

## SPORTS

# Juvenile Clippers keep sailing along

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Going for the gusto.

The Stouffville juvenile Clippers put their undefeated season record on the line when they face off against Bradford tomorrow night at the rec centre starting at 8:40 p.m.

The Clippers extended their unbeaten streak to 14 games when they romped to a 14-0 win over Thornton on the road Tuesday night.

Jason Fontanna and Andrew Hutchinson each counted hat tricks, with Brad Clubine netting a pair.

The triumph upped the Clippers' mark to 13 wins, no losses and a tie. "We're off to a pretty good start," understated Stouffville coach Lee Burton.

While the Clippers rack up the victories against their league opponents, the team is looking to broaden its horizons by taking on an assortment of teams south of the border at the end of this month.

The Clippers are scheduled to play in a tournament in Tonawanda, N.Y. over the Nov. 28 weekend. The Stouffville squad will be the only Canadian entry in the 28-team event.

"It's a junior B-level tournament," cited Burton, whose team will play its first two games against teams from Syracuse and Rochester N.Y.

Burton feels his team has a good chance of winning it all in New York.

He said his team could only improve by playing high-calibre teams.

"I think we can play with any junior C team. We're trying to get an exhibition game against the Bradford Bulls or Uxbridge Bruins just to get out there and gain some experience."

Burton said the only thing missing at Clippers' home games are the

crowds.

"We've got a dream team. I've pulled back some of the best players to play minor hockey in Stouffville in years to play with us, people like Evan Boyd, Ryan King, Kyle Harrison, Fontanna, Hutchinson and Clubine. We've got a good product, and I think people should be out watching us."

## Minor atoms win tourney title

The Stouffville minor atom Clippers sailed away with the title at the recent Cobourg hockey tournament with a 9-1 win over Ajax in the championship final.

The Clippers reached the final after battling the host club to a 4-4 tie and then routing Lindsay 5-1.

Scoring for the Clippers were: Chris Schell, three goals, five assists; Luke Mabley, four goals, three assists; Adam Craig, three goals, one assist; Taylor Campbell, two goals, two assists; Luke Harrison and Mickael Metauro, one goal, three assists; Nick Maillet, one goal, two assists; Scott Moody, three assists; Ben Sampson and Eric Gainsbrook, one goal, one assist; Steve Brown, two assists; Brandon Jupp, one goal.

## Rough sailing for major peewees

The Stouffville Smalleys Tree Farm-Black Hawk Maintenance-Grey Power Insurance major peewee Clippers ran into some tough competition at the recent Robinson hockey tournament in Bradford.

The Clippers took to the ice for three games but came away losers against the Oakville Rangers 5-1, the Bradford Bulldogs 3-0 and the Markham Waxers 5-1.

Renzo Mendoza and Steven Relf each scored once. Mendoza, goalie Mike McManus and Mark Carruthers earned MVP of the game honours.



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## A STICKLER FOR PERFECTION

WAG Canada Leasing goalkeeper Dana Milne sprawls on the ice to make a stick save on a shot taken by Moller Insurance Bailey Gumenny (15), in Monday's Stouffville-Markham Girls Hockey League junior houseleague game at the rec centre. Moller Insurance won the contest 2-0.

# Pearce qualifies for World Cup

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It's off to Goteberg, Sweden for John Pearce.

The 38-year-old Stouffville equestrian qualified for next April's World Cup show jumping competition with his winning efforts at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair last week.

Pearce's performance in the ninth and final Jump Canada Series competition last Wednesday moved him up from fourth to third spot in the standings to determine who goes to go to the World Cup.

Only the top three of the total 33 riders qualify. Pearce's efforts Wednesday were also good enough to



JOHN PEARCE

Has good effort in final Jump Canada Series event

clinch first place in the 1998 Jump Canada Series.

In addition, Pearce was a member of the Canadian team that took first place in the Bank of Montreal Nation's Cup competition held Saturday at the Royal.

Pearce was aboard Jamco's Vagabond, a Dutch Warmblood.

Pearce said it was a real boost to do so well against riders from all over the world.

"It's a real showcase at the Royal, there's a lot of international competition."

His strong showing at the Royal put the cap on what has been a most successful season for Pearce. His victories also included a grand prix championship in the California Desert Circuit in January, along with a berth on the Canadian team that contested the show jumping competition at the World Equestrian games in Rome Italy last month. He was the top Canadian jumper in Rome. He was also third on the 1998 United States Grand Prix League circuit.

## Taking aim on Saturday to help charity

They'll be taking aim for the Children's Wish Foundation Saturday at Boyd's Source For Sports.

The west end Main Street Stouffville sporting goods outlet will be offering everyone entering the store a chance to win one of an assortment of prizes.

Targets are to be set up in a net, with everyone

given a free shot with a sponge puck from a plastic ice surface. Additional shots can be purchased for a dollar apiece, with all proceeds going to the Children's Wish Foundation. Anyone hitting a target gets to fill out a ballot for the draw for prizes.

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