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## TOWN OF CHAMPIONS: TWO OMHA TITLES NETTED

*Juvenile Clippers can make it 3 this weekend*

BY JIM MASON  
Staff Writer

Two Stouffville teams are Ontario Minor Hockey Association champions in the same season for the first time in at least 25 years.

And a third Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey Association squad is leading its championship series.

The Stouffville Clipper minor peewee and bantam teams captured OMHA A-level titles in front of large crowds at the Stouffville Arena on the Easter weekend.

The minor peewees defeated Brampton Youth 4-2 Saturday to sweep their series in three straight games.

The bantams won 5-2 over Southpoint, from the Leamington area, Sunday for a three-game sweep.

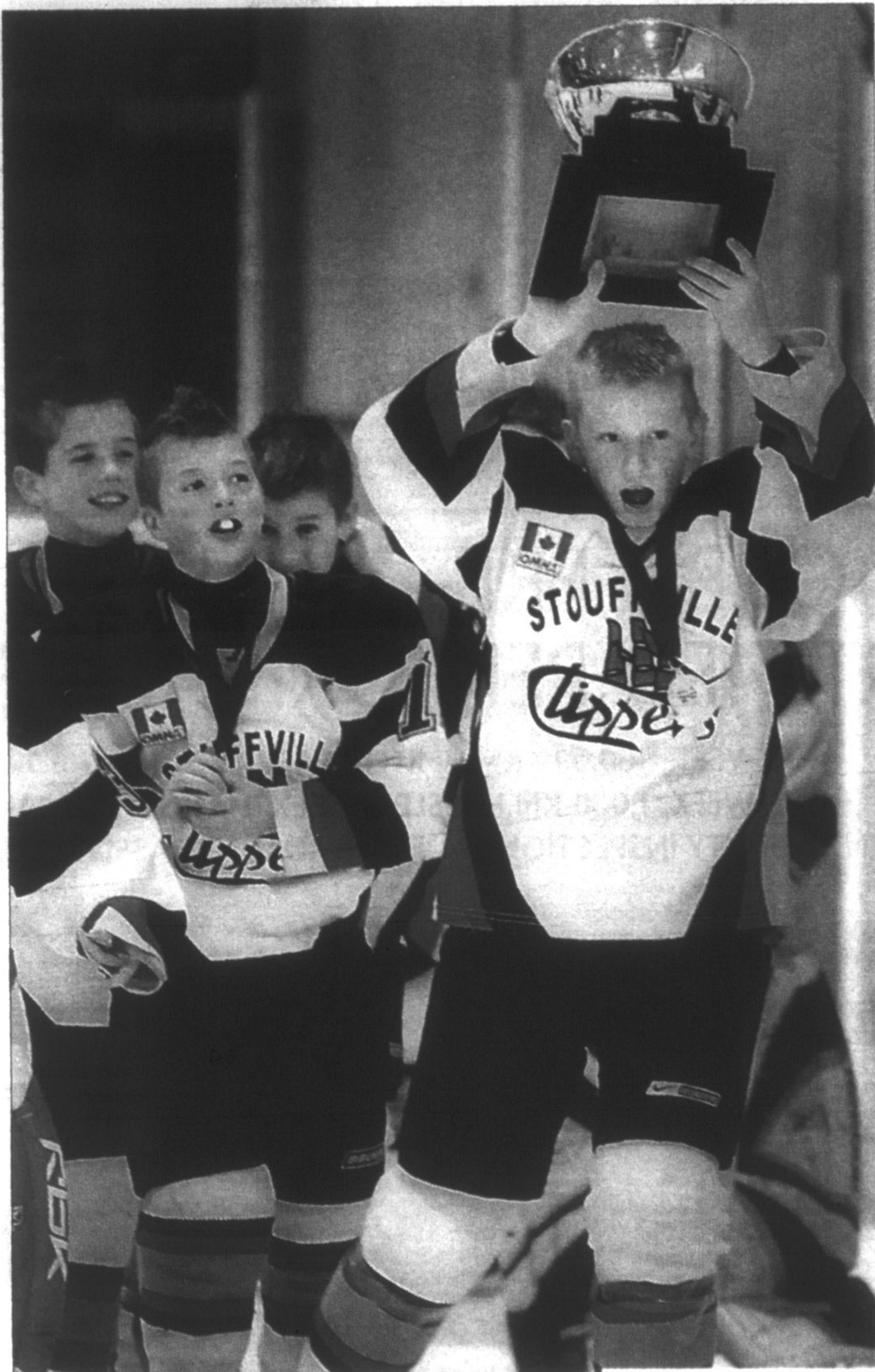
The bantams advance to the Ontario Hockey Federation championship tournament in New Liskeard April 11 to 13.

Other entries include the host Temiskaming Shores Puckhounds, the GTHL's Vaughan Panthers, the Walden Devils from near Sudbury and the champions of the Alliance.

The juvenile Clippers lead Pelham, from near Welland, 3-1 in their first-to-six-points final.

Stouffville won 2-1 at home Saturday and tied 2-2 in Pelham Sunday.

Game 3 will be played Friday at



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Jack English of the Stouffville Clippers takes his turn skating a victory lap with the Ontario Minor Hockey Association minor peewee A trophy at the Stouffville Arena Saturday. The bantam Clippers won an OMHA title Sunday and the juveniles continue their quest for a championship this weekend. For more information, turn to sports on page 26.

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## Lights out Saturday, Stouffville

*Every hour is Earth Hour, mayor tells residents*

BY ALYSHIA HIGGINS

Whitchurch-Stouffville, get ready to dive into darkness.

This Saturday marks Earth Hour, an event started in Australia to raise awareness of global warming.

More than 2.2 million Australians shut off their lights for one hour last year, saving 25,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide from entering the atmosphere.

This year, the movement has spread beyond the borders of Australia to Canada, the United States and some European countries.

Whitchurch-Stouffville jumped on the Earth Hour band wagon in February and plans to turn off all available lights, according to Mayor Wayne Emmerson.

"Wherever possible we're going to do our best to accommodate Earth Hour," Mr. Emmerson said. "I also ask residents to abide by it as well and do their best to conserve."

Mr. Emmerson also added that every hour should be Earth Hour and all residents should be doing their best to "conserve energy whenever possible".

Other municipalities participating in the event, which runs from 8 to 9 p.m., include Markham, Newmarket and Vaughan.

While there has been letters to the editor of The Sun-Tribune concerning the municipal office lights being left on late at night, Mr. Emmerson said the building owner has installed timers to switch the lights off at night in order to save energy.

"We've gone one step further and actually went and put timers in our office here," said Mr. Emmerson. "Sometimes we do have people here cleaning, but when there's no one here, the lights switch off at night and come back on in the morning."

Local businesses are also being asked to participate in the event, according to Helene

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