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Midget Clippers advance to semis

The Print Service midget Clippers are on their way to the Ontario Minor Hockey Association semi-finals.

The Clippers made quick work of their Tottenham New Tecumseh (TNT) opponents in the quarter-finals, sweeping the best-of-five series in three straight games.

The Clippers started out the set with a 5-2 victory in Tottenham, then came back to the Rec Centre to wrap it up with a pair of 9-4 wins over the weekend.

Brad Clubine broke loose for four goals and an assist to lead the Print platoon to victory in Friday's Rec Centre affair.

Brad Johnson added two goals and an assist while other points came from Brett Boyd (once goal, two assists), Tyler Markle (two assists), Kyle Harrison (one goal), Cory Turgeon (three assists), Mark Meyers (two assists), and Ian McDougall (one goal).

On Sunday it was Markle with three goals and an assist, and Brett Jennings scoring twice and setting up another pair to lead the offence. Other point getters were Boyd (one goal, two assists), Chris Howland (two goals), Johnson, Turgeon and Clubine, (two assists each), Harrison (one goal), Meyers and Tyler Armstrong (one assist each).

Jeremy Marshman and Carmen Auciello were solid in net for the three Clippers wins.

The Stouffville squad now awaits the winner of the Port Perry-Fort Erie series to determine who they will play in the semi-finals. The series gets under way next week.

MITES WIN REGULAR SEASON TITLE

The Stouffville mite selects are regular season champions in York Simcoe League play.

The Stouffville squad finished off the season with a perfect record of 16 wins and no defeats. The selects, who have upcoming tournaments in Wexford and Pickering, as well as the annual Timmy Tyke Tournament in Toronto, are also about to begin their league playoffs.

The selects are coached by Dan McEachen, with James Hulshof assisting. Bruce Averill is trainer. Players include Ryan Adrian, Lee Averill, Bradley Burrows, Sam Carrick, Denver Gray, Heather Hughes, Kurtis Hulshof, Patrick McEachen, Chris Porter, Andrew Sanders, Zack Stevens and Ethan Werk.

MINOR NOVICES WIN TWO, TIE ONE

The Birkett-Hassard Insurance minor novice Clippers have managed two wins and a tie in five York Simcoe League playoff games.

The Clippers started off with a 6-1 loss to Keswick as Nathan James scored the lone Stouffville goal on a set up by Derek Conlan.

Great goaltending by Tyler Lorenzen helped the Clippers to a 5-3 win over Ajax in their next outing as Wes Wittenbols, Jeff McGuckin, Kyle Miller, Evan Tsiopoulos and Andrew Stewart looked after the scoring.

James scored with just 11 seconds to play to give the Clippers a 2-2 tie in their third contest. Miller notched the other market.

The Stouffville crew was dumped 3-1 by Clarington in game four, with McGuckin scoring the lone goal from Miller and Richard Downing.

McGuckin netted a pair to go with singles by Mitchell Raithby, Miller and Jeff Gibson as Lorenzen and Tyler Neil combined in net for a 5-0 shutout over Ajax.

MINOR ATOMS STILL UNBEATEN IN PLAYOFFS

The State Farm-Legrow Agency/Cobequid Life Sciences minor atom Clippers won two more York Simcoe League playoff games to up their record to five wins and no defeats.

The Clippers blanked the Markham Waxers 4-0 at home Friday night, playing an excellent two way game to back up the shutout goalkeeping of Adam Davis.

Defenceman Trevor Greenham netted a pair, with David Del Zotto and Brook Stachel adding singles. Assists went to Cameron Allan (three), Del Zotto and Stachel (two each) and Kevin Rainbow.

Playing in Ajax on Saturday, the Clippers prevailed 6-1 as Rainbow scored twice, Del Zotto, Allan, Zach Popper and Matthew Mulder also scored. Alex Bruno had three assists, Popper set up a pair, with single set ups to Del Zotto, Allan, Stachel and Shayne Paterson.

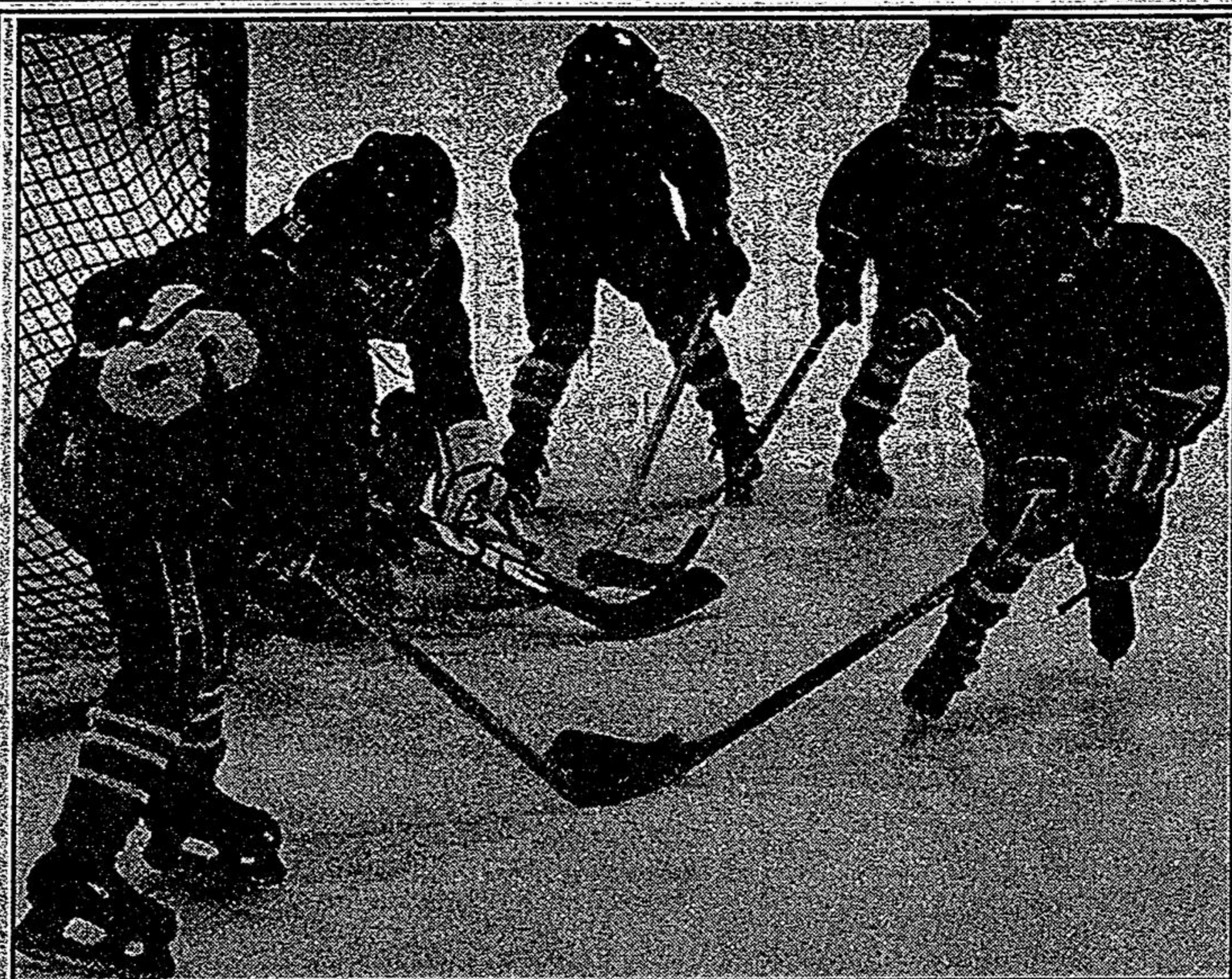
MINOR ATOMS ADVANCE TO FINALS

It's on to the league finals for the Miller & Assoc. Claim Services/Muir's Cartage Ltd. Minor atom Clippers.

The Clippers swept Unionville two straight in their best-of-three series, prevailing 5-0 in game one before claiming a 3-1 triumph in the second contest.

Kyle Basset was flawless in the Stouffville net in game one. David Hogg with a pair, Justin Brugger, Kyle Buckley and Nicholas Singh each had a goal and an assist.

Game two saw the Clippers take an early 3-0 lead on goals by Singh (two) and Bradley Hulshof. Hogg had an assist.



DEEP IN ENEMY TERRITORY: Tim Horton's Conner Stevens (left), is outnumbered by several Lebovic Homes players as he attempts to score from behind the net during this Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey Association tyke houseleague contest at the Rec Centre on Saturday. The Lebovic Homes team won the contest 14-5. Photo by LORIE EMERSON

Spartans begin hunt to ice junior hockey crown

It's on to the York Region Athletic Association playoffs for the Stouffville District Secondary School (SDSS) Spartans junior boys' hockey team.

The Spartans squad closed out the regular season with an impressive come-from-behind 10-5 win over Huron Heights Secondary School in Newmarket on Thursday.

Corey Turgeon led the way with three goals and three assists. Dave Brown and Brad Clubine each scored twice and added a pair of assists.

The Spartans trailed 4-0 after the first period, but roared back to tie it in the second before running off with the two points in the third.

The victory enabled the Stouffville school to finish the schedule with a record of seven wins and just one defeat, giving them second place in the eight-team league.

The Spartans only loss of the season came against Father Bressani C.H.S. on the second game of the season when several SDSS regulars missed the game

to go on a field trip. Father Bressani finished in first place.

The Spartans will begin their attempt to cop the YRAA post season crown when they host seventh place Cardinal Carter C.H.S. this Thursday at 2:30 p.m. at the Rec Centre.

SDSS co-coach Bill McKnight said the coaches and the players are eager to get on with the playoffs. McKnight said he thinks having four former Spartans team members as assistants to him and Ron Dempster has made a big difference to the team's success.

Andrew Harper, Andrew Hutchinson, Brad Johnston and Mark Meyer help with practices and with other aspects of running the team.

"Ron and I both appreciate their efforts. It's nice to see them come back and give their time."

The Spartans helped prepare for the post season by going as far as the semi-finals at the recent Chesswood S.S. tournament in North York.

The Spartans fell to St. Elizabeth C.H.S., whom they defeated during the regular YRAA season.



ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



DAVE BROWN

Dave counted the hat trick to lead the Edwards Murphy Painting Bantam Clippers to a 5-3 victory over the Markham Waxers Feb. 21. The win gave the Clippers the best of five series, three games to two, with one game tied, advancing them to the OHMA quarter finals.

Nice shootin' Dave!

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Stingrays volley to seventh

The Stouffville Stingrays started slow, but finished with a flourish at the Bantam Girls Tier 1 Challenge Cup tournament in Stratford Feb. 14.

The Stingrays dropped two of their three round robin sets to finish third in their pool, leaving them out of the medal round.

But the Stouffville girls found their form in the consolation round, taking all three sets to finish seventh overall.

"After our pool play where we had a lack of intensity, the girls put their game in cruise control," said Stingrays coach Don Forbes. "Everybody contributed to the victories, but Joanne Grymble was outstanding all day with her kill ratio."

The Stingrays started off the journey by falling

15-12, 15-10 to Georgetown. They swept the Belleville Cougars 15-10, 15-9, but were downed 15-12, 15-7 by the Hamilton Seekers in game three.

The Stouffville crew kicked off the consolation round by rebounding from a 15-5 loss to defeat Toronto GS Alluri 15-0, 15-8.

The Stingrays then swept Midland Vista 15-6, 15-4, then took two of three from the Scarborough Astros, wrapping wins of 15-10 and 15-8 around a tough 17-15 loss.

"Considering we were without the services of two starters I'm satisfied with our seventh place finish," said Forbes.

The Stingrays will contest the Bantam Girls Tier 1 Provincial Championships March 7 in London.