

# Sports

## Bruins end 1992 on a winning note

It may not be exactly what general manager-turned-coach Chuck Phillips has in mind, but the Uxbridge Bruins are eating up ground on their way towards first place in the Central Ontario Hockey League.

The Bruins finished out 1992 with a somewhat erratic 8-6 victory over the Port Perry Mojacks Tuesday night at the Uxbridge Arena. The Uxbridge squad led 4-2 and then 5-3, but were forced to come from behind after finding themselves down 6-5 early in the third period.

"It was not a classic game," said Phillips, who continues to spell off the team's head coach Bud Bower behind the bench. "We were winning by two goals, then we started with the give-aways, making mental errors, and leaving wingers open."

But the Bruins finally got untracked as the final period progressed, hitting for a trio of goals to earn the win. "It finally clicked in the third," said Phillips. "They started doing the things they have to do to win. You've got to take it a period at a time and win all three periods."

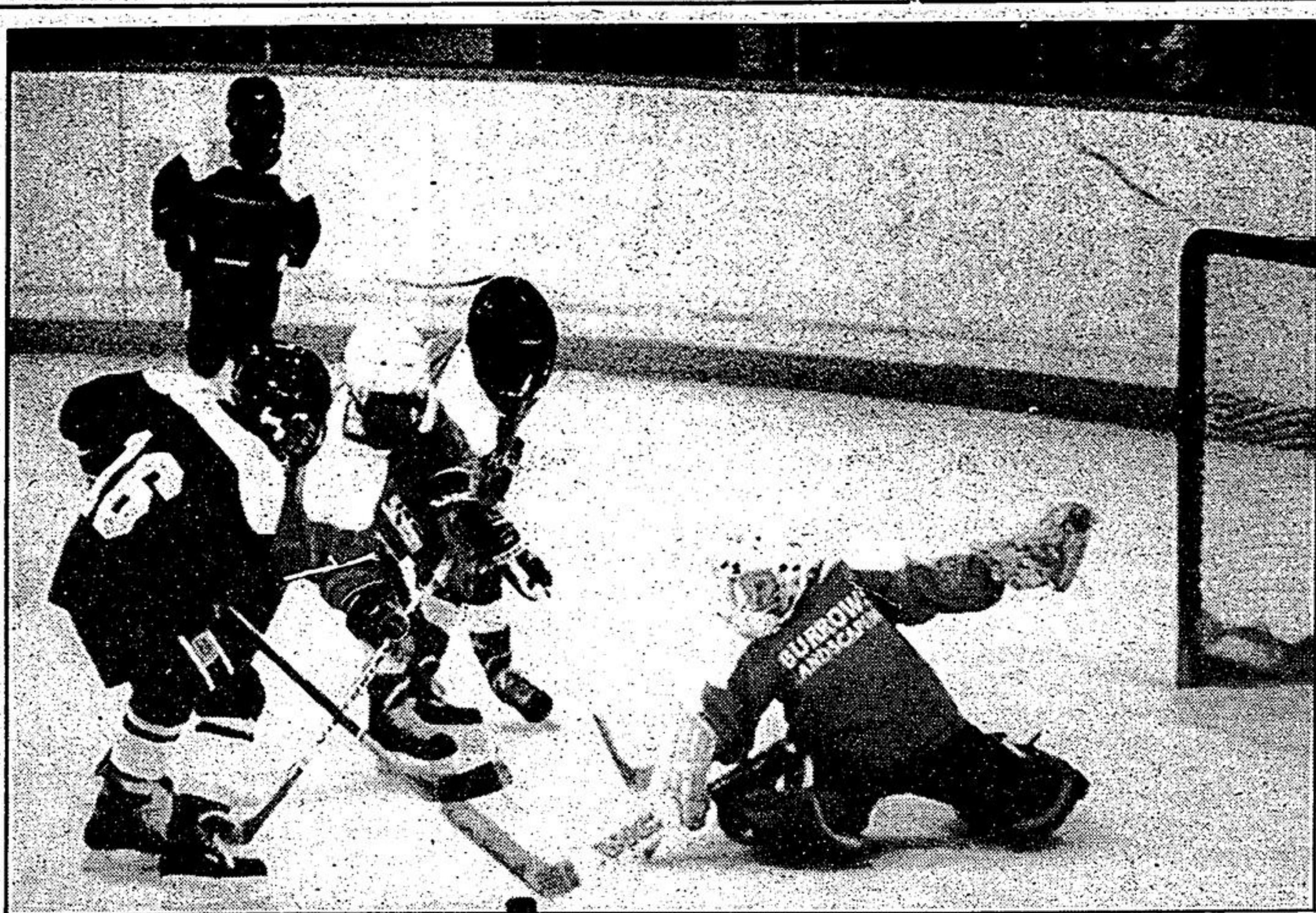
Bruin player Jeff Cowley, who came out of his coma in late November, was on hand to drop the puck before the start of the game. Cowley, who attended a Bruins game Dec. 4 with the aid of a wheel chair and a walker, needed only a single cane this time around.

Steve Brown fired a pair of goals for the Bruins, with singles coming from Ryan Coburn, Jason Underwood, Jean Francois Amyot, Chris Winn, Curtis Hodgins, and Darryl Bricknell. Hodgins, who leads the league in scoring points, also had three assists.

The win was the fourth in a row since Phillips took over behind the bench. The Bruins took a 6-2 decision from the Bobcaygeon Bullets Sunday night in Bobcaygeon after their scheduled Dec. 23 road encounter with the Little Britain Merchants was postponed.

Against the Bullets, it was Ryan Coburn scoring twice, while Jay Hause, Brown, Hodgins, and Jamie Showers had a goal apiece.

"It's a good way to end up the year," said Phillips. "We're on track, and we're either in first place or very close at this point."



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## Pre-emptive strike

The Burrows Landscaping goalie leaves the territory during a house league tourney game against Novopharm at the Stouffville Rec Centre.

## Stouffville Photo rolls over Stouffville bowling

Leandre Forsyth scored three times and added two assists to help lift Stouffville Photographic to a 7-5 win over Stouffville Bowling in Whitchurch-Stouffville Girls Hockey League play Dec. 23.

Krista Dudley had a pair of goals and a trio of assists for the winners. Sam Comito also clicked for a pair of goals, and picked up an assist. Jennifer McGowan had an assist as well.

Amanda Halls and Lindsay McCafferty each had two goals for Stouffville Bowling, with Michelle Norton scoring once.

Assists were earned by Michelle Norton, Devon Chambers, and Amanda Halls.

Nicole Thornhill, Jill Villeneuve, and Kari Sandiford each scored two goals in Stouffville Kinsmen's 7-1 win over Ringwood Variety and Video on a game played the same day.

Mandy Vandenberg had the other Kinsmen goal, while assists went to Amie Lear (2), Jill Villeneuve, Nicole Thornhill, Tanya Witty, Blair Wilkinson (2), Mandy Vandenberg, and Kari Sandiford.

Jennifer Davis had the lone

Ringwood marker, from Emily Patriarche.

In a game played two nights earlier, Jessica Clayton, Jennifer Dupont, Katie Sandiford, and Mary Callan each scored to give Freel Lane Kitchen Gallery a 4-3 win over Ringwood Variety and Video.

Assists for Freel Lane were picked up by Mary Callan, Ruth Ann Gairdner, Kathy Tait, and Jennifer Deacon.

Sherri Rossi scored twice for Ringwood, with Carrie Kirby adding the third. Assists went to Kelly Ward (2) and Julie Summerhill.

## Stouffville bid for Junior B franchise shelved

After finally being given the green light to go ahead and set up a Junior B hockey franchise in Stouffville, the man who initially set the wheels in motion has lost his zeal.

Ed Hakonson, who along with local businessmen Don Anderson and Doug Todd made application to the Ontario Hockey Association (OHA) for a team almost a year ago, told the Tribune this week his enthusiasm has waned.

He cited opposition from nearby towns, lack of local support, and the length of time taken by the OHA to make up its mind as the reasons.

"The OHA has told me to go ahead, but there's opposition

(from Uxbridge, Newmarket, and Markham)," said Hakonson. "And it's just taken too long. They've (the OHA) had a year to get back to me."

While a final decision hasn't been made, Hakonson said the idea has been placed on the back burner.

"I'm not real anxious," continued Hakonson. "There's not a lot of people coming out of the woodwork to come on board. It may just die. I've put my money and my time into it. There was a lot of talk, but no action."

Hakonson said the decision of Anderson to pull out had affected his thinking. Anderson is

part owner of the Kingston Frontenacs Junior A club. The Kingston team would have had a working relationship with the Stouffville squad.

"I don't blame Don (for pulling out)," said Hakonson. "It just took too much time (for the OHA to decide)."

Hakonson said he was aware of the opposition to the franchise, but felt his team could have worked together with teams in neighbouring towns.

"I was disappointed with the Uxbridge Bruins. I had thought we could have worked together. With us having a Junior B team with connections with a Junior A team, it would only have been benefi-

## Bantam Clippers start fast at north York tourney

The Edwards-Murphy Bantam Clippers showed no signs of rust as they took to the ice after a two week layoff for the North York Christmas Tournament.

The Stouffville crew won two and tied one in the preliminary round of the competition, scoring a total of 13 goals while surrendering just three scores.

The Clippers blanked the Oshawa Bruins 5-0 in their Boxing Day opener. Roger McMann had two goals and a pair of assists to earn the game's first star nomination, while Michael Underwood, David Hutchison, and Peter Smith also scored.

Graham Crowder picked up two assists, with single set ups going to Adam Crowder, Don Wilkie, Steve Wilcox, and Craig Wood.

Wood was the third star of the game. Clippers' goal keepers Brad Hackert and Evan Boyd shared the shutout.

Hutchison clicked twice as the Clippers downed the Humberview Huskies 7-2 in their next outing. Smith, Graham Crowder, Ian Ellis, Tim Smart, and Scott Assinck each had a goal for the Clippers.

Assists went to John McKinnon (2), Assinck (2), McMann, Wood, and Lucas Anderson. Ellis was named first star, with Graham Crowder named second star.

The Stouffville squad ran into red hot goal tending in game three, dominating the play but settling for a 1-1 tie against the East Enders. McKinnon popped the lone Clippers goal, earning him the game's second star honors.

cial to Uxbridge and their players."

He expressed disappointment that his offer was treated so casually by the OHA.

"They had a chance at me, but they didn't take it. It would have worked. I haven't failed at anything I've done. I know that sounds cocky, but it's true."

Hakonson said he had shifted his focus to a new project which will see him set up a family restaurant with a motor sport theme at the Deer Park Inn site on Hwy. 47. The property will also contain his sports clothing business, which is currently located on Sandiford Dr. in Stouffville.



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