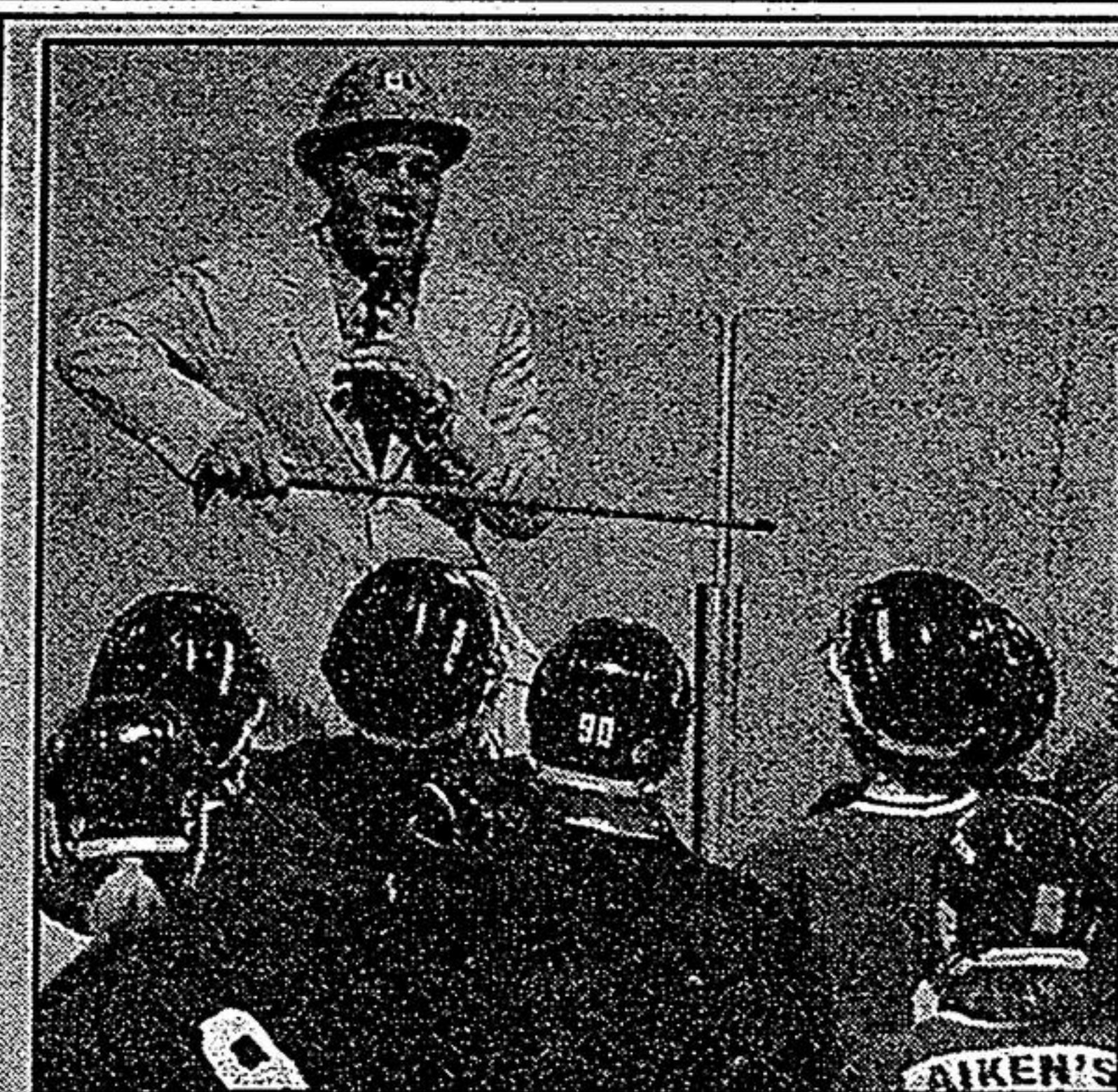


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IMPERCY-NATING PUNCH IMLACH: Owen Percy (top photograph, light jacket), does a Punch Imlach impersonation as he gives some words of encouragement to the Stouffville District Secondary School students hockey team as they battled the teacher's in an annual exhibition hockey match at the Rec Centre on Monday. In the right photograph, goalkeeper Rick Evans thwarts students' player Dan Tardella on this scoring opportunity during the game.

Photos by STEVE SOMERVILLE



Minor atoms suffer loss but earn tie

The State Farm-Legrow Agency/Cobequid Life Sciences minor atom Clippers managed a defeat and a draw in a recent hockey action.



But despite a record that now stands at 13 wins, six losses and two ties, the Clippers are going to be hard-pressed to finish first in their league standings.

The Clippers were edged 2-1 by Keswick last Friday at the Rec Centre despite the stellar goalkeeping of Matthew Cartwright.

Brook Stachel had the lone Clippers goal, from Alex Bruno and David Del Zotto.

The Clippers bounced back the following night with a 6-1 road triumph over Ajax.

Cameron Allan netted a pair of goals, with Zach Popper, Brendon Laing, Bruno and Del Zotto rounding out the scoring. Matthew Mulder, Phillip Briggs and Popper each had two assists. Single set ups went to Landon Wideman, Allan, Stachel and Del Zotto.

Facing Nobleking on Sunday, the Clippers twice came back from a one-goal deficit to earn a 2-2 tie in a fast paced, entertaining game marked by a high level of intensity. Adam Davis played well in the Clippers net. Shayne Paterson and Laing had the Stouffville goals. Laing also earned an assist.

Golden efforts by Sheffield students

Sheffield Judo Club members were wash in medals at a pair of recent competitions.

Three members of the Stouffville club finished first at the Toronto French School Invitational. Stephen Locksley, Daniel Locksley and Daniel Franzen all took golds, while Chantal Jones and Gavin Howe had second place showings.

At the Ajax Buokan Judo Tournament, it was the club's Trevor Chee-a-tow coming first in the 64-kilogram weight class.

Second place results were achieved by: Dusty Chee-a-tow (40 kg.), Kyle Chee-a-tow (43 kg.), and Chad McLintock (50 kg.). Jamie Hewlett was fourth (39 kg.).

No Spirit on road in loss to Axemen

BRUCE STAPLEY
Correspondent

Hexed.
That's the only answer Spirit of Stouffville head coach Dan Larmer could come up with after his team outpointed the Ajax Axemen in every department except goals in Tuesday night's 6-3 Provincial Junior A Hockey League road loss.

The loss, when combined with the fifth-place Couchiching Terriers unlikely victory over the runaway divisional leading Collingwood Blues the same night, left Larmer shaking his head.

"You can't get negative, but

maybe this team is jinxed," quipped Larmer. "We totally outplayed Ajax and we lose, then Couchiching knocks off Collingwood."

Tuesday's unlikely turn of events left the last-place Spirit four points behind the Terriers.

The Spirit get their turn to surprise Collingwood when the teams face off tonight at the Rec Centre.

Larmer said Tuesday's game was one that should have ended up in the win column for his team.

"If ever there was a game we deserved to win this was it. We outshot them 49-26, but it was one of those games where we ran into a hot goal tender. We won 35 of the 46 face offs. We totally dominated them."

The Axemen took a 1-0 first period, then carried a 4-3 advantage into the third despite being outshot 22-8 by the Spirit in the second.

"It was our best second period of the season," lamented Larmer, whose team has let several games slip away due to a bad middle period this season.

Darcy King netted his 23rd goal of the season for the Spirit, tops on the team. He also had two assists to remain in second place in the Eastern Conference scoring race. Kevin

Edgar potted his 22nd, with Dave Zelasko notching his 13th.

Andrew Harper will be making his first start of the season in the Spirit net tonight against the Blues, who have now won 26, lost just four and tied one. The Stouffville squad get a crack at the Terriers when they travel to Collingwood for a game on Friday.

Tyke Spirit selects consoled in Uxbridge

Justin Hulshof and Chris Lombardo backed up the shutout goalkeeping of Matthew Raguseo and Gregory Outram-Kuzma with goals as the Houston Ford Tyke Spirit selects defeated Clarington 2-0 in the consolation championship at a tournament in Uxbridge over the weekend.

Grant Sommerville, Hulshof, Brad Maxwell and Lombardo earned the assists, with Michael Stanton awarded the player of the game citation.

The Stouffville squad started its first tourney of the season a little slowly, being edged 4-3 by the host team in their opener.

Maxwell, Hulshof and Patrick Salvagna on a shot that went the length of the rink were the Spirit marksmen.

Assists went to goalkeeper Outram-Kuzma, Michael Sooley, and Hulshof.

The Stouffville crew came alive in a 6-1 win over Ajax in their next outing. Malcolm Forbes picked up the hat trick, and also had an assist, to earn the player of the game award. Lombardo netted a pair, with Dennis O'Shaughnessy adding a solo. Other assists went to Maxwell, Jamie Gregory, Salvagna and Christopher Boake.

Local Stars shine brightly

Stouffville players accounted for almost half the scoring as the Richmond Hill Stars tyke AAA rep team counted two wins in three weekend games.

Jake Carrick had a quartet of markers to help power the Stars to an 8-2 win over the Barrie Junior Colts Friday in Barrie.

Stouffville's Michael Del Zotto netted a pair Saturday to key the Stars 5-2 triumph over the Ajax Knights. The Stars fell 3-1 to Barrie in Richmond Hill Sunday.

The Stars season-record stands at 13 wins, two losses and a tie.

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