

SPORTS: Happy holidays for hockey squads

AAA MVP partial to tourney title

Chad Burrows of Whitchurch-Stouffville earned most valuable player honours in the final of the Toronto Marlboros International Hockey Classic.

The Grade 8 student at Whitchurch Highlands Public School led the Vaughan Kings minor bantams to the AAA tournament title with a 5-3 victory over the host Marlies.

Burrows, 13, scored a goal and earned one assist in the final.

In the Kings' eight games in the tournament, Burrows had eight goals and 10 assists.

"It was special to be given that award," Burrows said. "But winning the team championship was far more important."

The Kings reached the final by downing the Markham Waxers 5-1, Boston Junior Terriers 7-0, Rochester Alliance 7-0, Ottawa Senators 6-0, Sun County Panthers 7-1, Green Bay Gamblers 5-0 in a

quarter-final game and Mississauga Rebels 3-0 in their semifinal.

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Burrows is the nephew of Stouffville Spirit Jr. A general manager Ken Burrows.

Tyke B Clippers win Ajax event

The Stouffville tyke B Clippers captured the Ajax Christmas minor hockey tournament title with a 2-1 win over Ajax Red in the championship final.

The Clippers began the tournament with mixed results, defeating Ajax Red 4-3 and then dropping a 4-3 decision against

Ajax White.

The Clippers were in a three-way tie with Pickering and Ajax Red, with the top two teams advancing to the championship game.

The Clippers responded with a 10-0 victory over the Pickering Panthers to gain a berth in the final.

"Every player was called upon to play a specific role and no role was individual or above the team," said Clippers head coach Justin Rogers. "In our dressing room we have a saying that 'we win as a team and lose as a team' and that mentality transends onto the ice."

Team members include Tyler Alden, Reilly Barker, A.J. Drummond, Matt Gordon, Christian Greco, Ashton Hughes, Ryan Johnston, Lysander Kobold, Trevor Leighton, Alex Lisitsas, Katia Pelowich, Riley Perret-Rogers, Marcus Roest, Jake Rose, Nolan Ross and Liam Vogan.

Shootout win sends Bantam Clippers to Silver Stick finals

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Successful hockey teams receive timely contributions from different players each outing.

The Stouffville bantam Clippers got just that last week at the Brampton Regional Silver Stick Qualifier.

For their efforts, the Clippers claimed the title with a hard-fought 2-1 shootout victory over the Oakville Rangers in the championship final.

In winning the regional qualifier, the Clippers gained a berth in the Silver Stick championships in Port Huron, Mich., Jan 21 to 24.

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They'll join the minor atom Clippers in the international event.

"It was a total team effort," said bantam head coach Matt Gibson. "Each game there were different players that stepped up for our team."

During the shootout, the Clippers received a clutch performance between the pipes from Alex McKean, who thwarted both Oakville attempts. John Colley was the first shooter for the Clippers and made the most of his opportunity by scoring the first goal.

Blake Marconi, the Clippers' second shooter, lit the red light on his scoring opportunity to secure the victory and title.

Heyden Ellison scored the Clippers' goal in regulation time.

While praising the efforts of McKean, Colley and Marconi during the shootout, Gibson was also quick to credit the yeomen work provided by the line of Devin King, J.R. Newlands and Sean Hoey as they kept Oakville's offensive attack at bay.

SHUT-DOWN LINE

The Clippers defeated the Rangers 3-2 in their opening game.

Zach McMahon scored twice for the Clippers and Matthew Doren once.

Buoyed by goals from Hoey and Colley along with a stellar netminding effort from Matt Espey, the Clippers emerged victorious in their second game against the West Mall Lightning by a 2-1 score.

The Clippers then faced the Whitby Wildcats and, on the strength of single tallies from Joel Laing, Ryan Kernohan and Hoey, skated off with a 3-1 triumph.

In winning that contest, the Clippers proceeded to the semifinals where they faced the Brampton Battalion. With Espey playing a solid game between the pipes and Hoey and Ellison depositing single tallies, the Clippers emerged with a 2-0 victory to gain a berth in the final.

Also contributing to the club's run to the title were Nick Robb, Troy Connor, Curtis Davis and Jordan Marsh.

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