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## Clippers win Challenge Cup

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The Stouffville All-Ontario Clippers were just too much for the Uxbridge Bruin Alumni to handle at the second annual Challenge Cup benefit hockey night in memory of Dan McNeil Saturday at the Stouffville Rec Centre.

The Clippers, whose lineup included five former Bruins, made it two wins in two years as they bounced the collection of past and present Bruins by a 12-5 verdict.

The slick Stouffville squad dominated from the outset, with Dan Larmer leading the way with three goals.

Ex-Bruin defenceman Darron Baston clicked twice, while Scott Sutherland added a pair as well.

Single Stouffville markers went to one-time Bruins Paul Sinclair and Craig Stronach, along with Mike Feasby, Kirk Smythe, and Ken Burrows.

The Bruins got goals from Lee Brown, Todd Williamson, Greg Cook, and current assistant coaches Tim Evans and Trevor Clark.

The game was preceded by a

match between a National Hockey League oldtimers outfit and Stouffville's Betz Pools Oldtimers.

The Betz crew rallied to hand the ex-pros a 7-5 defeat in an entertaining contest.

Betz received goals from Bruce Woodley, Ralph Cain, Wayne McMann, Don Lloyd, Bill Corner, Matt Hawkins, and Ron Cain.

Ex-Toronto Maple Leafs Carl Brewer and Brian Conacher, along with Bo Elik, Blain Smith, and Howie Menard, replied for the NHL team, which included one-time Maple Leaf and Montreal Canadian great Frank Mahovlich.

Proceeds from the event went to the Children's Wish Foundation in memory of Dan McNeil.

The Foundation was represented by nine-year-old Jason Collin, a Newmarket resident who is currently in remission after a battle with kidney cancer.

Jason had his wish fulfilled when he was sent on a trip to Disneyworld and a Disney cruise last June thanks to the Foundation.

And while the Stouffville



Photo: LORI EMMERSON

Uxbridge goalie Brian Harnden could not stop Stouffville All-Ontario Clippers at the Stouffville this shot during Saturday's second annual Rec Centre. Looking on is teammate Lee Brown Challenge Cup benefit hockey game against the (4) and Stouffville's Brent Brown (11).

teams were victorious on the ice, Jason and his family were the big winners when it came to the special fundraising draws.

Jason's ticket was selected in the draw for a Pittsburgh Steelers helmet, football, t-shirt and cap.

His brother Patrick, 12, won the hockey sweater donated by

Stouffville resident and New York Islanders player Keith Acton.

Clippers coach Grant Nesbitt was the winner of a hockey jersey donated by Brad May of the Buffalo Sabres, a former Clipper who resides in Markham.

Stouffville's Chris Leonard

was the winner of an autographed hockey sweater from Maple Leaf captain Wendel Clark.

Over \$2,300 was raised from gate receipts and draw proceeds.

A dance held afterwards raised more money for the Foundation.

## More guests confirmed for Celebrity Classic

The list of confirmed celebrities has reached 45 for the Chrysler Celebrity Classic golf tournament to be held June 22-26 at the Emerald Hills Golf and Country Club.

The list includes big names from pro baseball, hockey, football and basketball, along with TV and film stars.

Big league baseball legends Ernie Banks, Johnny Bench, Mike Schmidt, and Rollie Fingers will be among the 70 players competing for the \$250,000 prize package.

Two-time National Hockey League Vezina Trophy winning goaltender Don Edwards will take part, as well as John Cullen and Dave Ellett of the Toronto Maple Leafs.

From the world of pro football, John Elway, Lawrence Taylor, and Donny Anderson will be on hand. Basketball will be represented by the likes of former Harlem Globetrotter legend Curly Neal and two-time NBA all star Jack Marin.

From the world of entertainment, NBC 'Homicide' star Daniel Baldwin, Art Hindle of the TV series E.N.G., and Ed Marinaro, a TV celebrity and former pro football player, have also been confirmed.

Tournament officials are looking for volunteers to help with such areas as martialling, transportation, and various other tasks.

While teens and adults over the age of 16 will be given priority, positions will also be available to younger people with a golf background. Volunteers can

pick up application forms at the Stouffville Rec Centre.

Officials have also announced that the Big Brothers of Metropolitan Toronto, and Ronald McDonald's Children Charities, have taken over sponsorship of the five-day extravaganza.

The two charities take over from the Stephen Leacock Foundation for Children, which included a total of eight children's charities.

The classic will open with a practice round and shootout June 22, with a Celebrity-Am tournament the following day.

Round one of the Classic takes place June 24, with round two set for June 25, and the final round and awards presentation on June 26.

## Another baseball season is about to begin

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Baseball Association (WSBA), which is gearing up for its fourth season, is moving ahead despite weekend diamond slots which are proving to be an impediment to growth.

Unlike our neighbors in Uxbridge, where hardball pushed softball right out of the picture at the minor levels, the hardball folks here are finding the combination of limited diamond space and an entrenched softball program to be a challenge.

But new WSBA president Brent Gibson says the organization is rising to the

occasion. Interest is strong, with what began as a one team rep program having expanded to four rep squads and six house league outfits for the coming season.

At the rep level, there will be mosquito, pee-wee, bantam, and midget squads. Mike Burns is head coach of the mosquitoes, while Roy Kerswill, Jim Johnston and Bill Hickman will look after the pee-wees, bantams, and midgets respectively.

The rep crews, which will once again be known as the Indians, play their home games Sundays at 6 p.m., using all four Memorial Park



diamonds.

The houseleague, which is now into its second year, is to consist of two each of pee-wee, mosquito, and t-ball teams. It will be the first season for the t-ball program.

Houseleague action will take place Friday evenings at the main diamond.

While Gibson said he is pleased with the overall

progress of the organization, he said its been tough because of the weekend scheduling. "Everybody goes away on weekends," he said.

"Otherwise, I think we would be expanding a lot more."

Gibson said the situation could improve if a proposed subdivision in the area of St. Mark's Catholic Church comes on line. "We need a new hardball diamond. The developer (of the proposed subdivision) has committed to building two diamonds, and supposedly one is for hardball. If we ever get something like that, we'd be in great shape."

The WSBA, which will begin its season May 20, is planning a pee-wee tournament for the weekend of June 10-12. Teams will practice in school gyms and on school fields until then, said Gibson.

The 1994 WSBA executive is rounded out by Mike Burns, vice-president, Debbie Martin, treasurer, Ian Boyd, OBA rep, Joanne Straughan, registrar, Art Van Esterik, umpire in chief.

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The Whitchurch-Stouffville Girl's Hockey Association is to have its annual awards banquet on Saturday at 5 p.m. at Angie's Eatery.