

# Sports

## Russians top Stouffville in hockey action

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A touring Russian junior hockey team made up of players from the Central Red Army and Moscow Dynamo Sports Clubs was too much for the Stouffville Spirit Clippers Dec. 23 at the Rec Centre.

The smooth skating Russian select squad romped to a 9-2 victory in front of a packed Rec Centre crowd. It was their 10th win in a row.

The Spirit drew first blood as Bob Whiting scored from Dean Sherman early in the first period.

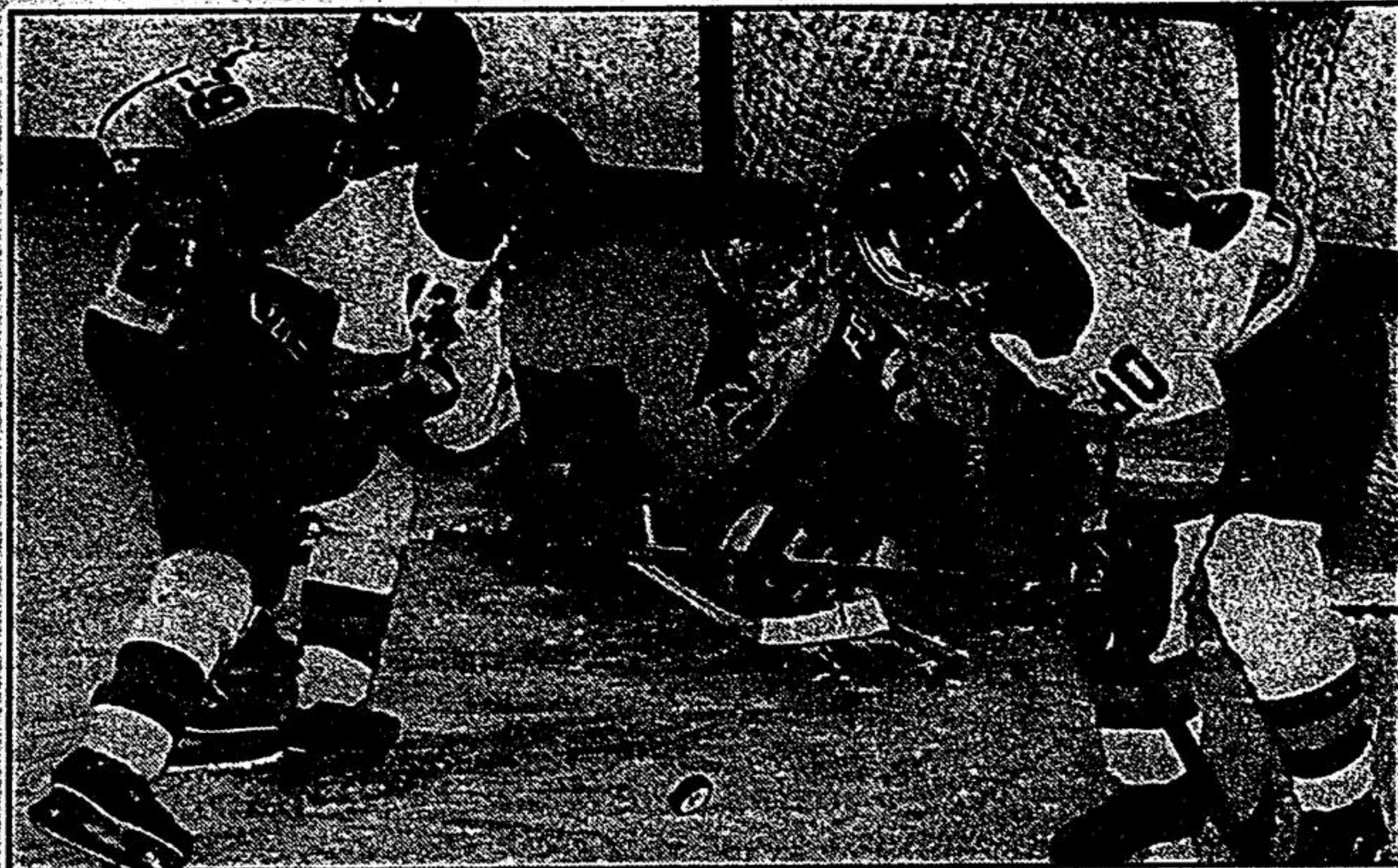
But the Russians soon found their stride and carried a 3-1 lead into the second, then scored four more in the middle period. The Spirit made it 7-2 on a marker by George Trifon from captain Tyler Rommelaere as the period ended.

The game was one of 31 being played by the visiting Russian club against Ontario Hockey Association Junior A and B teams and university squads. The tour began Dec. 2 and runs through January 13.

In a pre-game ceremony, Spirit winger Bob Whiting was named Spirit player of the month for November, with a presentation made by Williamson GM Uxbridge Mayor Wayne Emmerson presented winger Tate Philips with the Sportsmanship Award for November.

The Spirit were to host the Ajax Axemen Dec. 30, before facing off against the Peterborough Petes Thursday, Jan. 4 at 8:30 p.m. at the Rec Centre.

They close out a six game home stand with a match against the Collingwood Blues Jan. 6 at 8:30 p.m.



Members of the Stouffville Spirit swarm the Russian junior net during a game last Saturday at the Recreation Centre. Made up of players from Central Red Army and Moscow Dynamo, the Russians beat Stouffville 9-2. Photo/CELIA BRONKHORST

## 1995: The Year in Sports

In this issue, *The Tribune's* Bruce Stapley looks back at some of the top local sports stories over the first seven months of 1995.

### January

• Stouffville athletes were hot at the Hamilton Spectator Indoor Games held at Copps Coliseum Jan. 13. Stouffville District Secondary School (SDSS) runner Sarah Cliff smashed the Open Women's 3,000 metre record in the high school category at the games. SDSS runner Chris Lamont was first in his heat, and 13th overall, in the Junior Boys 600m run. Dave Reed took the gold in the Ontario Masters 3,000m race, with teammate Fred Robbins third.

• In Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) playoff action, the major atom Clippers fell in a tough five game opening round best of five series to Cobourg.

### February

• Former Stouffville Clipper goal keeper Brad Hackert was named Georgian Bay Junior C Hockey League Rookie of the Year for the 1995-96 season.

• Stouffville equestrian Tim Garbutt, 17, was named the Canadian Morgan Horse Club's Zone Two reserve champion for 1994 in the Youth Pleasure Driving Category.

• Stouffville runners Wendy Wright, Lukas Williams, Fred Robbins and Carol Felepchuk were all first in their categories at the annual Claremont Winter Carnival Mile Running race.

• The Aiken's IDA minor pee wee Clippers were eliminated by Peterborough in a second round OMHA playoff series.

• Stouffville judo instructor Aartje Sheffield, 27, entered elite company when she became one of only a handful of Canadian females, and possibly the youngest ever, to achieve her fourth degree black belt. Her husband Steven Sheffield was awarded his fifth degree black belt.



Jason Collins, centre, of the Children's Wish Foundation drops the puck at the annual Challenge Cup game in April between Stouffville Clipper and Uxbridge Bruin alumni players. At the face off were Jason Underwood, left, representing the Bruins and Mike Feasby for Stouffville. The game is played in memory of the late Dan McNeil, and raised \$4,000 for Children's Wish.

• The Ken and Neil Patrick major novice Clippers bowed out of OMHA playoff action when they placed third in their division in a playoff round robin.

### March

• The Edwards Murphy Painting and Decorating major bantam Clippers marked the end to a dream season by going all the way to the OMHA finals, falling three games to one to Midland in the best of five championship. The Clippers defied all odds by going so far with only four players of major bantam age in the lineup. The Stouffville team advanced by winning series against Cobourg, Port Perry, Agincourt and East Gwillimbury.

• The SDSS Spartans senior girls volleyball team prevailed in the York (YRSSAA) finals to make the trip to Kirkland Lake for the Ontario (OFSAA) championships. The SDSS

girls placed third out of four teams in their pool in the preliminaries.

### April

• The Ontario Hockey Association's Provincial Junior A Hockey League approved a bid by Richmond Hill's George Stavro for a Stouffville franchise. The former coach and general manager of the Ajax Axemen and North York Rangers committed himself to a close working relationship with the Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey Association.

• Stouffville's Angie's pee wee girls rep hockey team won the silver medal at the Ontario Women's Hockey Association pee wee C championships in Mississauga. They were edged 1-0 in the title match.

• The Stouffville All Ontario Clippers won their third straight Challenge Cup match, defeating the Uxbridge Bruins

Alumni 6-3. The game raised \$4,000 for the Children's Wish Foundation in memory of the late Dan McNeil.

• It took a goal by Zeev Werek with just one second left in an overtime period to give the Smurthwaite Heating Bruins a 4-3 win over the Spring Lakes Nordiques in the Stouffville Amateur Hockey League 40 Plus A Division championship game. The Boyd's Sports Sharks edged the Fullerton Flames in an overtime shoot out in the 30 Plus final. The Gallo Real Estate Red Wings downed the Occasions Catering Blues in the 40 Plus B final.

• Eight-year Uxbridge Bruin Jason Underwood of Stouffville had his number eight sweater retired after playing his final year with the Central Ontario Junior C Hockey league team.

• Dianne White replaced John Summerhill as president of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Girls Hockey Association.

### May

• The OHA board of directors gave the formal go ahead for a Stouffville franchise in the Provincial Junior A Hockey League for the 1995-96 season. The WSMHA executive agreed to give the team the Saturday night time slot.

• Former Stouffville star fastball pitcher Scott Evans returned home to pitch for the Claremont Rebels of the North York Fastball League. Evans was the key to the Stouffville bantams 1987 OASA championship.

• The York Region Seniors Games came to Stouffville and the host wasn't without its gold medalists. The duo of Elmer Farthing and Evelyn Rae struck gold in the euchre progressive open doubles event. Stephan Hirmann won a pair of gold medals in swimming events.

• Rob Spytz was named winner of the first annual Dan McNeil Memorial Award, to be given annually to the WSMHA rep level player who demonstrates outstanding leadership. Spytz was captain of the OMHA finalists.

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