

Clippers score pair of York Simcoe championships

Minor midgets capture town's first AA title

The Stouffville minor midget AA Clippers accomplished a first for the Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey Association Sunday.

They won the organization's first ever AA season-ending title after capturing the York Simcoe championship that culminated with a 6-1 win over the Aurora Tigers in the final game of their first-to-six-point final series in Aurora.

The Clippers got off to an impressive start by scoring the game's first two goals off the sticks of Nolan MacInnis and Sam Atanackovich to take a 2-1 lead entering the first intermission. Carrying that momentum into the second period, the Clippers put some breathing room between themselves and Aurora by adding two more goals, from Adrian McCartney and Joel Roberts, to take a 4-1 advantage.

The Clippers iced the game with empty-net markers from James Carlin and MacInnis. Jackson Brandon and Connor Hicks earned assists. Clippers' netminder Dalton Lehman was solid.

The series came down to the final game after Aurora staged off elimination by defeating the Clippers 3-2 at the Stouffville Arena Saturday. In that game, the two clubs played to a 1-1 tie through the opening period before Aurora scored two unanswered goals in the second.

The Clippers battled back with a goal late in the third period from MacInnis, but could get no closer. Roberts scored the Clippers' first goal with an assist from McCartney.

Coached by Phil von Kaufmann, Chris Burkholder and Chuck Vasconcelos, other team members contributing to the Clippers' title run included: goalkeeper Thomas Morgan, Ben Partridge, Aaron Jackson, Chandler Gloyns, Myles Craven, Sam Burkholder, Ryan von Kaufmann, Michael Freitas and Nick Smith. Daryl Gloyns and Ken Wilson Sr. served as trainers and Andrea Lehman, team manager.

— Michael Hayakawa



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The Stouffville peewee AEs hoist the York Simcoe championship trophy at the Clippers Sports Complex Monday night.

Peewee AE team takes trophy in O.T.

The Stouffville peewee AE Clippers skated off with the York Simcoe Hockey League title after edging the Barrie Colts Blue entry 2-1 in overtime to capture their first-to-six-point final series six points to two at the Clippers Complex Monday.

With Barrie opening the scoring in the first period and maintaining a 1-0 lead through two, Stouffville battled back in the third to gain the equalizer and set the stage for overtime.

While the Clippers only required four games to win the series, each outing was closely contested as Stouffville took the series opener 3-2 in overtime at the Stouffville Arena March 20, before suffering their lone setback 2-1 the following day in Barrie.

The Clippers though, gained the upper hand with a 3-2 road win Saturday to set the stage for Monday's finale that was decided in extra time.

Coached by Ross Geiger, Craig Berry and Marc Luff, team members included: goalkeepers Charlie Berry, who filled in on an emergency situation during the first two games for regulars Adrian Nowaskey and Ethan Pacheco. Other forwards and defencemen included: Joshua Arbuckle, Owen Burrows, Matthew Ferrus, Matthew Geiger, Mark Gilmour, Michael Hume, Matt Luff, David Karl Nebitko, Evan Prentice, Hayden Simon, Connor Cindery, Nicholas Smith, Alexander Tratnik, Nolan Turney, Evan Carter, Aidan Holt and Ethan Pompilio.

Todd Sindrey served as trainer and Sharon Taylor, manager.



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