

**SPORTS:** Clipper squad wins Silver Stick qualifier, thanks to coach's advice

## Slimmest of margins

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Before the International Vaughan Regional Silver Stick Tournament, Pete Major made one request of his Stouffville minor atom Clippers.

The head coach asked them to play hard each time they took to the ice.

The players accepted that challenge and won the gold medal from the three-day tournament culminating with a hard-fought 1-0 victory over Burlington in Tuesday's final at the Vaughan Sports Centre.

With the title, the Clippers gained entry into the Silver Stick international championships in Newmarket Jan. 14 to 17.

Anthony Messina scored the lone goal in the final.

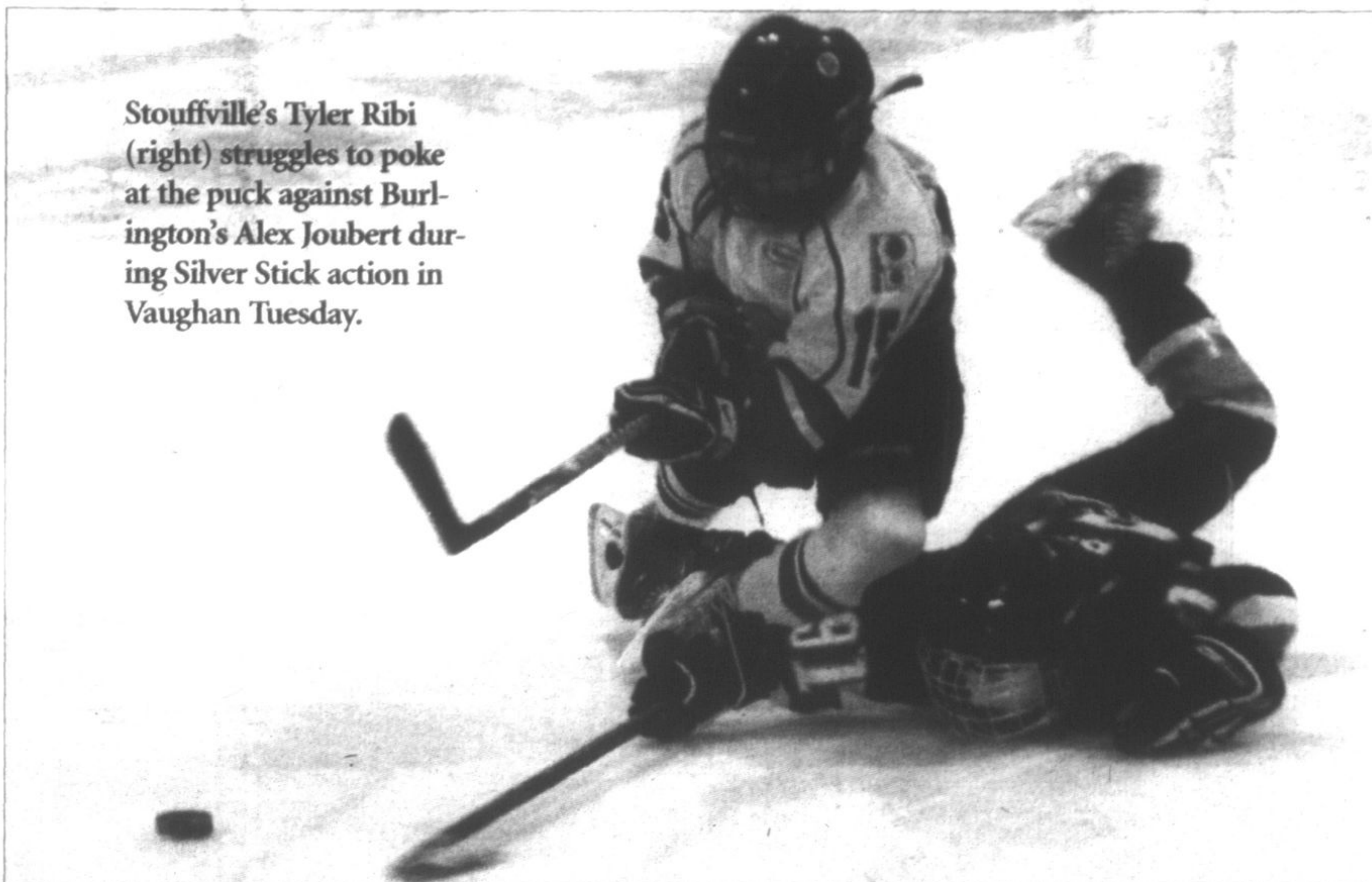
"We had high hopes that we could do well in the tournament," Major said, "but anything can happen in a one-game situation and the team had to play hard every game."

The Clippers blanked host Vaughan 5-0 in their opener.

Tyler Ribi had a hat trick while Tyler Davis and Sam Atanackovich added singles.

William Keith drew two helpers while Aiden McKinney, Daniel McKinley, Sam Burkholder, Myles Craven, Connor Hicks and McKayla

Stouffville's Tyler Ribi (right) struggles to poke at the puck against Burlington's Alex Joubert during Silver Stick action in Vaughan Tuesday.



Major each had one.

Facing Innisfil in their second outing, the Clippers had a goal by Major hold up in a 1-0 win.

The Clippers then lost 3-1 to Burlington. Keith had the lone goal.

The Clippers advanced to the semifinals where they were buoyed by a two-goal effort from Atanackovich in a 3-1 win over Brampton. Davis scored the other goal.

Nathan Wilson was credited with two assists while Colin Johnston, Craven, Burkholder and Messina each had one.

Also playing a vital role was the netminding of Dalton Lehman and Brent Menzies and defensive work from Adam Bain, Quest Rodin and Rhys Garlough.

Assisting Major behind the bench were Jim Davis, Scott Menzies, Ken

Wilson and Karen McKinney.

The Clippers minor peewees advanced to the semifinals of the Vaughan Silver Stick before they were eliminated 2-1 by the Aurora Tigers in one semifinal Tuesday.

The Clippers won their first round-robin game over the Barrie Colts 4-3 and then defeated the Erindale Spitfires 3-1 before losing to the Toronto Aces 1-0.

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## Stars align at tourney

A first-period goal by Claire Hary and some stellar netminding from Frances Tenney proved to be the difference for the Stouffville Markham atom BB Stars in a 1-0 victory over the Barrie Sharks in the championship final of the Mississauga tournament Tuesday.

The Stars advanced to the final after recording three wins and a tie in round-robin action.

Facing the Clearview Ice Cats in their first game Sunday, the Stars received two goals from Juliana Hutton and Willow Leahy and a strong effort from Tenney in an 8-0 win. Lauren Greco, Ellie Sasaki, Emily Boston and Hary added single tallies.

Carolyn Valteau, Dani Fox, Hutton and Leahy were each credited with two assists while singles were earned by Miranda Sharp, Andrea Elia and McKenna Ramsay.

Lennan Dano stopped a penalty shot while Sasaki scored on an end-to-end rush as the Stars edged the Brampton Canadettes 1-0.

The Stars then salvaged a 1-1 tie with the Barrie Sharks on a late third-period goal by Hutton.

Sharp, Emma Tworzynski and Elia scored in a 3-0 win over host Mississauga to give the Stars a berth in the final.

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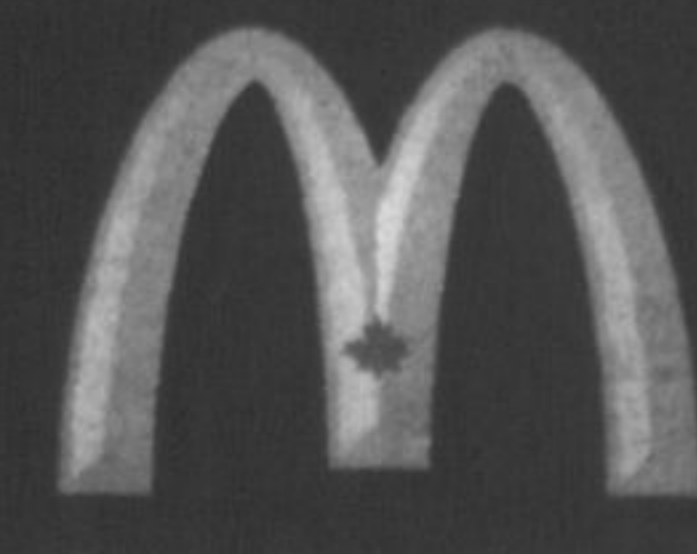
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