Senior hockey Spartans win ugly, juniors lose

The Stouffville District Secondary School Spartans defeated the visiting Bill Crothers (Unionville) Colts 3-2 in their York Region Athletic Association tier one senior boys' hockey game at the Clippers Complex Thursday.

But in winning their second game in as many outings this season, it wasn't pretty, acknowledged Spartans' head coach Jamie Hewitt.

"We didn't play very well," he said.

Brett Thompson scored the game-winning goal with close to six minutes remaining in the third period.

Chad Burrows and Spencer Roberts added the other goals for the Spartans, who battled the Colts to a 1-1 tie after the first period before surging ahead 2-1 after two.

Speculating his club experienced a bit of an emotional let down after playing host to its own tournament last week, Hewitt also noted his club was missing several players as they dressed just eight forwards and four defencemen.

Four players were playing for club teams at a Silver Stick qualifier in Whitby, which was taking place at the same time as their contest.

As well, Hewitt said a couple of players, including team captain Matt Dunlop, were out with injuries.

Hewitt was quick to credit the work of goalkeeper Matt Espey in helping to preserve the win.

While Espey was not deluged with shots, he came up with some crucial saves late in the second and third periods.

The Spartans are scheduled to resume league play Tuesday when they face Markham District at Markham Village Arena at 2:30 p.m.

In junior boys' tier one hockey action Wednesday, the Spartans suffered a 6-1 road loss to Keswick.

The loss dropped the Spartans' record to 1-2-1 on the season.

- Michael Hayakawa

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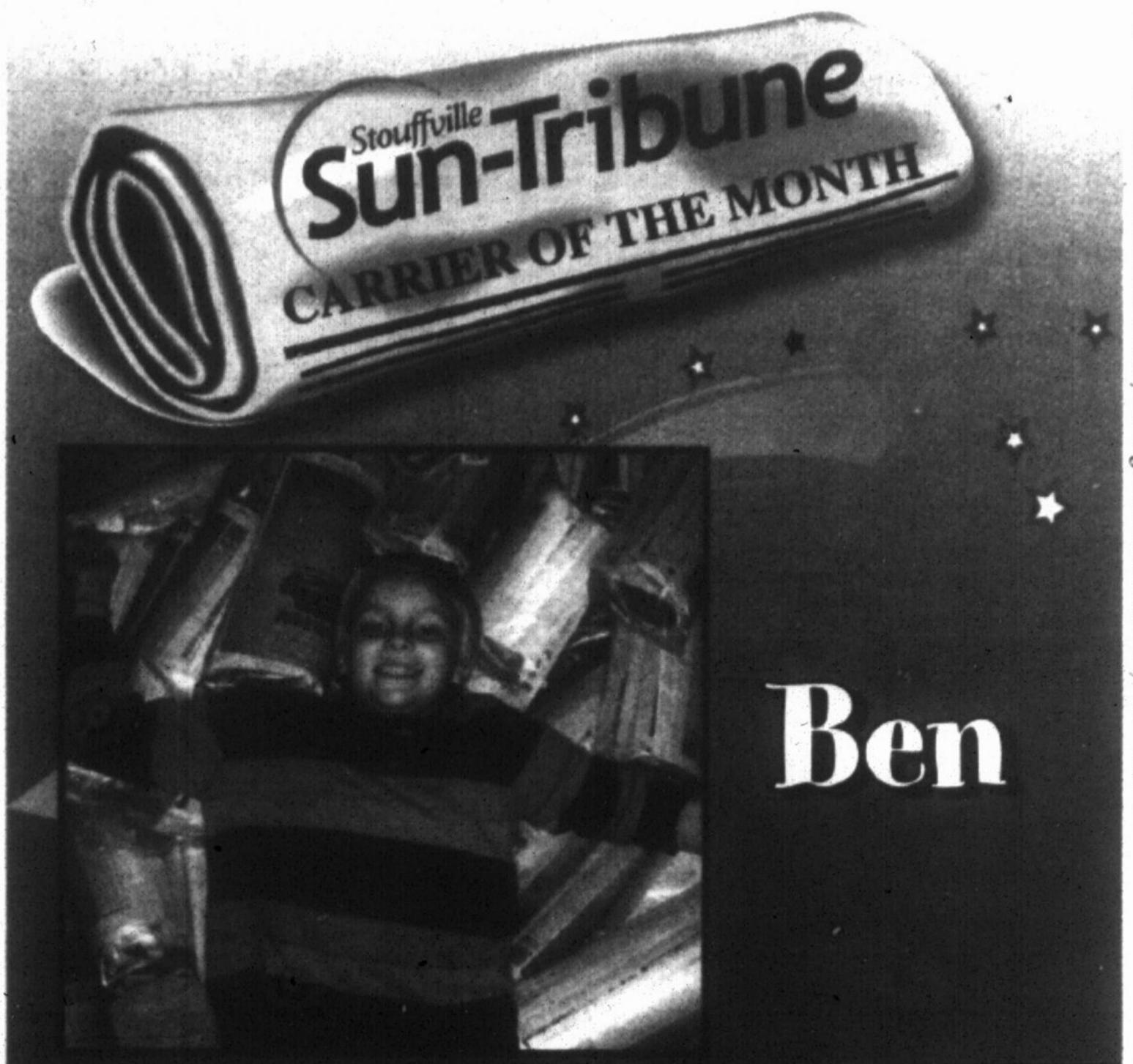
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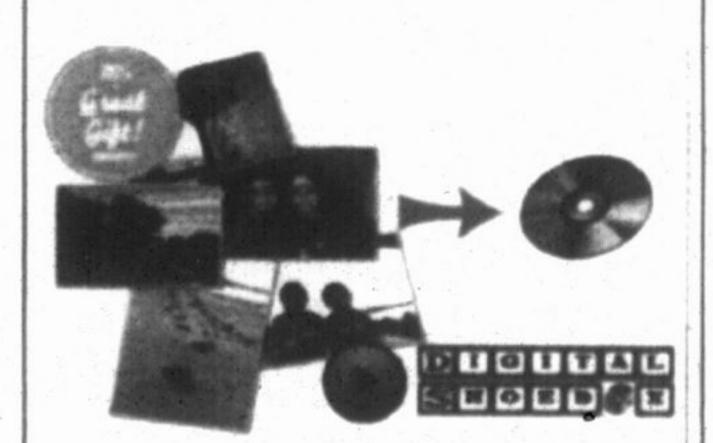
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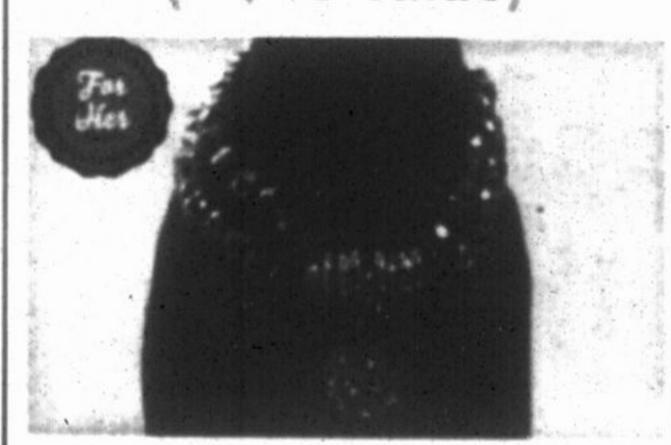


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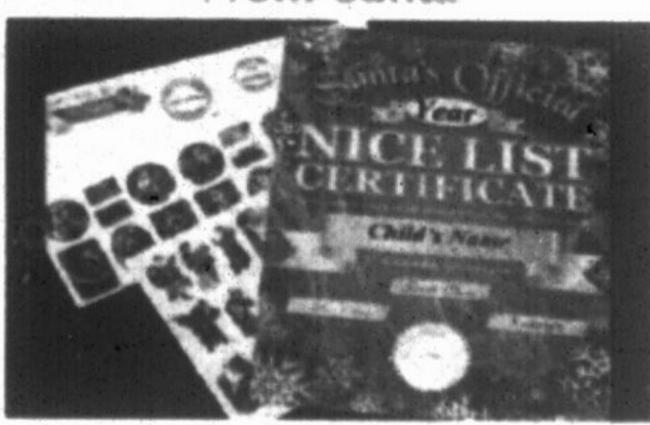


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