

# Knox headed to German tourney

Liz Knox was one of 22 players selected to play for Team Canada's U-22 women's hockey team that will compete in the 2009 MLP Nations Cup Tournament in Ravensburg, Germany Jan. 2 to 6.

The 20-year-old Stouffville native, who plays in goal, will try to help Canada win its seventh straight title.

Formerly known as the Air Canada Cup Tournament, Canada will play in a pool with Finland and Russia.

Germany, Sweden and Switzerland are in the other pool.

In her third year at Wilfrid Laurier University and part of their women's hockey team, Knox was also part of the Team Canada U-22 contingent that played in a three-game series against the United States U-22 team in Pierrefonds, Que. in August.

During that series, Team Canada lost the first game in a shootout, but won the final two games.

## Minor midgets blank Richmond Hill

Gabe Grunwald stopped all 18 shots and David Beloff scored two goals and added an assist to lead the Stouffville minor midget A Clippers to a 5-0 win over Richmond Hill in Ontario Minor Hockey Association action last Sunday.

Connor Cadaret added a goal and one assist while Daniel McMahon and Josh Machesney each contributed one goal. Daniel Perry earned two assists and Kyle Sauro one.

# Waxers edge Spirit

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The Stouffville Spirit played one of their recurring themes of the Ontario Junior Hockey League season against the Markham Waxers Thursday at the Stouffville Arena.

Close, but no cigar. Playing in their 18th one-goal encounter of the campaign, the Spirit gave it a valiant effort as they overcame a three-goal deficit only to fall short in a 4-3 loss.

Trailing 1-0 after the first period, the Spirit dug themselves into a deeper hole as the Waxers deposited two unanswered goals to take a 3-0 lead just before the midway point.

But the Spirit showed some resolve when Evan Bruno, Declan Gunovski and Matt Neal each scored in the final six minutes of the period to even the score at 3-3 entering the final frame.

The Waxers, however, took the lead for good with less than five minutes remaining in regulation time on a goal by Kevin Hudes.

The Thornhill resident played with the Waxers last season and began this year with the Kitchener Rangers of the OHL before he was released earlier in the week and cleared waivers.

The Waxers owned his rights and signed him prior to Thursday's game.

The loss dropped the Spirit's last-place Central Division record to two wins, one overtime win, three shoot-out wins, three shootout losses and



28 losses for 15 points.

The Waxers outshot the Spirit 46-40.

After the same two clubs were to have met yesterday in Markham, the Spirit will host the Newmarket Hurricanes tonight at 7:30 p.m.

On a separate note, Spirit defenceman Pat McEachen was part of a Team East squad that skated off with a 6-3 win over Team West in the Canadian Junior Hockey League Prospects Game Wednesday in Summerside, P.E.I.

While McEachen, 17, didn't score any goals, he was on the ice for three Team East goals and none against.

"The experience was really good," he said upon arriving back from Summerside Thursday. "The organizers put on a great show. It was more than what I had expected."

Most important though, McEachen, who will attend the University of Maine on a hockey scholarship in the fall of 2009, felt his performance impressed NHL scouts in attendance. He becomes draft eligible in 2009.

"I definitely think it helped my draft ranking," he said.

For more on the Spirit, log on to: [www.stouffvillespirit.com](http://www.stouffvillespirit.com)

# Minor Peewees take 2

Cody Leonard scored two goals while Jeremy Hughes and Ben Sear each had a goal and one assist to propel the Stouffville minor peewee A Clippers to a 5-3 win over the Markham Waxers in OMHA action last Saturday in Markham.

Carter King added the other Clippers' goal. Chad Harbour, Mario Rosano and Aidan Clifford each drew one assist.

The win by the Clippers came on the heels of another successful outing in which they edged Nobleton 3-2 Dec. 10.

Tyler Wright, Hughes and Mitch Witherspoon each netted single tallies. Cody Leonard, Clifford, Harbour and Carter King each had one assist.

The Clippers' next home game is today against Barrie at 5:30 p.m.

## Minor AE peewees tie one on with Whitby

Braydon McNeil and Lucas Burkholder each scored once to help the Stouffville minor peewee AE Clippers earn a 2-2 tie against Whitby in OMHA action last Sunday.

Josh Carlin, Taylor Peterson and Taylor Moffatt each earned one assist.

The tie by the Clippers atoned for a 2-0 loss they incurred against Uxbridge last Saturday.

After yesterday's scheduled home game against Georgina, the Clippers will host Richmond Hill Saturday and play in Markham Sunday.

## Atom A's double count on Aurora

Jake Rodgers scored a goal and added an assist while Carson Weeks, Scott Carrick and Justin Bennett each added single tallies to propel the Stouffville atom A Clippers to a 4-2 win over visiting Aurora in OMHA action last Sunday.

Jake Stevens and Jackson Savery each collected two assists while Alex Tashos had one.

Earlier that day, the Clippers took part in the G and G Crows Oshawa Tournament and reached the semi-finals before falling 5-0 to Belleville.

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