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Sports

Midget Clippers advance to OMHA semis

It's on to the Ontario Minor Hockey Association semi-finals for the Bouwmeister Landscaping midget Clippers.

The Clippers rode an overtime goal by Kevin Hackert to a 6-5 victory over Bradford Tuesday night at the Rec Centre.

The win gave the Bouwmeister bunch a three-game sweep of their best-of-five quarter final series, sending them on to challenge the defending champions from Huntsville for the right to contest this year's OMHA final.

The Clippers, who managed one goal victories in each of the first two games of their set with Bradford, fell behind 2-0 after just seven minutes in game three.

But they rebounded to take a 5-3 lead into the third period, only to have Bradford come back with two goals to send the game into overtime.

Hackert's goal with three minutes remaining in the first extra period set the Rec Centre crowd to rocking as the Clippers ensured their semi-final berth.

Dan Tardella netted a pair of goals to orchestrate the Clippers' offence.

Graham Smith, Brandon Crossen and Evan Cain each contributed single tallies.

Ryan King was credited with three assists while Smith and Brett Boyd each had two.

Crossen, Cain, Mike Wood and David Clark earned single helpers.

Clippers head coach Dave Boyd, whose team placed first in the regular season league standings, said the Stouffville squad's success has come from pulling together.

"There are no super stars on this team," he said.

"Everybody has a role and does their job. They work real hard right from goalies out to forwards. The bottom line is these boys have proved they will get the job done by continuing to work together as a team."



Spiking York Region gold

The Stouffville District Secondary School Spartans junior girls' volleyball team served up a storm recently by capturing the York Region Athletic Association gold medal. Team members included (front row, far left): Amanda Bell, Steph McLeod, Alison Crowder and Brie Cudahy. Those in the second row included (from far left): Kari Sandiford, Denise Gaeta, Danielle Timms, Amanda Boyd, Julie Hazlewood and Sherry Hartnett. In the back row (from far left) are team manager Reuben Cannard, coach Heather Henricks and team manager Ian Hazlewood.

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Major peewees have strong second season

The major peewee Clippers are finding the second season to their liking.

The Clippers, who were knocked out of the first round of the OMHA playoffs, have won four in a row in their second season playoff round robin.

The Stouffville squad bounced Uxbridge twice, 8-2 and 4-2, before handing the Oshawa Red Wings a double defeat by scores of 4-0 and 6-1.

Andrew Lombardo led the Clippers scorers in the quartet of games with seven goals and four assists, including hat tricks in each of the last two games. Chris Carruthers had three goals and four assists; Jean Bourqui three goals and one assist; Jason McDonald two goals and eight assists; Justin Amyott, one goal, four assists; John Lyons, two goals; Brandon Tardella, one goal; Jeremy Guest, Richard Mulder, and Dylan Harrison, one goal one assist each; Fraser Smith and Robert Anderson, two assists each, goal keeper Richard Lynn, one assist. Justin Felshow recording a shut out.

The Clippers, who have guaranteed themselves a spot in the second season championships, continued their round robin with two games against Port Perry this

week.

MINOR BANTAM CLIPPERS ALL TIED UP

Ryan Fontanna, David Brown and Matt Sullivan each netted a pair of goals to give the Aikens I.D.A. minor bantam Clippers a 6-4 win over Alliston TNT in front of an approving home crowd Sunday at the Rec Centre.

The big win left the best of five, fourth round OMHA playoff series all tied up at two wins apiece.

The Clippers were put in the position of having to win two games in a row after they fell 7-4 to the TNT in Alliston Saturday.

Brent Meyer had two assists in Sunday's win while Lukas Williams, Fontanna, Brown, Matt Prentice, Ryan Zonnekyn, Ryan Jones and Peter Smit each had one.

On Saturday, it was Brown, Casey Maude, Fontanna and Sullivan scoring for the Clippers. Assists went to Justin Heyworth (2), Brown, Sullivan, Meyer, and Fontanna.

The deciding game of the series is to be played in Alliston tonight.

MINOR ATOMS ELIMINATED

The Holiday Inn minor atoms were ousted from further OMHA playoff action by virtue of a tough 1-0 loss to the East Gwillimbury Eagles over the weekend.

North Stars shine in win over Devils

Scott Sutcliff was flawless in net, and Gord Sutcliffe had the game's only goal on a set up by Brent Stachel as the Hunter's Nest North Stars blanked the Mackenzie Insurance Devils 1-0 in Stouffville Amateur Hockey League 30 and over division action Feb. 26 at the Rec Centre.

Greg Roberts had the hat trick, and added a pair of assists, to help the Williamson Motors Jets douse the Fullerton's Flames 5-1.

Rob Osborne and Wayne Smith had the other Jets goals. Tom Lehman had three assists for the winners, while Steve Schneider and Rick Sooley each earned two assists. Steve Schell countered for the Flames.

In the other 30 plus contest, Dave Mehaffey and Joe O'Connor scored to give the Flyers a 2-1 win over the Boyd's Sports Sharks.

Gary Carr notched the lone Sharks marker.

In 20 and over play Feb. 25, Rick Cameron looked after the Penguins scoring in a 2-1 victory over the Gallo Real Estate Red Wings.

Brent Brown assisted on both scores. Scott Menzies had the Wings goal. Steve Balsdon and Blair McDonnell each netted a pair, with Gary Carr chipping in with a goal and five assists, as the Bruins defeated the Ghosts 8-3.

Adam Kennedy, Dave McNaught and Dan McNaught had singles scores for the Bruins, who got two assists each from Jason Smith and McDonnell. Trevor Kennedy scored twice for the Ghosts, while Dave Showers added a solo. Steve Avoleto and Steve Livingstone each had two set ups.

In 40 and over action Sunday, Terry Weatherill scored twice for the Rand Pools Maple Leafs, with Doug Todd returning the favor for the occasions Catering Blues, as the teams tied 5-5.

Damian Comito had a goal and three assists for the Leafs, who also got goals from Bob Saunders and Vern Thomson. Dennis Lougheed had two assists. Jim Gray had a goal and two assists for the Blues. Doug Gornall and Wayne McMann rounded out the Blues scoring. Tom Clark added two assists.

Bill Ormson, Steve Pope, Wayne Jackson and Art Vanesterik were the marksmen as the V.E.C. Enterprise Ducks harpooned the K. May Real Estate Whalers 4-1.

Garth Bell assisted on the two Ducks goals. Brent Stachel had the Whalers goal. Ron Tanaka and Jack Holder each had a goal and two assists to lift the Houston Ford Flyers to a 5-2 triumph over the Kings.

Kevin Davis, Rick Glen and Bruce Gribbon had the other Flyers goals. Don Lloyd and Matt Hawkins replied for the Kings.

The Stouffville Travel Black Hawks got goals from Charlie Ramsey, Frank Jago, Ed Dennis and Gary Yoshida as they short circuited the B. Phillips Steeplejacks Lightning 4-1.

Bob McKinnon assisted on two Hawks goals. Howard Burkholder had the lone Lightning score.

White rules waves

A 12-year-old Musselmans Lake swimmer made his mark at the recent Swim Ontario Provincial Age Group Championships in Ottawa.

Alexander White was a member of the Newmarket Stingrays Swim Club team that took the gold in the 4x50 metre free relay event at the provincial finals.

The quartet won the bronze in the 4x50m medley relay.

The results left the relay team ranked second in Canada in the free relay, and fourth nationally in the medley event.