

## ClubLink scores with Wendel

ClubLink Corp., a King City-based company that operates daily fee golf clubs in the Greater Toronto Area, including Gormley Green Golf Club and Rolling Hills Golf Club in Whitchurch-Stouffville, announced Tuesday that former NHL star Wendel Clark will become the official spokesperson for its courses.

The former captain of the Toronto Maple Leafs, who once lived near Ballantrae, will make personal appearances for ClubLink and be featured in all of their advertising for the 10 daily fee facilities which they own. As well he will host a new charity golf tournament and long drive championship.

The deal Clark signed is a four-year deal plus an option for a fifth year, ClubLink said in a news release.

"We're very pleased to have Wendel Clark on the ClubLink team," said Charles Lommer, vice-president, business development for ClubLink. "Wendel Clark is a hockey legend across Canada and an avid golfer whose popularity strikes a chord with sports fans, many of whom are golfers who play at daily fee facilities."

Among events Clark will be active in his Wendel Clark Celebrity Classic at Gormley Green and Rolling Hills Golf Club on June 11. The event will feature a field of 640 golfers, the largest field of any one-day golf fundraising event in the Greater Toronto Area.

All proceeds will go to support the Canadian Junior Golf Association and The Hospital for Sick Children.

## Asaro signs a 'Key' deal

When Billy Asaro gets behind the steering wheel to compete in the US Formula 2000 Championship he will do so with a new owner.

The 19-year-old Unionville resident recently inked a deal to compete this season with Key Motorsport.

Asaro is excited with the prospects of joining a team that is one of the contenders in the series.

"The Key cars are up front almost every race and I'm looking forward to racing one of them."

Key Motorsport owner Steve Djeleban feels Asaro will be an asset to his racing team this season.

"I have followed Billy since he came upon the scene in FF1600 (Formula Ford), where he drove in a spectacular fashion. He enjoyed some real convincing wins, some by large margins. At that time he showed that he has abundant talent."

The first USF2000 race is scheduled for March 3 at Homestead Miami Speedway, just south of Miami, Florida.



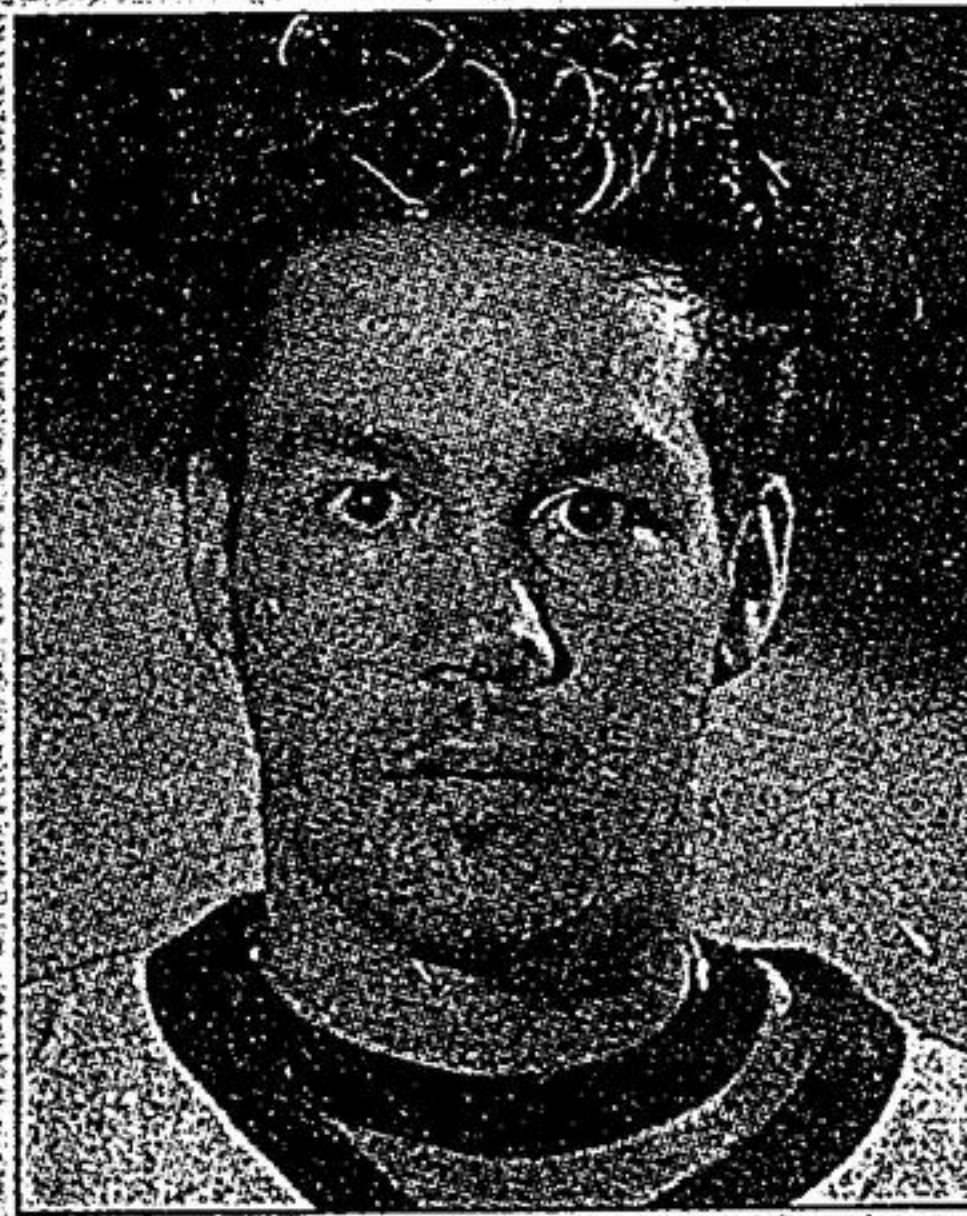
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## LYING DOWN ON THE JOB

Although he's lying face first on the ice, Stouffville Clippers novice select Tyler Barber (dark uniform), manages to steer the puck away from Clippers tyke players Brett Hembruff (left), and Michael Mingay in this exhibition game the two squads played at the Rec Complex last Saturday.

# Waxers draw first blood in junior A playoff series

*Strong goaltending and penalty killing pave way for victory*



**JASON YOUNG:** Scores twice for Waxers in series-opening win in Oshawa on Thursday night.

The Markham Waxers might have been taking a big chance when they elected to start their first round, best-of-seven Provincial Junior A Hockey League playoff series on the road against the Oshawa Legionaires on Thursday.

But Waxers head coach Russ Herrington was confident his club, which has home ice advantage, could continue their dominance of the Legionaires, a team they had defeated in all five of their regular season outings.

The decision by the Waxers was fortuitous as they drew first blood in the series with a 3-1 win.

The series was to resume yesterday in Markham with the third game of the series on Monday at 8:15 p.m., also at Centennial Arena. The fourth game is scheduled to be played in Oshawa on Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

"You always want to get the

in the third to cut their deficit, but Young notched his second goal of the game with seven minutes left to put the game on ice.

In analyzing the game, Herrington felt the first period set the tone for what would transpire.

For starters, he noted that the work of Rick Marnon between the pipes proved critical as he made some big saves. In total, Marnon handled 23 of 24 shots directed his way.

Equally important, Herrington pointed out, was the work of his club's penalty killing units which killed off five extra strength opportunities. Included in those attempts was a five-on-three situation for almost a minute.

"We got the goaltending that we needed and the penalty killing in the first period. In the second period we took advantage of our opportunities and in the third when we had the lead we executed well and shut them down."

Herrington also noted the Legionaires did not do anything different that caught the club off guard.

"They did what we expected. They worked hard and played physical. It was a tough go."

## Spirit playoff series delayed by storm

Mother Nature prevailed in Thursday's playoff opener between the Stouffville Spirit and the Parry Sound Shamrocks at the Rec Complex.

The game was cancelled late Thursday afternoon when Shamrock officials called Stouffville to say Hwy. 400 south of Parry Sound was impassable thanks to the day-long snow storm.

The series will now start this afternoon at 4:30 at the Bobby Orr Community Centre in Parry Sound.

The second game goes tomorrow at 2:30 at the Rec Complex in Stouffville. The third game will be played Tuesday in Parry Sound, with the fourth game back in Stouffville Thursday. If the cancelled game is necessary, it will be scheduled at the end of the series.

The Spirit (35-9-3-2) finished third in the North Conference. The Shamrocks were sixth.

## Cardinals rule the pool

Paul Sheehan noted that this year's edition of the Brother Andre Catholic High School Cardinals swim team was not one of the larger contingents that he took to Thursday's York Region Athletic Association championships in Aurora.

But the 25-member contingent made plenty of waves in the St. Andrew's College pool.

The Cardinals successfully defended their overall team title and girls' team title. As well, 16 members will be going to the provincials, which will be held in St. Catharines Feb. 22-23.

"Success breeds success," said the Cardinals swim coach, who was confident his team could retain the overall team title. "The reputation of our program gets out and the kids want to do it."

While applauding the efforts of his entire team, Sheehan noted that much of the school's success in winning the title was generated with its relay teams, which won four events and was second in two others, girls' freestyle swimmers and senior boys' competitor Dominic Chow, who broke two regional records in the 100-metre individual medley and 100m freestyle.

"We have an excellent group of swimmers and next year they'll be even better," he vowed.

For results of individual and relay events, see Tuesday's Scoreboard.



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