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Atoms take series, it's on to Kingston

The Stouffville Boyd's Sports Atom Clippers took the long route in picking up the decisive point in their second round Ontario Minor Hockey Association playoff series with Cobourg last week.

The Clippers, who had taken the first two games of the best-of-five, six-point set, played to a 4-4 overtime tie at the Rec Centre Feb. 11.

Friday in Cobourg, it was a carbon copy, with an extra period required after the teams each scored four times during regulation time.

But this time, the Clippers managed to net the winner with only 20 seconds left in the

extra period to take the game and the series.

It was Grahame Smith with a pair and Rob Tilley and Brad Johnston with singles, in Feb. 11 contest.

Rob Spytz (2), Andrew Hutchison, Ryan King, Tilley and Johnston had assists.

Friday, King had two goals and an assist to lead the way. Smith also scored twice with Jeff Hassard adding the fifth marker.

King, Spytz, Tilley, and Johnston drew assists.

The Boyd's squad will now take on Kingston, with the first game of the series set to go Feb. 23 at 4 p.m. at the Rec Centre.

Spartans into the crunch

It's crunch time for the three Stouffville District Secondary School (SDSS) Spartans boy basketball teams, with the seniors, juniors and midgets all seeing playoff action this week.

The seniors are hoping to write a happy fin-

ish to a sad season, as they play Richmond Hill in the York Region Quarter Finals. A victory would put them into Thursday's final in their own gym.

The Varsity squad fell 58-48 to Aurora in an exhibition tune up last Tuesday.

Karam Amer was the leading SDSS scorer in the Aurora match, with 14 points.

Travis White hooped 12 points, Kevin Josephs 10 and Phil Spencer and Dave Irwin netted six and four points respectively.

The junior Spartans who finished second in the division in regular season play, have been seeded second among the AA York schools going into the playoffs. The juniors are to contest the York Region Semi-Finals at home this afternoon.

The York Region Junior Championships are slated for this Friday at St. Andrew's Secondary School.

The SDSS Midgets, who also placed second in their division, are to play in the York Region Midget Semi-Final Wednesday at home as well.

Both SDSS junior and midget crews fell short in a home double header with Uxbridge last Thursday.

The Juniors lost 65-25, while the midgets were dumped 56-39.

Brian Snooks led all junior point getters with 19, with Brian Leoni, Jermain Franklin, and Jason Hollin hooping nine, eight and six points respectively.

Ryan Jefferson went to the hoop for 12 points for the SDSS Midgets. Chris Leonard had eight points, while Phil Pridham and Phil DeRoo had four a piece.

Bruins take first round of playoffs

Ex-Stouffville Clippers Chris Winn scored on a breakaway just 20 seconds into the game to set the tone as the Uxbridge Bruins blanked the Ajax Axemen 6-0 in the seventh and deciding game of their Central Ontario Junior C Hockey League playoff series Sunday at the Uxbridge Arena.

Winn took a pass from another former Clipper, Jamie Showers, then raced the length of the ice to give the Bruins a quick 1-0 lead.

Stouffville's Keith Piette also scored in the game, which followed Ajax's 5-4 series-tying victory in Uxbridge Friday night.

Winn notched a marker in Friday's contest as well.

The Bruins who finished in first place in the Central League standings, will now await the winner of the semi-final set between the Bowmanville Eagles and the Port Perry Mojacks before going on to contest the league title.



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Stouffville hoopster tops

The Stouffville District Secondary School (SDSS) Senior Boys Spartans Basketball team fought their way to the Consolation Finals at the Uxbridge Black and Gold Invitational Tiger Tournament Saturday at Uxbridge Secondary School.

The Spartans got off to a slow start, dropping a 51-28 decision to the host squad.

But they came back to bounce Port Perry 65-38 on the strength of Karam Amer's 14-point effort.

Travis White was named Spartan MVP for the match.

The win put the Stouffville cage crew into the Consolation Final against Brock, which the Spartans lost 62-48.

Amer again went to the hoop for 14 points, while White was given the nod as the Spartans' best defensive player.

Amer placed second in the tournament's Three Point Competition, hitting on an impressive nine of 15 shots in the contest's first round.

While Amer's nine hoops were top of all shooters, he fell short in the prize round shootout against Uxbridge's Jason Eddy.

Carnival organizers hoping for snow

They'll try again this weekend, with the organizers of the 1991 Sno-Pitch Winter Carnival confident that winter won't abandon them as it did earlier this month.

Looking at the hastily revised schedule of events for the three-day extravaganza, nothing would seem to have changed, with the opening ceremonies slated for 7 p.m. at Memorial Park.

An outdoor family skate at the rink where the old arena once stood will follow, with the ball tournament beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday morning. Brrrr!

The Pancake Cook, Flip and Eat should be a barrel of laughs, while the snow sculpture competition is sure to bring out the talent of the local citizenry.

There are dog sled races Saturday afternoon, and hayrides Sunday at

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The sno-pitch championships are slated for 2 p.m. Sunday.

A chat with Dave Winn, father of Chris (Uxbridge Bruin forward and ex-Stouffville Clipper) at the Uxbridge Arena during a recent Bruins playoff game provided me with the answer to a question that had been burning for a few months.

Chris had always reminded me of a bull who had just been let out of his stall and into the ring when he came onto the ice.

He would combine the boisterousness of an Eddie Shack with a talent level which, while definitely not at the superstar plateau, had kept him on the Junior C Bruins roster for three years.

As this season progressed, Chris's name began to appear more and more on the score sheet under the goals category, and less and less on the penalties side. He even lit the lamp twice in some games such as his newly found scoring prowess.

And he was definitely picking his spots, flicking the puck into the net in the last second of one game to give the Bruins a one-goal victory.

Why the turnaround? I kept asking myself.

Well, the answer came when Dave told me his 19-year-old offspring is in the home stretch of a two-year Law Enforcement and

Security course at Georgian College in Barrie.

He has applied for a position with the Durham, York and Halton Region police forces, as well as the Toronto force.

It turns out the recruiting officer for one of the forces said he'd like to come and see Chris play hockey.

Since then Chris has been concentrating on his goal scoring, leaving the enforcer stuff to the others.

"He hasn't changed that much, really," insists Dave. "He's just minding himself. He tends to back off when the rough stuff starts."

As we spoke, the Bruins and their Ajax Axemen opponents were in the process of turning a Sunday afternoon hockey game into a roller derby exhibition. But, as his father had said, Chris was one of the few who were showing restraint, his

new found maturity demonstrating that he certainly would be good police officer material.

He even scored a goal to contribute to the 10-2 Bruin romp, as he played on a line with fellow Stouffvillites Paul Sinclair and Jason Underwood, who weren't having the same kind of luck as Chris when it came to avoiding the penalty box on that afternoon.

Winn stands to make a big contribution as the Bruins, who ended up in first place in the Central Ontario League standings, pursue the league championship over the next few weeks.

His enthusiasm and his scoring touch, along with his increasing restraint, will give him an edge in a league where players often lose their cool at the slightest provocation.