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Spirit drop two on weekend road show

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The Spirit of Stouffville were brought back to earth with a pair of weekend road losses in Provincial Junior A Hockey League play.

The Spirit, who had won five and tied one in their previous seven outings, fell 4-3 to the Ruddock Division leading Trenton Sting on Friday, then never got it going in a 6-2 loss to the Kingston Voyageurs on Sunday.

The Spirit seemed on their way to an impressive victory Friday, carrying a 3-0 lead into

the third period on goals by Dave Zelasko, Kevin Edgar and Jeff Keillor.

"Then everything that could have happened did happen," said Spirit head coach Dan Larmer. Those happenings included a wrap-around goal by the host Sting, followed by a score from a scramble and a shorthanded marker that went in off a Spirit player.

In Sunday's game at Kingston, the Spirit trailed 5-0 going into the final 20 minutes before they began to offer some resistance.

Jeff Marshall and Edgar finally got the visitors on the board.

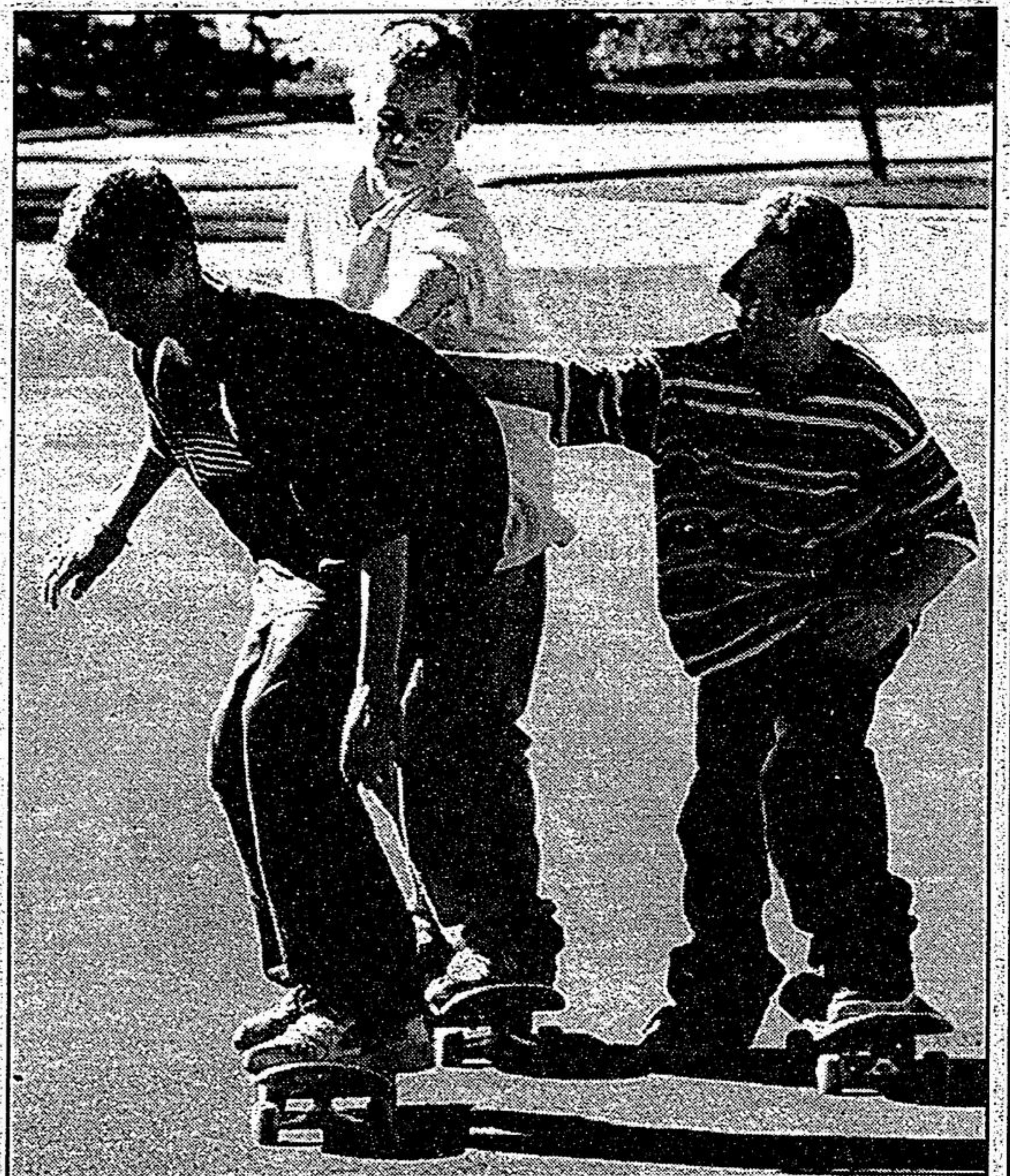
"We didn't wake up until the third period," lamented Larmer, who suggested his team may have been a little deflated following Friday's disappointing defeat.

For Edgar, the weekend goals were his 11th and 12th of the campaign, tops on the team. He also added to his assist totals with a helper on Sunday. Line-mate Ryan King had two assists on Friday.

Despite the two losses, the Spirit managed to cling to a share of fourth place, along with the Couchiching Terriers, in the Phillips Division standings.

The Spirit host the Aurora Tigers, who are second in the Phillips Division on Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

The Spirit travel to Lindsay to play the last-place Muskies Friday, then return to the Rec Centre for a Sunday game with the third-place Newmarket 87's Hurricane. Game time is 3:30 p.m.



SKATING ON HARD PAVEMENT: The Glen Park Public School parking lot was transformed into a skateboarder's paradise recently. Here, John-Riley O'Handley (left), and Ryan Gill (right), help Justin Vanditzhuyzen try out a skateboard for the first time.

Photo by STEVE SOMERVILLE

Minor peewee Clippers skate away with gold

Jordan Smalley's shorthanded goal at the 6:13 mark of sudden death overtime gave the Smalley Christmas Tree minor peewee Clippers a dramatic championship victory at the Mississauga Hornets Metropolitan Toronto Hockey League Tournament on Sunday.

Smalley's score, which came on a set-up by Nick Hawkins and Brian Taylor, gave the Clippers a 4-3 title game triumph over the Markham Waxers.

The Clippers earned the right to contest the tournament title with wins of 7-4 over Port Credit, 3-0 over Applewood, 3-2 over Cooksville.

Their only loss came in a 4-3 defeat to Meadowdale.

Geoff Campbell, Mark Carruthers and Jesse Maillet each counted six points to lead the Clippers in scoring. Taylor and Stephen Relf had five points each, with newcomer Alex Bollo chipping in with four.

Chris Flanagan, Hawkins, Smalley and Dana McDonald each had two points, with Mark Sutcliffe adding a single.

Taylor Lougheed, Norman Fretz and Blake Maynard all contributed strong efforts. Michael McManus and Kyle Martin were strong in goal. Martin earned the shutout over Applewood.

In league play earlier in the busy week the Clippers defeated Whitby 3-1, downed Nobleton-King 3-1 and edged Uxbridge 2-1.

Points came from: Maillet with four, Hawkins, Taylor, Sutcliffe, Bollo and Carruthers, two each; Fretz, Flanagan, Relf and Maynard, one each.

The Clippers, who host Uxbridge on Friday, have won nine of their last 10 contests.



MIDGET CLIPPERS ICE TWO WINS

Cory Turgeon managed a hat trick to lift the Print Service midget Clippers to a recent road victory over Port Perry last Thursday, while a pair of goals from Brad Johnston were the difference in a home ice win over East Gwillimbury the following night.

The Clippers jumped out to a 5-0 first-period lead against the Port platoon before the host squad rallied to make it 5-3 in the second.

But the Clippers came back to seal the win with a trio of their own in the third.

Brett Boyd, Johnston, Kyle Harrison, Mark Meyers and Brad Clubine had singles for the Clippers.

Assists went to: Clubine (2), Chris Howland, Johnston, Boyd, Tyler Armstrong, Meyers, Tyler Markle and Paul Bouchard.

The Clippers came out flat at home Friday, but still managed a 5-3 win over the Eagles.

Clubine, Markle and Meyers rounded out the Stouffville scoring. Brett Jennings set up a trio of scores, with set ups also coming from: Boyd (2), Lawrence Bungaro, Clubine and Turgeon.

MAJOR NOVICES GAIN SPLIT

Luke Mabley netted a trio of goals as the Stouffville I.D.A. major novice Clippers split their four league games played last week.

The Clippers picked up wins of 3-2 and 4-1 over Vaughan and Sutton, while falling 6-2 and 3-0 Keswick and Bradford.

Adam Craig had a goal and three assists, while Brandon Jupp added a pair of goals. Taylor Campbell chipped in with a goal and an assist, with Eric Gainsbrook and Steve Brown each scoring once.

Other assists went to: Warren Taylor (2), Chris Schell and Luke Harrison.

Stingrays hope to spike up a storm on the court this

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The Stouffville Stingrays girls' volleyball program is returning with three teams this season.

One bantam team and two midget crews will once again take to the courts for tournament play, culminating in the provincial championships.

Coach Don Forbes, who initiated the program in the mid-1990s, has recruited the services of several assistants this year. Ken Cooke and Glen Sealy will help Forbes run the bantam team, with Christine Cooke serving as team manager.

Former Ontario Volleyball Association technical director Keith Wasylik, who was a coach with the Stingrays midget II team last season, will oversee both midget squads for the 1997-98 campaign.

Wasylik is a former member of the Canadian national volleyball team. Ada Jacque will coach one of the midget outfits.

Sponsors will include National Sports, Cable Tech and Stouffville IGA.

The bantam team, which played Tier

I last season and took the bronze at last year's Provincial Cup, will include players from Stouffville, Unionville, Vaudorf, Uxbridge, Markham and Thornhill.

Among players hailing from Stouffville are: Meaghan Crowder, Joanne Crymble, Andrea Meyer, Megan Sealy, and Grace Volpe.

"It's still too early to tell how this year's edition will fare, but I believe they'll do just fine," said Forbes. "We have some height this year, and we have four returning members of last year's bantam team."

The midget I Stingrays were 11th at the Tier I provincials last year. They had two golds and a silver in tournament play.

The midget II Stingrays took home a gold and a bronze in tournament action.

The bantams have tournaments scheduled for Nov. 15 (University of Toronto's Scarborough Campus) and Dec. 6 (Unionville H.S.).

The midget are scheduled for a Nov. 22 tournament in Lindsay.

"We look forward to an enjoyable 97-98 season for all Stingray teams, and to playing some competitive and exciting volleyball," said Forbes.