

## Atoms win Kanata silver

The Stouffville atom A Clippers advanced to the final of the recent Kanata-Ronald McDonald House Tournament before settling for the silver medal after a 4-1 loss to Kingston.

The Clippers reached the final by defeating the Ottawa West Golden Knights, Port Perry Predators and Pembroke Kings.

Facing the Kings in a rematch in one semi-final contest, the Clippers prevailed 2-1.

Goals in the tournament came from Tyler Barber, with two, Jessie

Godin, Ryan Brown, Peter Wideman, Peter Lebuffe and Lloyd Davis with singles.

Assists went to Cameron MacMurty and Davis, with two each, Wideman, Scott Miller, Brandon Harley, Russell Zarzeczny and Lebuffe.

Goaltending duties were shared by Ben Singh, who posted a shutout, and Eric Lee.

In a skills competition, Harley made it to the quarter-finals in the skating event and Lebuffe won the shoot-out.



Markham Theatre & 1050 CHUM Listener contest winners meet Randy Bachman and band during exclusive "meet and greet" at Monday, March 31st concert presentation. Pictured beside Randy Bachman (centre), are winners Bill McIlvory and Annie.

## Gibson honoured by McNeil award

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On the 10th anniversary of its initial presentation, Andy Gibson received the Dan McNeil Memorial Trophy.

A member of the Stouffville juvenile Clippers, the 19-year-old Gibson was the choice of three nominees and was presented the award prior to Sunday's Ontario Minor Hockey Association A championship series final at the Stouffville Arena.

The other nominees were Brad Hulshof, captain of the Stouffville minor midget Clippers, and goaltender Brad Whittingstal of the Stouffville minor bantam Clippers.

Dan McNeil, in whose memory the trophy was created, died following a two-car crash near Goodwood 10 years ago. A member of the Uxbridge Bruins, the Stouffville minor hockey grad was returning from a hockey game when the collision occurred. He was 19 at the time.

His mother, Sheila McNeil, and sister Cindy presented the award. It goes annually to a rep hockey player demonstrating outstanding leadership qualities. Other recipients have been: Robert Spytz, 1995; Evan Boyd, 1996; Evan Cain, 1997; Chris Howland, 1998; Ian McDougall, 1999; Chris Carruthers, 2000; Dylan Harrison, 2001; and Tyler Armstrong, 2002.

Joe Cornacchia, president of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey Association, described the qualities possessed by Dan McNeil that made him a team favourite, on and off the ice. Gibson, he said, has similar attributes. Cornacchia noted it was Dan's sister who first coached Gibson as a figure skater. "I'm glad he chose hockey," he said. Gibson, captain of the Stouffville District Secondary School Spartans, has played all his minor hockey in Stouffville, a total of 14 years. He still has two seasons left



Sheila McNeil, mother of the late Dan McNeil, presents Stouffville juvenile Clippers' centre Andy Gibson with this year's Dan McNeil Memorial Trophy prior to Sunday's Ontario Minor Hockey Association A playoff game against the Harrow Rams at the Stouffville Arena. The award is presented annually to a local rep player who demonstrates outstanding leadership qualities.

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in juvenile and, although planning to enter university this fall, hopes to suit up for Stouffville next season. He had a 50-plus point season this year.

Gibson knew he was nominated for the award, but the announcement came as a surprise.

"It's an honour," he said. The presentation was about all Stouffville fans had to cheer about. The hometown Clippers dropped a 4-2 decision to Harrow, losing the series in three straight games.

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