

Stouffville residents give Rock-solid effort in NLL final

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Residing in the same neighbourhood, Toronto Rock players Glenn Clark and Jim Veltman have a ritual of car pooling their way to practices and games.

During their excursions, the main topic of conversation between the Stouffville residents is finding new ways to motivate their teammates.

Whatever they discussed en route to Rochester, New York for last Saturday's National Lacrosse League championship game paid dividends; the Rock claimed its second straight title and fourth in the last five years with an 8-6 victory over the Rochester Knighthawks.

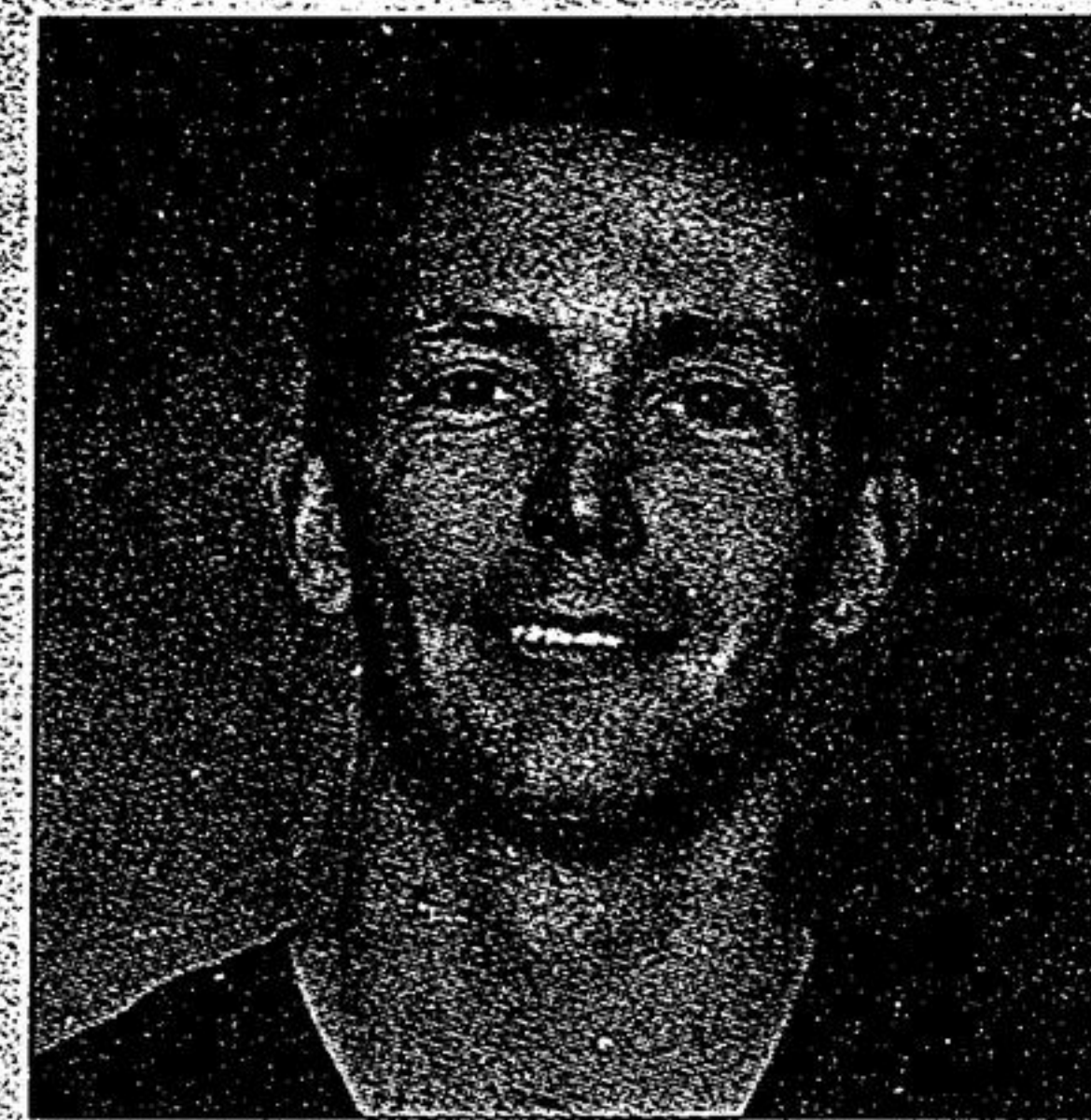
"We wanted to try and be on the same page and give the same message to the guys," said Veltman, who potted two goals and added three assists.

"Glenn and I tend to have the same philosophy. But it's important to share something you both believe in and it's worked four of the last five years."

As captain of the Rock, Veltman felt no added pressure on his part in trying to direct the team to its first-ever road win in Rochester.

"As we get older we try to share the leadership. I think we're good at delegating what has to be done," said the nine-year veteran.

"I wanted everybody to believe we have a good enough team if we play well."



GLENN CLARK: Overcame a knee injury at start of year to help shore up the Rock's defence.

"And it wasn't just me trying to convey that. Glenn helped, along with Pat Coyle, Steve Toll and Bob Watson (other veteran players)."

A fourth-year defenceman with the Rock who overcame an early-season knee injury, Clark attributed the club's success to a committed team effort.

"You work so hard to get (to the final). You don't take things for granted. Every year is a dog fight. It's a culmination of hard work," he said.

Winning the NLL title in such a dramatic fashion was definitely a highlight for Clark and Veltman. But both were quick to note each title they've been won with the Rock is special.

"Most people point towards the first title," added Veltman. "But this one ranks right up there with the conditions that we played in and in front of a hostile crowd."

Being in the midst of building a dynasty in the NLL, Clark and Veltman have no intentions on retiring although they are getting up in age.

"I would like to play another five years. I still have a lot left," said Clark, 32.

The Rock's third-leading scorer this season with 16 goals and 43 assists, 36-year-old Veltman plans on becoming a part-time high school teacher in Scarborough in order to devote more time to the Rock.



JIM VELTMAN: Scored two goals and added three assists in 8-6 victory over Rochester in NLL final last Saturday.

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