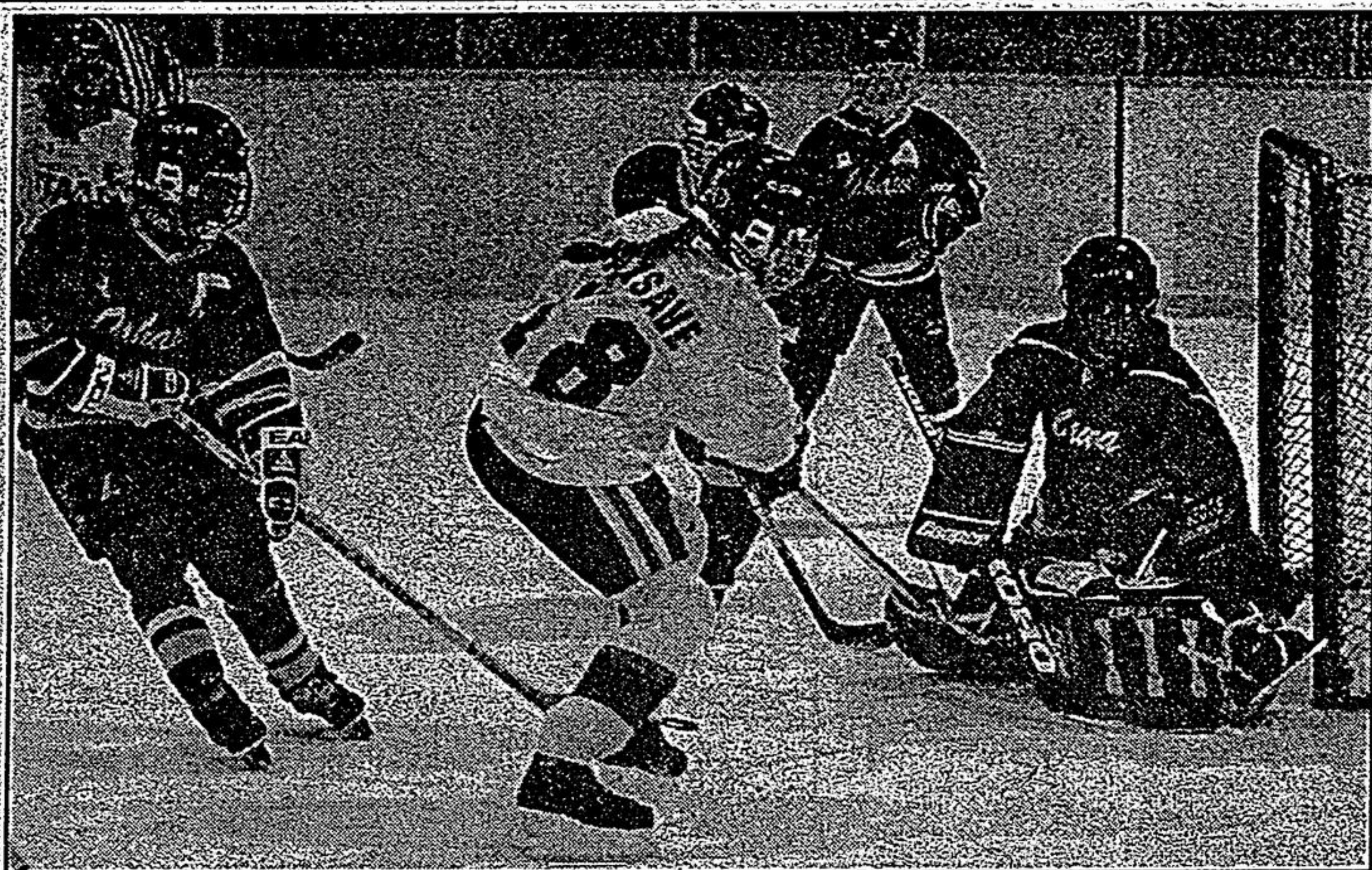


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**FOILED!** Stouffville Stars' Christina Davis (white uniform), directs a shot on this Oshawa goalkeeper only to be foiled on this scoring attempt during Wednesday's peewee provincial playoff contest at the Rec Centre. The Stars won the first game of this best-of-three series 3-2. The second game will be held in Oshawa today.

Photo by LORIE EMERSON

## Sharks devour Nordiques, pad hold on first place

Paul Jarko netted a pair, and Gord Sutcliffe and Wayne Smith each assisted twice, as the Sharks edged the Nordiques 4-3 in the Stouffville Amateur Hockey League Under 40 Division battle for first place Feb. 11 at the Rec Centre.

Ed Burkholder and Doug McQuigge also scored for the Sharks, who moved three points ahead of the Nords with the win.

Dave Barss, with two goals, and Brandon Pridham, with a single, scored for the Nords.

The Ducks moved to within a point of the Nords with a 3-1 triumph over the Devils.

Russ Myers scored twice for the winners, with Gary Carr adding the third marker.

Pat Madigan had two assists, Paul Bergman clicked for the Devils.

The North Stars continued to shine with a 6-2 win over the Flames as Jamie Bell was a two-goal man.

Naz Nicasiro, Ron Fenwick, Greg Tarr, and Darcy Milligan also scored for the Stars. Milligan and Nicasiro each had two assists.

Shawn Leonard and Jacob Gaston replied for the Flames.

Derek Hamilton's hat trick led the Canadiens to a 6-3 triumph over the Kings.

Ron Murphy, Chris Burkholder and Barry Gill had the other Habs goals.

Tim Mullen, Mike Sear and Troy Cadaret lit the lamp for the Kings.

Greg Roberts added to his division leading scoring totals with his 22nd goal and 29th assist of the year to key the Bruins 4-2 win over the

Rangers.

Ross Newlands, Tony Mauro and Doug Sanders rounded out the Bruins scoring.

The Rangers goals came from Keith Jupp and Mark Savery. Doug Marshall had two assists.

The Flyers got goals from Steve Avoledo, Joe O'Connor and Lee Wideman, with Steve Rendell assisting twice, in a 3-2 win over the Red Wings.

Ryan Burkholder and Bob Tyson scored for the Wings.

### FLYERS SOAR PAST BEUES

In Over 40 Division play Sunday, the Flyers took advantage of a short staffed Blues team as they handed the front runners only their fourth loss of the year by a 2-1 count.

Dave Tucker and Lionel Henry put the Flyers over the top, while Wayne McMann tallied for the Blues.

The Lightning strengthened their hold on second place with a 5-3 victory over the Ducks.

Steve Dabous with a pair, Gary Husbands, Terry Weatherill and Dean Tremaine with singles, looked after the Lightning scoring.

Garth Bell set up a trio of goals, Bruce Mehaffey, Bill Corner and Murray Thompson responded for the Ducks.

Joe Infurnari scored both his team's goals, and Don Lloyd earned two assists, as the Black Hawks trimmed the Senators 2-1.

Rocky Copithorn netted the Sens score.

Bill Anderson, Andy Kroen, Wayne Emmerson and Jack Holder were the marksmen as the Maple Leafs doubled up the Whalers 4-2.

## Local flavour evident at Olympics



### Sports Notes

Bruce Stapley

Cliff Dunkeld, Stouffville's patron saint of girls and women's sports, informs me there was a distinct flavour of 1980's Whitchurch-Stouffville Girls Hockey Association (WSGHA) to the recent women's hockey tournament at the Nagano Olympics.

Cliff told me that Geraldine Heaney, a defenceman with the Team Canada crew which took the silver medal, is a Newmarket area resident who played with the WSGHA in a few tournaments. Geraldine's father, George Heaney, was actively involved on the WSGHA executive at one point, Cliff noted.

As for the game officials for the women's competition at Nagano, two of the striped shirts also list assist with the WSGHA on their hockey resumes. Marina Zenck and Laurie Taylor both laced up the blades with the local association a decade or so back.

Cliff said Taylor has made several appearances at the Rec Centre as a game official for rep level hockey games in the past few years. Both girls helped officiate the gold medal game between Canada and the United States.

Cliff, along with long time WSGHA executive official Dianne White, are currently working on 25th anniversary plans for the WSGHA.

### MINOR PROGRAM SUCCESSFUL

Speaking of mainstays, Leslie Mabley, who for the past several hundred years has done everything from manage Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey Association (WSMHA) teams through washing cars at team fund raisers, has a theory as to why Stouffville rep teams are meeting with such success this playoff season. Those paying attention will have noted the WSMHA has no less than four teams

who have advanced as far as the third round in this year's Ontario Minor Hockey Association playoffs. The midget, bantam, major peewee and major novice Clippers are in the thick of things as things heat up in the provincial quarter finals.

The secret, says Leslie, whose husband is WSMHA president Peter Mabley, lies in the well developed select program initiated four years ago by former WSMHA president Maureen Markle.

The development of the select program, which exposes the most gifted houseleague players to out of town league and tournament play, has made for a farm system of sorts for the rep Clippers to draw from. This has become that much more essential, claims Leslie, as more and more of the top rep level players in town affiliate with the AAA rep program in Richmond Hill. While some of the aspiring AAA players eventually return to the ranks of the Stouffville rep ranks, the ones who don't are being replaced by the cream of the select crop. And the results are obvious.

Leslie pointed to how Michael Meteuro stepped up from the novice selects to score an important goal in the major novice Clippers 4-3 win over Orillia in the opener of their quarter final playoff series. She added that Gabriel Barnett has thrived after moving up from his select team to the major atom Clippers, as he was the team's leading point scorer this season.

With the coming of the second ice pad, the teams have been allocated their own ice time, and have joined the local York Simcoe loop. The program has flourished to the point where there are both major and minor select teams at some levels.

Another advantage to the select program, said Leslie, is that players who want a break from the rigours of rep hockey, with all the travel and emphasis on winning, can step down to select for a year so they can rediscover their love of hockey.



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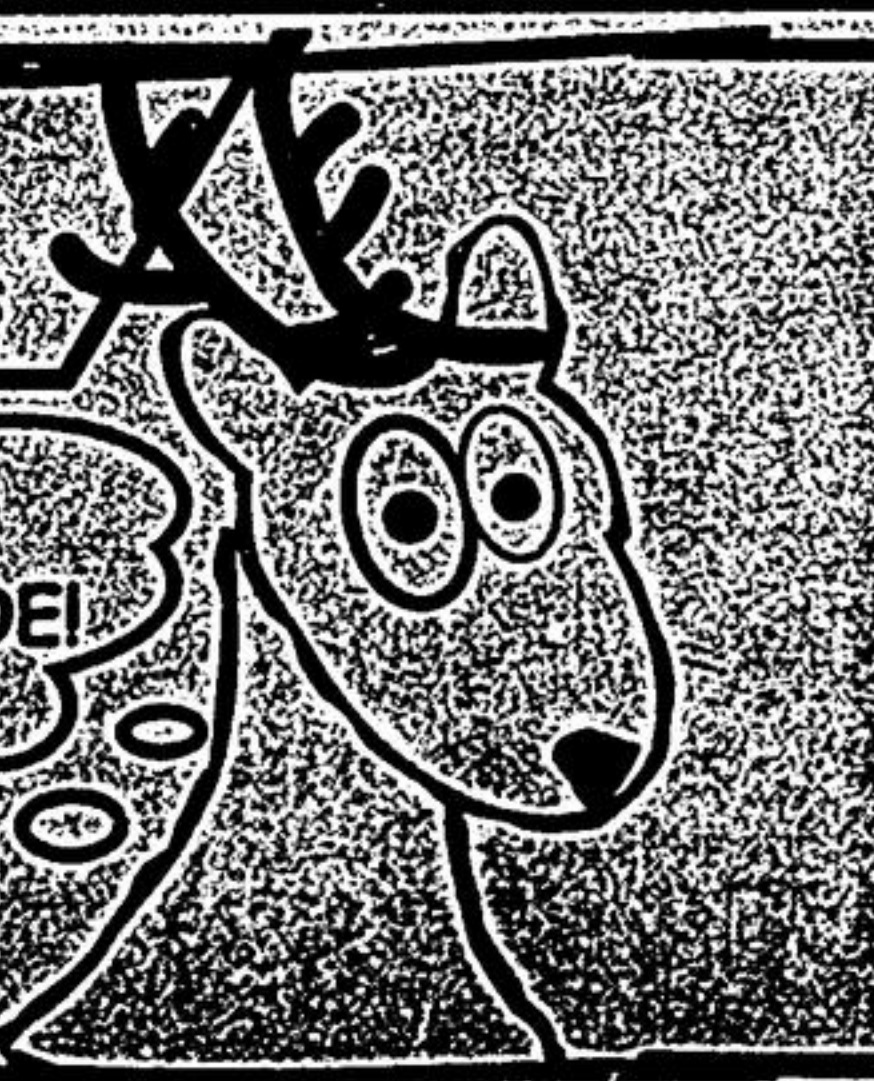
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