

Minor midget Clippers' best of five series continues today

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The Stouffville minor midget A Clippers opened their best-of-five or first-to-six-point York Simcoe quarter-final series with a 3-2 win in Barrie Thursday.

Braeden Singleton scored a pair of goals to spark the Clippers' offence while Jackson Newlands added the other marker.

Braydon McNeil earned two assists and Quintin Volpe one.

The series is to resume in Stouffville Saturday at the Clippers Complex at 7 p.m. and Sunday at the Stouffville Arena at 6 p.m.

The Clippers advanced to the quarter-finals after winning three of their round-robin games over East Gwillimbury 5-0, TNT 5-1 and 7-1 and earning one tie against East Gwillimbury 0-0.

Mission accomplished for juveniles

The Stouffville juvenile Clippers entered the weekend needing just two points to clinch first place in the Ontario Minor Hockey Association's preliminary playoff round.

Mission accomplished. Taking to the road for a game against the TNT Tornados in Alliston Saturday, the Clippers skated off with a resounding 8-1 win.

A good start paved the way for the Clippers as they erupted with five goals in the opening period and were never threatened after that.

David Rawson ignited the Clippers' offence with four goals while Alex Campagna added two. Adam Cranley and Lee Zoffrianieri added singles.

Brett Twizell earned three helpers while Curtis Crago and Zoffrianieri each had two. Kurt Batty, Will Brown and Brad Sutherland added singles.

With the win, the Clippers earned home ice advantage in the OMHA best-of-five semifinal against Whitby.

The Clippers then returned to the Stouffville Arena to face the Ajax Axemen and suffered a 4-1 loss Sunday.

Mike Varsamis scored the lone goal for the Clippers in a game that got a little chippy with 1.4 seconds remaining in regulation time after an Ajax player levelled a Stouffville player from behind.

Former Spirit scores overtime game winner

Former Stouffville Spirit team captain Matt Neal scored with 10 seconds remaining in overtime to propel the Rensselaer Polytechnical Institute Engineers to a dramatic 3-2 overtime win over host Colgate University in ECAC Hockey action last weekend.

Neal also collected one assist in the contest.

Currently in his sophomore year, Neal leads RPI in scoring with eight goals and 19 assists in 29 regular season games.

With the victory, RPI improved their overall record to 15-12-5 and 10-7-3 in ECAC Hockey league play.

RPI currently occupies second place in the ECAC Hockey standings.

Former Spirit rearguard earns SUNYAC honours

A Markham native who played his junior hockey with the Markham Waxers and Stouffville Spirit was recently named to the 2012-13 SUNYAC All-Conference Teams.

Jack Caradonna, a defenceman at Geneseo

State was a first team selection and was the only sophomore to be named to the 18-player All Conference teams.

A former member of the Waxers in 2008-09 and 2009-10 and Spirit in 2010-11, Caradonna had two goals and 22 assists in 26 games this past season with the Knights and was their second-leading scorer.

Caradonna's 22 assists were also the highest total by any National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III blue liner this year.

Both of his goals were game-winning scores. In 45 career games, he's amassed 28 points.

- Michael Hayakawa

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