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Sports

Minor novices repeat as Timmy Tyke champions

They're back!
The Birkett and Hassard/G & H Contracting minor novice Clippers took their act to Maple Leaf Gardens for the second year in a row last Sunday, and once again emerged victorious in the Timmy Tyke Tournament.

The Stouffville eight year olds put the cap on the title at one of the most prestigious tournaments in minor hockey with a 5-4 win over the Agincourt Lions. The Clippers took an early lead in the fast paced championship showdown, then held on until the end.

The Clippers advanced to the Timmy finals by defeating Agincourt and Erindale earlier this month.

The Stouffville lineup includes

Jake Balsdon (goalkeeper), Steve Brown, Eric Gainsbrook, Luke Harrison, Chris Stewart, Brandon Jupp, Brandon Walker, Chris Schell, Nick Jago, Adam Craig, Luke Mabley, Adam Tom and MVP Taylor Campbell. The team is coached and managed by Keith Jupp, Ron Schell, Frank Jago, Leslie Mabley and Jamie Walker.

The Clippers players join a list of past winners that includes NHL greats Doug Gilmour, Paul Coffey, Bobby Orr, Syl Apps Jr., Gary Leeman and Brad Park. It was the 42nd year for the Timmy Tournament, which has been honored in the Hockey Hall of Fame for its tradition and devotion to helping less fortunate children through the Easter Seals Society.



Members of the Birkett and Hassard/B&H Contracting minor novice Clippers display their medals and trophy, after defeating the Agincourt Lions 5-4 to retain their title at the recent Timmy Tyke Tournament at Maple Leaf Gardens.

Minor atoms edged in consolation final

The minor atom Clippers displayed top notch goalkeeping, a strong offence and a tight defence, but couldn't catch the overtime magic at the Niagara Falls March Break tournament.

The Clippers romped to three straight preliminary round victories before being stopped in overtime in both the semi-final and the consolation championship. The Clippers bounced Burlington twice, 4-1 and 8-2 in the opening round, while downing Kitchener 8-1. They came back from a 4-1 deficit to send their semi-final with London into overtime, but fell just short in the extra period.



They were then edged 2-1 in OT by Stoney Creek in the consolation final.

Scoring for the Clippers in the five games were Cale Tanaka, seven goals, six assists. Josh Spang, four goals, seven assists, Ryan Thom, one goal, five assists, Brad Steckley and Richard Little, three goals, one assist each, Jonathan Wonch, one goal, three assists, Len Spiteri, two goals, one assist, Justin Lyons, one goal, three assists, David Salvagna, two goals, two assists, Lee Maxwell, one goal, Cam Mackenzie, one goal, one assist, Luke Dawson and Todd Nesbitt (two assists each), Shawn Gibson (goalie), one assist.

Major novices ice Eastern District title

OMHA Eastern District champions!

That's the title worn by the Ken and Neil Patrick major novice Clippers after the Stouffville squad swept Cobourg three straight in the district finals.

The Clippers started off the set with a convincing 4-1 win at the Rec Centre, then continued to gain momentum as they took the next two games by shutouts, 3-0, 2-0.

Ryan Allen and Matt Cartwright were near perfect in the Clippers net, turning aside 50 to 51 shots in the three matches.

Defencemen Phillips Briggs, Trevor Greenham, Nathaniel Martin, Devon McDougall and Landon Wideman were outstanding along the blue line for Stouffville as they shut down the Cobourg offence.

Team leading scorer Mark Sullivan potted five of the Clippers goals, with Alex Bruno, David Del



Members of the Ken and Neil Patrick major novice Clippers celebrate after claiming the OMHA Eastern District title by defeating Cobourg in three straight games.

Zotto, Shayne Paterson and McDougall also scoring.

Del Zotto and Brook Stachel each earned three assists while Wideman had two. Greenham, Briggs and Peterson were credited with single helpers.

Mark D'Andrea, Brendon Laing, Cash Nicastro and Kurtis Paisley also

made big contributions to the championship.

Clippers' head coach Andy Cartwright praised his team's performance.

"I am very proud of the boys. They played flawlessly and with determination, and they should be congratulated for representing our team and town proudly."

Bruins bear down to scare Ghosts in SAHL action

Gary Carr netted a pair of goals, and Blair McDonnell and Dan McNaught each had two assists to lead the Bruins to a 5-2 win over the Ghosts in Stouffville Amateur Hockey League (SAHL) 20 and over division action at the Rec Centre on March 18.

Dave McNaught, Terry Porter and Daryl May had the other Bruins goals. Rob Parcels and Keith Jupp replied for the Ghosts. Mark Paganelli, Scott Dunsmoor and Mike Sear clicked for the Gallo Real Estate Red Wings in a 3-2 triumph over the Penguins in the other 20 and over match.

Brian Lemay and Jim Armitage had the Pens goals.

In 30 and over play the following night, Dave Mehaffey clicked twice and added a pair of assists to give the Flyers a 4-4 tie with the Williamson Motors Jets.

Dan Maillet had a goal and two assists for the Flyers, with Joe O'Connor rounding

out the Flyers scoring. Bob Osborne had two goals for the Jets, with Greg Roberts collecting a goal and two assists. Kevin Bartley had the other Jets score.

Gary Carr found the range twice, to go with a single Barry Greenshields as the Boyd's Source for Sports Sharks downed the Mackenzie Insurance Devils 3-1.

Naz Nicastro had the lone Devils tally. Tim Lofgren scored twice for the Fullerton Flames, and Paul Derrondy contributed a goal and two assists to lead the Flames to a 5-1 victory over the Hunters Nest North Stars. John Barnett and Doug Sherban also scored for the winners, with Terry Porter counting the Stars goals.

In 40 and over action Sunday, Damian Comito was a two goal man, and Bill Anderson and Bob Saunders had solos, as the Rand Pools Maple Leafs nipped the Ken May Real Estate Whalers 4-3.

Bill Hermanson, Herb Forgie and Art Nicholson were the Whalers marksmen. Dave Wicksted also scored twice, while team mates Bob Swain and Bruce Mehaffey added singles, as the Kings defused the B. Phillips Steeplejacks Lightning 4-2.

Howard Burkholder and Dale Vick scored for the Lightning.

It was John Beal and Wayne Jackson scoring for the V.E.C. Enterprise Ducks, and Gary Yoshida and George Sled countering for the Stouffville Travel Black Hawks, as the teams played to a 2-2 draw.

Rick Glen, Bruce Gribbon, Kevin Davis and Bill Corner buried the biscuit for the Houston Ford Flyers in a 4-1 win over the Occasions Catering Blues. Doug Todd scored for the Blues.

The 40 and over loop will begin their playoff round robin this Sunday. The other two divisions start post season play the following week.