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## Spirit play well but lose to 87's

Stouffville fans will get the chance to take a look at the Provincial Junior A Hockey League Ruddock Division leading Kingston Voyageurs tonight at the Rec Centre.

The Voyageurs, who have only lost five games all season, face off against the Spirit at 7:30 p.m. as the Stouffville team plays its second of three consecutive games against the league's East Conference powerhouses.

The Spirit dropped a 5-1 decision to the Philips Division front running Newmarket 87's Thursday night in Newmarket. The Spirit return to Newmarket on Sunday.

The Spirit came up with a credible effort against the 87's in front of a large Thursday audience, holding

the high scoring Newmarket squad to five goals.

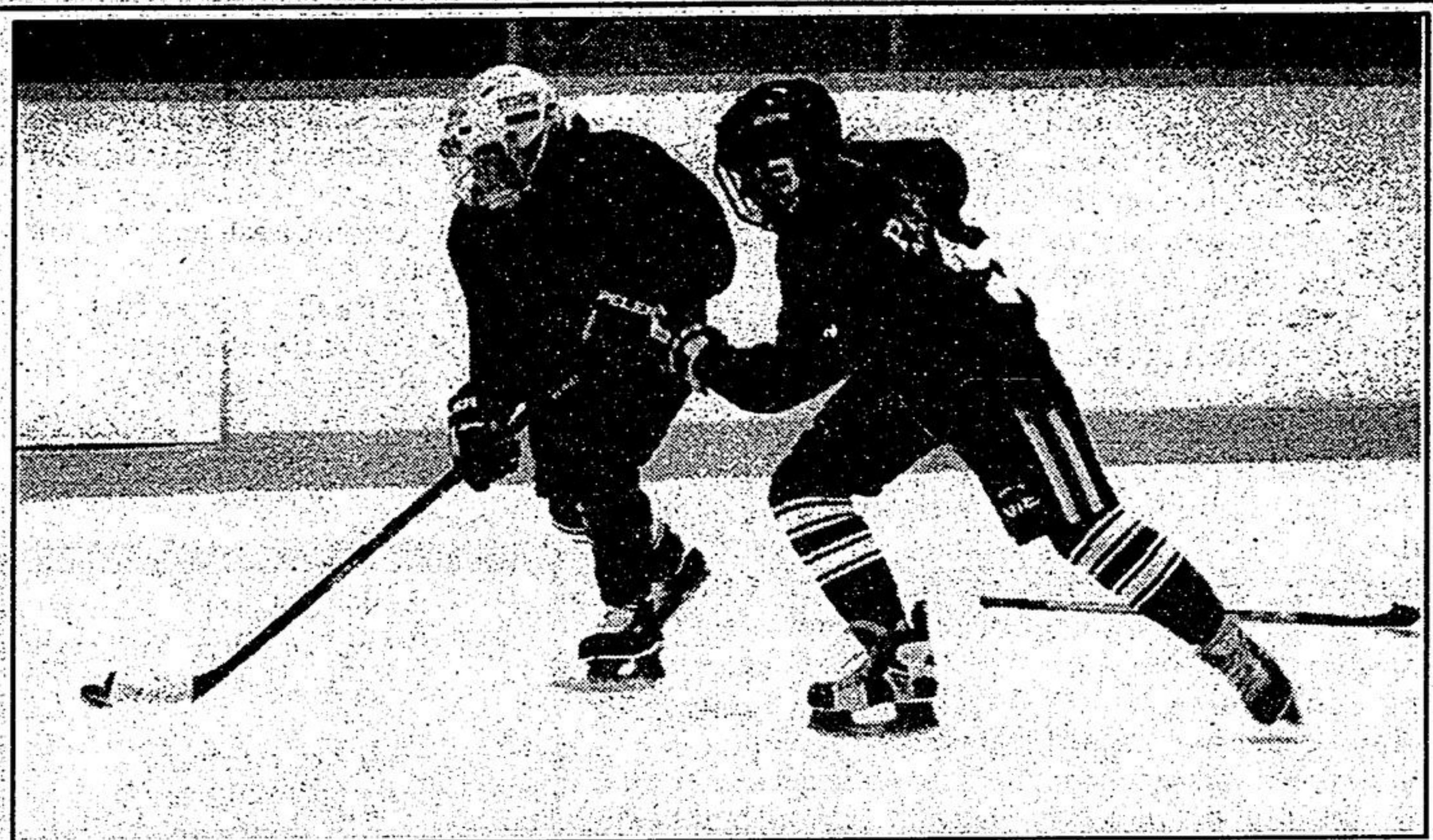
Spirit head coach Dan Larmer, insisted the score didn't exactly flatter his team. "It was a lot closer than the score would indicate," said Larmer, whose team gave up two goals in 30 seconds midway through the opening period.

The Spirit trailed 3-1 after 20 minutes, with the 87's taking a 4-1 bulge into the third period.

Larmer said the Spirit were repeatedly stymied by 87's back up goalkeeper Paul Knaggs.

Meanwhile, at the Spirit end of the rink, goalie Ryan Spiteri faced 38 Newmarket shots.

Jeff Marshall had the lone Spirit goal, from King and Derek Johnston.



### Catch me if you can

Play It Again's Laura Mahoney (left), concentrates on stickhandling her way up ice while Pronto's Christine Hartnoll, minus hockey stick in hand, tries her best to take the puck away from Mahoney during Wednesday's Whitchurch-Stouffville Junior Girls' Houseleague contest at the Rec Centre.

Photo/STEVE SOMERVILLE

## Major peewees are off to a good start in playoffs

Andrew Lombardo had two goals and an assist to help lead the short handed major peewee Clippers to a 4-2 win over Port Perry in their Stouffville team's recent playoff opener at the Rec Centre.



Playing with two key players out of action due to injuries, the Clippers pulled together in a solid team effort to earn the two points. Jean Bourqui and Jason MacDonald had the other Clippers goals.

Assists went to MacDonald, Brandon Tardella, Robert Anderson, Justin Amyott and Richard Mulder.

### QUICK START FOR MIDGETS

The Bouwmeister Landscaping midget Clippers got off to a fast start in their round robin playoff set with Oshawa and Lindsay, posting wins over both teams.

Jason Brown earned the shutout as the Clippers led off the post season with a 2-0 road win over Oshawa recently.

David Clark and Brandon Crossen scored early to give the Clippers the lead, with Brown and his capable defence closing the door the rest of the way.

At the Rec Centre last Sunday, the Clippers prevailed 4-1 over Oshawa in a hard hitting, chippy affair.

Brett Boyd netted a pair of goals, with singles going to Kevin Hackert and Cory Turchan. Brown and Carmen Auciello were sharp in the Stouffville net.

Evan Cain, Brad Johnston, Ryan King and Matt Turner had assists against Lindsay. It was Clark, Turchan, Chris Howland and Graham Smith assisting in the win over Oshawa.

### CLEAN SWEEP FOR MAJOR BANTAMS

The Edward Murphy major bantams started off the playoffs by taking two straight games from the Uxbridge Stars in their recent best-of-three series.

Tyler Armstrong and Brett Jennings were the marksmen as the Clippers managed a 2-1 home-ice victory Friday. Tyler Markle, Jesse Wood and Joseph Lombardo picked up assists for the Clippers, who got solid goalkeeping from Brad Miller.

The Clippers romped to a 7-1 win in Uxbridge on Sunday as Jamie Alston had two goals and an assist. P.J. Mabley, Armstrong, Bronson Leger, Wood and Lombardo also scored with assists going to Markle (3), Jennings (2), Brandon Bain, Mabley, Damien Peroff, Lombardo and Francis Bourqui. Jeremy Marshman played well in the Stouffville net.

The bantams now await their next playoff opponent.

### MINOR PEEWEES WIN FIRST TWO GAMES

Marcus D'Annunzio had two goals to help lead the Stouffville Legion minor peewee Clippers to a pair of wins over the Markham Waxers in their first two playoff games.

D'Annunzio, Brian Montgomery and Andrew McKay scored in a 3-1 Clippers win at the Rec Centre on Jan. 17.

Justin Cheshire stood out in net.

The following night it was D'Annunzio and Josh Brillinger finding the target in a 2-1 triumph. R.J. Chase was sharp in the Stouffville goal.

### MINOR ATOMS ELIMINATED

There was little to pick between the minor atom Clippers and their Lindsay Huskies opponents as the close matched teams squared off in a best-of-three, opening round play off earlier this week.

But it was the Clippers who ended up on the short end of the score board both nights, as they fell 4-3 in overtime in the opener Sunday on the road before being defeated 2-0 the following night at the Rec Centre.

The Clippers started quickly but then lost their momentum in game one. Justin Lyons, Josh Spang and Brad Steckley scored for the Clippers. Assisting were Lyons (2), and Spang.

In game two, the Huskies took advantage of an early Clippers lapse, then added the second goal into an empty Stouffville net late in the game.

In exhibition play on Jan. 17, the Clippers got two goals from Richard Little, and a solo from David Salvagna, in a 3-0 win over Whitty. Assisting were Cameron Mackenzie (2), Lee Maxwell, Cale Tanaka and Todd Nesbitt.

### MINOR NOVICES WIN EAST GWILLIMBURY TOURNEY

Chris Stewart, Taylor

Campbell and Brandon Walker were the marksmen as the Birkett and Hassard minor novice Clippers edged the host Eagles 3-2 in the championship showdown at the recent East Gwillimbury hockey tournament.

The Clippers advanced to the final by winning their two preliminary games as well as a hard fought semi-final match, which saw them defeat an inspired Newmarket Redmen team by a 4-2 count.

The Stouffville eight year olds led off the tourney with a 5-1 win over the Eagles, then blanked Aurora 4-0 behind the goalkeeping of Jake Bals-

don. The Clippers led twice in the title match, with the Eagles coming back to square things both times before Stouffville managed the winner late in the game.

Scoring in the first three games were Luke Mabley (4), Walker (4), Campbell, Adam Craig, Chris Stewart and Nick Jago. Assisting in the tourney were Mabley (3), Campbell (2), Chris Schell (3), Craig (2), Jago (3), Brandon Jupp (3), Luke Harrison, Steve Brown and Eric Gainsbrook.

In a skills competition held during the tourney, Balsdon won the goalkeeping honors.

## Stouffville Missionary Church to host Super Bowl party

It will be a Super Bowl party with a difference at the Stouffville Missionary Church on Sunday evening.

The Main St. church is inviting area residents to drop by to enjoy the big game on a gigantic screen in a smoke and alcohol free environment.

The special 15 x 17-foot screen has been specially constructed for the event, which will be shown in the church gymnasium.

Viewers are being asked to bring a lawn chair and munchies. There's no admission charge, and soft drinks, coffee and tea will be provided.

Hot dogs are to be served in exchange for a small donation from those who can afford it.

A Campus Crusade for Christ video will be shown at half time featuring testimonials by former Super Bowl players.

Viewers are asked to show up any time after 6 p.m. for the game, which is scheduled to get under way at 6:18 p.m.