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Pee Wee Clippers take tourney title

It was a three game sweep to the championship for the Stouffville District Credit Union Pee-Wee Clippers at the Collingwood Pee-Wee Tournament on the weekend.

Goals by Jason Reesor, Ryan Burkholder, Geoff Smith and Peter Smith gave the Clippers a 4-1 victory in the title match against Beamsville.

The Stouffville pucksters had earlier swamped Brampton 16-0, before advancing to the final with a narrow 2-1 win over hosts Collingwood.

Burkholder, Geoff Smith, and Roger McMann each fired hat tricks in the opening game rout. Single markers went to John McKinnon, Chad Dickinson, Jason Davis, Reesor, Brian Coughlan, Stan Morrison and Brent Avery.

Burkholder was named the game's Most Valuable Player, and Greg Sanford and Brad Hackert shared the shutout honors.

It was Davis and Burkholder providing the offence in the Clippers win over Collingwood. Stouffville's Greg Cook was named the game's MVP.

Ryan Jefferson picked up the MVP award in the championship game, and Burkholder was the tourney's overall MVP.

Clippers who collected assists during the tournament were Burkholder, with five, McKinnon, Davis, and Peter Smith, with three each, Geoff Smith, and Dickinson, with two, McMann, Reesor, Coughlan, Morrison, Avery and Ian Ellis.

Betz regrets loss of men's fastball team

When Marvin Betz discusses his company's seemingly limitless sponsorship of Stouffville sports teams, he admits it's more a matter of the head than of the heart - until he starts to talk about the one that got away.

Marvin has always seen his stable of baseball, hockey, soccer and other Betz Pools backed teams or individuals as a simple combination of corporate responsibility and good business sense.

When asked just how many Betz sponsorships comprise the sum total of the company's commitment, he confesses he honestly doesn't know off hand.

He mentions the Betz Pools Oldtimers Classics hockey team, along with his Junior C girls pucksters, his men's Sunday morning squad and the Bantam house league outfit.

Then there's the girls slo-pitch and soccer house league teams, the partial sponsorship of local Motocross ace Todd Townend and his backing of Can-Am Midget racer Dan Bound.

"There's probably something else," he suggested. "But I don't remember."

You get the impression, though, that he'd trade them all in on his recently disbanded Betz Pools Men's Fastball team.

"These teams are part of my corporate duty," he insists. "But the ball team - that was personal involvement."

And he knows he's going to miss the diamond action.

"I still can't believe I'm not going to have a team this year," he said.

He admitted he has left the door open, however, for the possible combination of eager local ball players, and a willing sponsor or two, to get the thing back on track.

"We still have our diamond slot for this year," he pointed out. "I'd like to help find someone else to set up another men's fastball team here. There are some people who might be interested, and given some time to think about it, they still might come forth. We may go



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back at it. I want a year to think about it."

Betz said he had assembled a club which would have been one of the 10 best in Ontario this season. But the local flavor was fading fast, as more and more outsiders were being brought in to fill the roster.

"We would have had a fine ball team, but it wouldn't have been local," he said. "We always wanted to put together something like the old Junior team, that was the initial idea."

Gone are the days of 1987 when the Betz Pools platoon took the provincial title with the likes of Stouffville's flame-throwing pitcher Jimmy Chilvers, the Grant brothers, Mark Fockler and others in their first year together.

Betz had to make a decision whether to embark on a win at all costs campaign, luring the out-of-town phenoms with offers of "benefits" as is so often done at the upper levels, or to simply fold his tent.

As it turns out, it was an easy choice. "We never paid anybody a dime to play here," he said. "But it was coming to that."

Now that he won't be spending the money, or the time, on his cherished ball club, Betz said he'll be able to supply himself with other interests such as skeet shooting and duck hunting.

He figures he'll be able to redirect much of what was usually a full day a week on baseball matters to such pursuits as Ducks Unlimited.

And he thinks it might be time to look at his many sponsorships, with an eye to fiscal responsibility.

"I don't know if I can take on any more teams," he said.

Especially if his heart's not in it.



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Jon Voss, white sweater, of the Stouffville Atom B Clippers battles with a Pickering player during action Saturday at the Uxbridge Atom Tournament. The B Clippers won a silver medal, while Stouffville's Boyd's Sports Atoms won a gold.

Stouffville Atoms win big at Uxbridge tournament

Stouffville's Atom Clipper teams grabbed a gold and a silver at Saturday's Uxbridge Atom hockey tournament.

The Boyd's Sports Atoms won the "A" Division of the tournament when Scott Assinck's blueline blast bounced off the back boards, struck the goalie, then entered the net to give the Clippers a 2-1 overtime win over the host Uxbridge squad in the championship match.

The Stouffville Fame International Atom Bs came back from a 2-0 deficit to tie their "B" Division title game against Port Perry with just under two minutes to play, but surrendered two last-minute markers to fall 4-2.

By beating their Uxbridge rivals, the Boyd's boys broke a string of four consecutive 1-1 ties between the two teams.

Kyle Norton scored for Stouffville in regulation time,

setting the stage for Assinck's goal two minutes into the five minute sudden death frame.

Ryan King, Tim Smart, and Norton had assists for the Clippers in the final.

The Clippers edged Huntsville 2-1 in their tourney opener, as Norton saved the day with two third period goals, King drawing an assist.

Evan Boyd then shut out Port Perry 2-0 in game two. Robbie Spytz provided the Clippers firepower, scoring twice on the same shift, with King, Grahame Smith, and Dan Tardella assisting.

The Atom Bs got shut out goaltending from Jason Brown in their first two matches of the competition as they blasted Uxbridge 7-0, then prevailed over Pickering 3-0.

But they couldn't sustain the momentum in the title game against Port Perry.

Shawn Carruthers and Reese Stanway had two goals each in the win over Uxbridge, with singles going to Brent Christman, Rob Tilley and Jon Voss.

It was Carruthers with another pair, and Stanway with one, in the Stouffville victory over Pickering. Carruthers and Voss also clicked in the championship contest.

In addition to their tournament triumph, the Boyd's Clippers took two exhibition wins last week, a 6-3 decision over Beaverton Thursday, and a 5-3 victory versus Unionville Friday.

King hit for the hat-trick Thursday, while Smart, Matt Turner, and Adam Crowder added singles.

Friday, it was Norton with two goals and two assists, with Danny Armour, Smart, and King also finding the target for the Clippers.

SDSS girls edged out of shot at provincials

The Stouffville District Secondary School Spartans Senior girls volleyball team came within a whisker of advancing to the Ontario (OFSAA) championships Thursday.

The Seniors, led by the strong play of Stacey Black, Anne Beecher and Lise Haylow, were edged by Brock Secondary School in their attempt to take second place at the Durham-York (DYSSA) championships at Vaughan.

The top two teams go on to contest the provincial high school Double-A title, with Brock and Curtis earning the honors.

The Spartans split their set with Brock, lost both matches to Curtis, then whopped Sutton, who they had beat the previous week in the York Region finals.

But when Brock upset Curtis, after the Curtis squad lost their two star players in a collision, Brock was awarded second place over SDSS.

"It was a bad break," said Spartans' coach Scott Croucher. "Brock hadn't beaten Curtis all year, but with Curtis losing their two aces, Brock was able to do it Thursday. We would have got the nod over Brock, had they lost, because we outscored them in the two games we played with them."