

stouffville sports

Teachers are a committed group

SPORT
NOTES

bruce stapley



Amid the spectre of a potential strike by York Region high school teachers, this would probably be a good time to point to the value being received by Stouffville area property owners regarding the education portion of their tax bill.

The continuing dedication shown by a substantial core of teachers at Stouffville District Secondary School is proof that worries about cutbacks haven't affected the performance of these educators.

While some have suggested this commitment doesn't go beyond sports, it isn't hard to find other areas where SDSS staffers have racked up numerous hours of overtime in an effort to provide a more enriching learning environment.

The music department's Music Night tonight is just one example.

Last year's herculean effort by staffer Diane Paterson to head up the community input program is another.

Last Monday's visit to the school by Serge Leclerc, a former street kid made good, provided a dynamic assembly where the student body was confronted with a bold challenge to their teen value system.

The teacher who informed me of this event made it her business to phone me from home the weekend before to be sure it got the coverage it deserved.

It was the same weekend so many other teachers hung out at the school gym Friday night and all day Saturday to coach or watch the school teams participating in the DYSSAA girls' basketball championships. Apparently, real dedication doesn't knock off for the weekend.

As for the sports program, the

school has never known the success experienced by school volleyball, basketball, and cross country teams this fall.

The names Sheila Coleman, Tami Waters, Dave Connell, Jim Fletcher, Bill McKnight, Rusty Hick, Michelle Shannon, Denis Fortier, Sandy Bush, Al Piette, Karla Warnholz, Ron Dempster, Larry Bobbett, and Sue Leroy come up as the driving force behind this success. And it's not just winning that counts with this crew, as is testified to by the poster on the gym wall proclaiming there are lessons to be gained from losing as well as winning.

In an off the record discussion with one SDSS teacher the other day, the difficult question of whether or not this person could work to rule if asked to do so by the teachers union came up. It would pose a most difficult dilemma, I was told. To do so would go against the grain of so many of the SDSS staffers.

... And wasn't that SDSS vice-principal Jay Hooper I saw in his office poring over his computer screen on my way to take a basketball picture last Friday night?

□□□

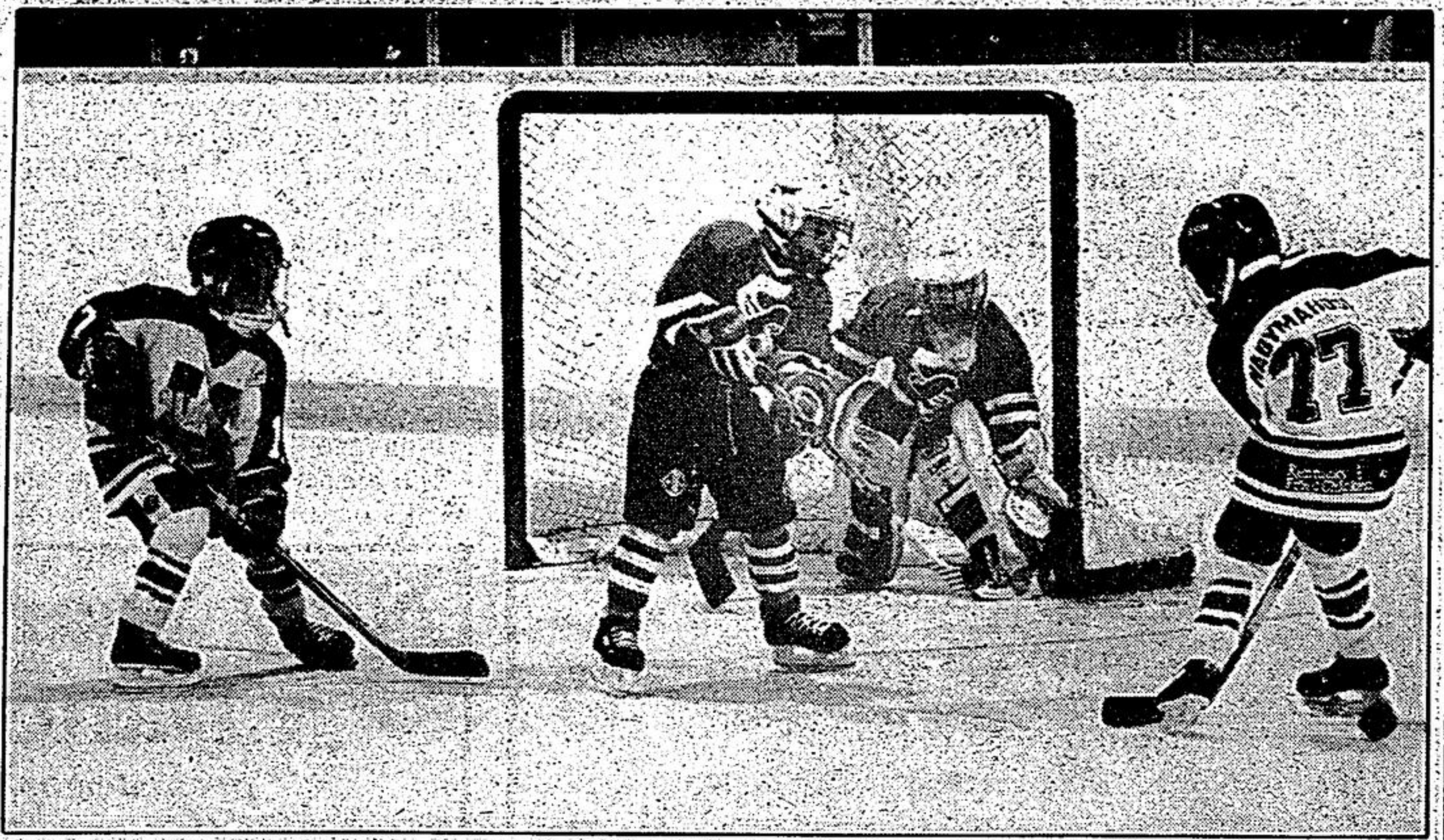
Golf Plus Inc., the Markham based golf course developer headed up by Stouffville resident and golf pro Ted Maude, has merged with Fore Pro's Inc. of Mississauga.

"In terms of experience, and financial assets, with one stroke of the pen we are now arguably the largest independent golf consortium in Canada today," said Maude.

Between the two groups, they own three prominent Toronto area golf courses, manage seven courses including a major Caribbean Resort Complex, own a trio of three Dynamic Golf Centres with annual sales of \$8 million, as well as other claims to fame.

Maude said the five principals of the new consortium combine over 140 years of professional golf experience.

And that's a lot of birdies!



Photo/CELIA BRONKHORST

Clearing trouble out of harms way

Stouffville goalkeeper Shawn Gibson can breathe a little easier as his defenceman (centre), clears the puck past a charging

Uxbridge forward Steve Nagymarosi (77), during action in Saturday's novice two hockey game at the Uxbridge Arena.

Major novice Clippers consoled in Beaverton

Scott Davis earned a shutout, and Jordan Mabley and Shawn Burns supplied the goal scoring, as the Neil and Ken Patrick major novice Clippers blanked Port Perry 2-0 to take the consolation championship at the Beaverton tournament on the weekend.

The Clippers lost their opener 4-3 to Orangeville, but followed up with a 10-0 win over Markham as Davis picked up his second shut out. The Patrick platoon then downed Bradford 7-3.

MVP honors went to Clippers Rod Assinck, Mabley, and Burns.

Mabley had seven goals and one assist for the weekend. Assinck had four goals and four assists over the four games. Other Clippers point getters were as follows: Brad Paterson, five assists; Burns, two goals, three assists; Brian Montgomery, two goals, three assists; Jesse Miller, three assists; Andy Gibson, one goal, three assists; Mike Cornacchia, two goals, two assists; Andrew McKay, one assist; Josh Brillinger, one goal, two assists; Blair Loughead, one goal, two assists; Cameron Davis, two goals; Mathew Wright, two assists.

Major atom Clippers edged in final

The Aiken's IDA Pharmacy major atom Clippers took their first two games, but fell short in overtime in the title match, at a tournament in East Gwillimbury this weekend.

Lukas Williams scored twice, to go with singles by Robert Schimmell, Justin Heyworth, Grant Turner, Ryan Jackson, and Ryan Fontanna, as the Clippers defeated

the host squad 7-4 in game one.

Assists went to Brent Meyer (2), Jackson, Blair Cain, Williams, and Fontanna.

Stouffville downed Georgetown 3-1 in game two. Matthew Prentice, Eric Harper, and Jackson had the goals, with Meyer, David Brown, Schimmell, and Fontanna assisting.

In the championship game, a

rematch with Georgetown, eight two minute overtime periods were needed to decide the winner, as Georgetown prevailed 3-2.

The teams were required to remove a player from the ice with each extra session.

Harper and Prentice had the Clippers goals.

Cain, Casey Maude, and Williams drew assists.

Bantam Clippers ice local title

Rob Spytz scored from Tim Smart after three minutes of overtime to give the Edward Murphy Painting and Decorating bantam Clippers a 4-3 victory over Gravenhurst in the bantam championship game of the

Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey Association (WSMHA) Sunday.

The bants were the only one out of the three host squads who were able to keep the championship hardware at home, as the minor atom and midget Clippers fell short in their competitions.

The bantams started off slowly, coming from behind to tie Aurora 3-3 Friday night. Spytz knotted the game with under two minutes to play. Smart was named game MVP for the Clippers.

In their next outing against Uxbridge, goaltenders Evan Boyd and Bill Patterson backstopped a 3-0 Clippers whitewash victory. Smart collected two goals to earn his second MVP nomination.

Dan Tardella came up with two

goals and an assist to give the Clippers a 5-1 win over Markham, sending the Stouffville outfit to the finals against Gravenhurst.

The Clippers held the lead throughout in the title match, but Gravenhurst stormed back with a pair of goals in the third period to force overtime. Spytz's heroics earned him the game's MVP award, which was courtesy of Stouffville's Chariots Restaurant.

Smart had three goals and five assists to lead Clipper point getters for the tournament. Spytz had four goals and an assist, Ryan King and Tardella each had two goals and three assists, Scott Assinck two goals and two assists, Greg Crozier and Craig Wood each had one goal and one assist, Jeff Hassard had two assists, and Dave Clark one assist.

Midget Clippers come up short

The Cable Tech midget Clippers went all the way to the finals at their own tournament at the Rec Centre over the weekend, falling 5-0 to Trenton in the title match up Sunday.

The Clippers led off with a 2-1 win over Aurora Friday.

Steve Wilcox scored both Clipper markers.

Ian Ellis and Brad Crozier assisted, while Brad Hackert was strong in goal for the Clippers.

Josh McKellar allowed just one goal in the Clippers

second game, but Thorold made it stick in a 1-0 win. Mike Underwood and Peter Smith found the target as the Clippers blanked Stoney Creek 2-0 in their third outing.

Roger McMann counted a pair of assists, with Brian Coughlan setting up one marker.

The win put the Stouffville squad in the championship game with Trenton.

The Clippers are off to Cobourg for a weekend tournament.