule, with Cook's three goals and three assists leading the 16-1 rout. Sinclair again added two goals, as did John Long, Stuart Holter, Pierce and Angelo Perfetti.

Clark, Steeves and Winn had one each.

Bruins manager Chuck Parsons was pleased with the five-point week, but realizes his team is up against the wall. "It was good to come back like we did Sunday, down 5-2. But it's a situation where you have to win every game. The guys have been playing good hockey."

The Bruins have three games in hand over Cobourg and play third place Trenton Friday night at 8:30 at the Uxbridge Arena.

### In best-of-seven

## Midgets bow to Haliburton twice in playoff action

By BRUCE STAPLEY

It was just one of those weekends for the Stouffville Midget Clippers.

The Beckers Milk crew bowed twice to Haliburton to fall behind two games to none in their best-of-seven playoff series.

Friday night at the Recreation Centre, Stouffville took a 4-2 lead into the third period and appeared to have things under control when Haliburton simply took over, tying it up with just under six minutes left in the third period.

A 10-minute overtime period saw the visitors score twice to earn a 6-4 win, as the Clippers seemed to run out of gas.

Keith Piette was the big marksman for the Clippers, scoring three goals.

Chris Burkholder added a solo. Dave McNaught rounded out the line, which has provided the team with much of its offence this year, with a pair of well-timed assists.

On Saturday in Haliburton the Clippers couldn't pull themselves up after falling behind 3-0 in the second period and wound up losing 5-3.

Stouffville came alive in the third with goals by Anand Date, Burkholder and Kevin Cryderman making it interesting, but Haliburton added two more goals to their total to ensure the win.

The two teams go at it again this weekend, with Friday's game being played at the Recreation Centre at 9 p.m. Then it's back to Haliburton for a return match Saturday.



Photo/BRUCE STAPLEY

The big line for the Stouffville Midget Clippers couldn't come up with enough for a win in the team's 6-4 overtime loss to Haliburton last week, but these three managed to keep Stouffville in a game they dominated for the first half. Chris Burkholder, at left, scored a single, while ace Keith Piette added three markers. Dave McNaught, at right, kept pace with his teammates by setting up two of the Stouffville points.

## Stouffville Seniors finally earn a victory in basketball action

The drought is over! After several months of frustration and near misses, the Stouffville District Secondary School Spartans Senior basketball team finally earned a win Sunday night, beating the visiting Stouffville Seniors 21-17.

John Hall had 21 points and Steve Mack became the team's leading scorer with 12 points. Steve Mack was in coach's favour, as he was the only player to score in the first half. Steve Mack also had two assists and three rebounds.

The Spartans were down 17-10 at the end of the first half, but they came back in the second half to win the game. Steve Mack was the key player in the second half, scoring 11 points and making several key plays.