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## Minor atoms sail away with York Simcoe crown

The State Farm-Legrow Agency/Cobequid Life Sciences minor atom Clippers are York Simcoe League champions.

The Clippers skated off with their crown when they edged the Orillia Terriers three games to two in an exciting best-of-five finals, which concluded last week.



The Clippers took the series with a convincing 3-0 win in game five in Orillia.

Cameron Allan, David Del Zotto and Zach Popper were the marksmen, while Adam Davis was stellar in the Stouffville net to earn the shutout.

Assists went to Brook Stachel (2) and Del Zotto.

The Clippers started off the series by finding themselves behind the eight ball after a 3-1 defeat in Orillia in game one.

Del Zotto had the lone Clippers' goal, tying the game at 1-1 with five minutes remaining after Orillia struck early.

Allan was credited with an assist. But the Terriers managed the winner with 33 seconds to play, then netted the insurance marker into an empty net.

The Clippers prevailed 3-1 at homes in game two as Del Zotto, Allan and Alex Bruno looked after the scoring.

Assists came from Allan (2), Devon McDougall, Kevin Rainbow and Stachel.

Del Zotto scored a power play goal with just one minute remaining in overtime to give the Clippers a 2-1 triumph, and the series lead, in game three in Orillia. Matt Mulder had the first Stouffville goal. Stachel assisted on the winning goal.

Matthew Cartwright was outstanding in the Clippers' goal to keep Orillia at bay.

Trying to wrap up the series at home, the Clippers were handed a heartbreaking 3-2 loss in game four.

Orillia scored the winner with just 16 seconds left in regulation time. Clippers goals came from Popper and Allan.

Assists went to Trevor Greenham (two) and Stachel.

But the Clippers made certain with their title-clinching shutout in game five.

Clippers coach Steve Del Zotto, whose team also included Phillip Briggs, Shayne Paterson and Landon Wideman, was delighted with the clutch win in the fifth and deciding game of the series.

"I'm real proud of the boys, they came out in game five with grit and determination to bring the championship to Stouffville," he said.

The Clippers finished with an overall record of 44 wins, 20 losses and 10 ties.

"It's been a great season for the team and I've enjoyed coaching the boys this year," concluded Del Zotto.



TRYING TO SAVE THE DAY: Stouffville major novice select defenceman Ben Sampson (far left) looks on as goalkeeper Kirk Paterson attempts to make a save off a shot from the stick of a Markham Waxers' player during action Saturday in the Markham Waxers' Select Tournament in Scarborough. The Waxers won the game 4-1. Photo by STOERD WITTEVEEN

## Teams set sights on SAHL hockey title

The Stouffville Amateur Hockey League playoffs are under way. And as always there is intrigue and upset as Stouffville's old boys of winter wind down to April 18 and the post season championship finals.



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the Leafs and Blues appear to be the favorites to square off in the championship final. But the Ken May Real Estate Whalers, who finished just one point back of the Leafs in fourth slot, have won two and lost

one, so who knows. The Whalers were upset by the last place Ducks 3-1 Sunday, with Bill Corner scoring twice, and Dan Rivers adding the third for the winners. Bob McKinnon had the Whalers goal.

The Leafs finished a fairly distant third in the league standings with 26 points, eight back of the first place Occasions Catering Blues, five back of the Phillips Lightning.

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Gary Husbands with two, and Doug Gornall had the Lightning goals.

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## Selects edged in consolation final

The Stouffville major atom selects skated as far as the consolation finals at the Markham Selects Tournament held over the weekend.

But the Stouffville crew couldn't buy a break in the B final as they were edged 1-0 in overtime by Unionville in the game to decide the consolation title.

The selects, fresh from winning the York Simcoe Tier 2 title, started off with a 3-2 win over Pickering. David Salvagna and Cash Nicastro looked after the Stouffville scoring.

Assists went to Kyle Schell (two) and Nikolas Ristich. Daniel Campitelli was named MVP.

Game two saw the Stouffville squad dealt a 4-1 defeat at the hands of the host team. Schell managed the lone Stouffville goal, from Erin Pappas and Salvagna.

Goalie Jeff Sutcliffe was named the team's MVP.

The Stouffville outfit got two goal efforts from Nicastro and Campitelli in

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