

Defending OMHA champs sweep opening-round series

The Stouffville minor midget Clippers made quick work of Nobleking in their best-of-five or first-to-six-point first round Ontario Minor Hockey Association playoff series.

The Clippers, many of whom won an OMHA A title as bantams last year, won the series in three straight games capped off with a 7-1 win at the Stouffville Arena Saturday.

Josh Machesney paced the Clippers' offence with two goals and one assist while Kyle Sauro added a goal and two assists. David Beloff and Curtis Crago each added a goal and one assist while Daniel McMahon and Steven Tait had single tallies. Joseph Palladino and Daniel Perry were credited with two assists apiece while Matthew Miniaci, Chris Smith and Kyle Rayner each had one.

Kyle Pontone handled goaltending duties for the Clippers.

Setting the stage for the Clippers' series-ending victory was a 4-2 win Friday in Nobleton.

Spotting Nobleking a 1-0 lead in the first period, the Clippers stormed back with goals from Sauro, Alex Orlandi and Perry to take a 3-1 lead entering the third period.

After Nobleking scored to cut their deficit, the Clippers rounded out the scoring in the late going when Tait deposited an empty-net marker.

Beloff had two assists while Palladino and Machesney each had one.

Gabe Grunwald was in net. The Clippers begin second round

action tonight against Newmarket at the Stouffville Arena at 7 p.m. in a best-of-five or first-to-six-point series. The series resumes in Newmarket Sunday and returns to Stouffville Tuesday at 9:30 p.m.

Atom AE Clippers advance

The Stouffville atom AE Clippers won their first round OMHA playoff series against East Gwillimbury three games to one, winning the final game 5-1 Sunday in Stouffville.

Cole Gunathunge and Cameron McLean each scored a pair of goals for the Clippers while Hayden Messner added the other marker.

The Clippers drew first blood in the series with a 5-2 road win.

Gunathunge ignited the Clippers' offence with two goals while Brody Krabi, Robbie Krawczuk and Stone Macaulay added singles.

In the second game, the Clippers were paced by a two-goal effort from Gunathunge and singles from Messner and Harry Tratnik in a 4-2 win.

But in the third game, East Gwillimbury staved off elimination with a 5-1 home ice win. Krabi scored the lone goal for the Clippers.

Clippers goalies Ian Bain and Lucas Spagnuolo had a solid series.

The Clippers opened their second-round series with Aurora Thursday with a 6-3 road loss.

Game 2 will be played today at 2 p.m. at the Stouffville Arena.



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James O'Donnell, 11, a Grade 6 student at St. Mark Catholic School, watches his shot drop during the Knights of Columbus 15th annual Whitchurch-Stouffville free-throw competition at St. Mark Wednesday.

Free-throw winners shooting for district titles

Students from eight elementary schools in Whitchurch-Stouffville displayed their basketball shooting skills at St. Mark Catholic School during the Knights of Columbus St. Mark Council Free Throw Championships Wednesday.

The winners in each of the age group categories included: Adriana Monestime, Whitchurch

Highlands Public School, age nine girls; Patrick Turner, Whitchurch Highlands, age nine boys; Tryscelle Lin-Newby, Oscar Peterson Public School, age 10 girls; Braden Amin, Ballantrae Public School and Jordan Mangos, Glad Park Public School, age 10 boys; Leah Matanovic, Summitview Public School, age 11 girls; B.J. Ivanovski, Glad Park, age 11

boys; Hannah Roberge, St. Brigid, age 12 girls; Krishan Gandhi, St. Brigid, age 12 boys; Brittany Passafiume, St. Brigid, age 13 girls and; Mac Colasimone, Ballantrae Public School, age 13 boys.

The winners earned a berth in the district championship at Brother Andre Catholic High School in Markham Feb. 5 at 7 p.m.

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