

LOCAL SPORTS

Hurray for our Novice Reps!

TEAM DEFEATS COLDWATER FOR OMHA TROPHY

The Orono Major Plumbing Novice Reps won the OMHA Novice D Red Lobster Championship on the weekend over the Coldwater Wildcats, winning the best of five series, 3 games to 1.

Head coach Frank Dennis was delighted with his team's outstanding performance this season. "This special group of eight-year-olds should be proud of their achievements," he said. "They're very talented

and it's hard to find a group like that in such a small town."

Not only did the Orono Novice Reps come home champs from the prestigious international Silver Stick tournament in February, but now they hold the Ontario Minor Hockey Association "D" Novice East championship title.

Game 3 on Saturday began with the Orono Amateur Athletic Association welcom-

ing the Coldwater Wildcats. Both teams were introduced and Mandy Dolley sang O Canada while Sarah Osborne of the OFSC carried the flag. Pete Manders dropped the ceremonial first puck. The Leafs then presented the Wildcats with Orono Leaf pins.

Playing to a packed arena, Orono soon put their nerves to rest and settled into their game, winning 5-1. Scoring were Matt Verkuyl (2), Ryan

Walton, Patrick McKay and Warren Ball. Earning two assists each were Dylan Dennis and Mitch Marchbank.

Game 4 on Sunday saw an even bigger crowd in Orono. Coldwater opened the scoring but Matt Verkuyl quickly answered with an unassisted goal. Orono then settled into their game and scored 5 more goals. Scoring were Matt Verkuyl (2), Patrick McKay (2) and Dylan Dennis. Assists went to Chris Haass (2), Mitch Marchbank (2), Matt Verkuyl and Ryan Walton.

Coldwater managed another goal in the third, but the game ended 6-2. Playing solid games as well were Jennifer Mercer, Ian Third, Josh Gallina, AP Ben deBoer and Josh Kelly in net.

Coach Frank Dennis and assistant coach Darryl Walton were congratulated for doing an amazing job coaching the team. The team also extended its thanks to trainer Claude Gallina, manager Anne Ball, team sponsor Major Plumbing, the Orono Times for coverage and the community for their support. Congratulations team!

-by V.H.



Orono Novice Reps celebrate after winning the Ontario Minor Hockey Association Novice D Red Lobster Cup on Sunday.

So close... Acoustics lose third playoff game

Orono's Pee wee Acoustics played some great hockey against Bowmanville's Subway on Sunday, but lost 4-3.

The first period didn't look promising, Subway sunk two goals in Orono's net in the last two minutes of play. But Orono came up strong in the second, the forwards converged on the net after getting a pass from defenseman Brian Knapp. Breanne Collier slung it to Chad Moore who took a wrist shot from the left side of the net and buried it over the catcher.

It was 2-1, and Bowmanville scored again, giving them back their two point lead. With four minutes left, defenseman Cory Weiss shot the puck up to Chad Moore on the left side of the net. He slapped it across to Simeon DeVries who stood ready by the right hache mark, nothing stood between DeVries and the goalie. He took the shot. The puck slid across the ice to the left side of the net. The goalie slid his left leg out, but the puck slid through the narrow opening between the blade of the goalie's skate and the steel post of the net.

A minute later Orono scored again, with a nice pass from Ty Simpson to defenseman Brian Knapp who skated up and took a quick shot that flew so fast it was in the net before anyone could yell 'shoot'.

The score was tied at 3-3 and Orono was skating great, the action was hot. Shots on net flung on either side of the ice in the third period. But Bowmanville managed the last goal. Next game is Saturday at 6:30.

-by A.D.

Wooden Carousel squeaks past rival team in final minutes

The Orono Wooden Carousel scored a pair of goals late in the third period to steal a playoff game from Liberty Dental in week-end action.

Liberty Dental scored early

in the first period and managed to hold on to a 1-0 lead for most of the game.

The game started to go Orono's way when Orono's Jacob Dolley and Brianna Robinson each scored a goal

with less than three minutes to go in the game. Orono came out 2-1 winners.

In net for the game was Benjamin Hinchey. He kept the game within reach with several key saves until the offence got going. Hinchey picks up his second win of the playoffs. He allowed only three goals against in his last two games. -H.M.

OAAA Euchre Results

SAT. MARCH 13

Best Scores:

Roger Downes - 133
Audrey Godden - 132
Joan Sutcliffe - 132
Helen Frain - 126
Clifford Francis - 124
Agnes Tollet - 124
Lone Hands: Joan Sutcliffe (10), Frank Vargas (9), Rich Hurvid (9)
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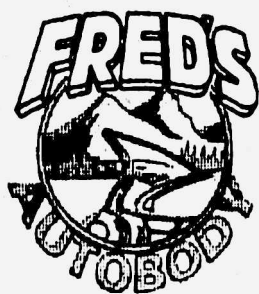
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Time: 7:00 - 9:30 PM

Place: Newcastle Community Hall
20 King Avenue West, Newcastle
Corner of Mill St. & County Rd. 2

You are cordially invited to attend and participate in this new initiative that brings the Clarington Town Hall to your community. Staff and Elected Officials will be available to discuss programs and services in your area.

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