

Curling leaders Jaws and Dunlop both lose



The JAWS team of the Industrial Curling League had their picture taken before starting their special non-casual dress game Thursday at the North Halton Curling Club. The team, back row, from left, Phil Jones, Marilyn Jones, Marg Jones and Dave Ashbee, kneeling, currently lead all other teams. (Herald photo)

The standings are getting tighter as the two leading rinks were upset on this last night of November curling.

The burning question is whether these upsets were due to the strong play of their opponents or whether 'Neon Night' threw the two skips off. Indeed, there was plenty of colour as most curlers showed up in their brightest outer wear and other things.

The best dressed curler, who is going to Stage West for her efforts, was judged to be Stephanie Mellor. No one out-topped her.

In the games played by the Industrial League's early leaders, JAWS was set back by La Guys in a contest that Tom Reid's squad charged ahead in the seventh end after tying up the count at four over the first six ends. Closing with three winning ends, they finished JAWS off 8-5.

Dunlop Insurance's Rockers were rocked by the Hog Liners out of Varian. With timely good shots, Mark Hyttinen's crew kept the Rockers in a catch up position throughout the game. The final score was 8-6.

In games that were nail-biters down to their last shot, this week produced two. One was between the struggling squad representing Bill Smith Auto Parts and

The Norval Boys. The latter sent the Wingnuts down to their third loss in four efforts, edging the Smith team out with excellent draw play by 5 to 4. Dave Dunlop was sharp and so was his pink neon garb. Look for the Wingnuts to put Ralph "The Fridge" Vincent back into the skip slot.

The second close one was played between Kendale's Hackers and Lopers Swimmers. This game was sitting at 6-5 for the Hackers coming into the final end. The Swimmers had the 'Hammer' (and last shot). Ken McCormack needed to remove the Hackers' counter and leave his final stone fully in the eight foot ring. He did just that, took two points and the win 7-6.

It was a slow start and a strong finish for Work That Body Fit-As-A-Fiddle team in their match-up with Al Moore's Sign Shoppe Sliders. The Sliders took one point in each of the first three ends, but Bob Burns found the ice that got his team working and stormed back winning each of the remaining five ends. The game finished with the scoreboard counting 9-4 for fitness foursome.

Similar 10-4 scores were posted in two other pairings. A colour Barber rink, to whom runner-up honours went to both Paul and Marilyn in the best neon contest, took it to The Automatons.

Kendale Eight Enders dominated Rich Eastwood's Boxers. The Boxers introduced two new faces to curling and to the league in their game - Rob Lawrence and Greg Sorensen. With on-the-job coaching from Rich and Al Culbert, both began to develop a feel for the game and will certainly be back out for their company's team over the weeks to come.

The remaining outing saw The Senators patiently outmaneuver the Dead Enders. Under skip Graham Farnell, whose only neon was at home with his grandson, the conservatively dressed Senators (save Bill Briggs) beat the newcomers 8-3.

Play on Dec. 6 has a different twist. Seconds and skips change positions. The scheduled action is as follows:

At 6:45 p.m.: Dead Enders vs. Work That Body Fit-As-A-Fiddle, The Senators vs. The Sign Shoppe Sliders, The Automatons vs. JAWS, Challengers vs. La Guys.

At 9:00 p.m.: Dunlop Insurance Rockers vs. Kendale Hackers, The Norval Boys vs. Kendale Eight Enders, Hog Liners vs. Lopers' Swimmers, Bill Smith Auto Wingnuts vs. The Boxers.

Beavan's four goals help bury visitors

Thursday night, Star Fuels Major Atoms hosted Flamborough and cruised to a 6-0 win, led by Andrew Beavan with four goals.

The game was a pleasure to watch and not just because of the score. Coach John Andrews has been working on positioned play and teamwork, and tonight the boys showed a lot of both.

The defence of Steven Smith, Michael Crawford, Rick Clark and Cameron Hunter threw up a net across their blueline, and the shots on goal were kept to a handful. Goalie Scott Herbert was good when he had to be and earned his first shutout of the season.

The forwards stuck to their checks like glue and allowed very few opposition rushes to get started.

Ryan Boudreau and David Papadopoulos controlled play along the boards and in the corners, allowing their centreman Allan Rasmussen to pick up all

the loose pucks. All three members of this line had good opportunities to score but were unlucky.

Fraser Brown flew up and down right wing but it seems whenever he gets a good shot away the opposition goalies make their best saves of the game.

Brad Kouyoumjian opened the scoring at 6:43 of the first period when he jammed in a rebound from Andrew Beavan.

Two minutes later Rick Clark stopped the puck at the point and shot it behind the Flamborough net. Kouyoumjian outmuscled the defenceman and put a nifty backhand pass on Beavan's stick in the slot. Beavan one timed it for a 2-0 lead.

With just under a minute left in the opening period, and Georgetown on the power play, Beavan sent Kouyoumjian in on the lone defenceman. It was no contest as Kouyoumjian beat

both the defenceman and the goalie for a 3-0 lead after one.

Halfway through the second period the home team took a penalty and Flamborough's coach was looking for a power play goal to get his team back in the game. Beavan had other ideas though as he took the puck at the red line and beat both defencemen before scoring with a low shot to the short side.

With just over six minutes left in the final frame, Fraser Brown

won a battle along the boards for the puck and then from his knees found Beavan with a pass up the middle. Beavan beat the left defenceman before handcuffing the goalie with a high shot which just dropped over the line.

Just over a minute later, Beavan again found himself in the clear after a great pass from Cameron Hunter. He made no mistake and his fourth goal of the game closed out the scoring.

Villa wins 'B' side at London tournament

Georgetown's house league Chicken Villa team captured the B Division tournament championship in the London Bantam House League Tournament last weekend.

A loss by the Georgetown squad in the first game put them in the B division.

The Georgetown squad was relegated to the B division when Parkhill defeated them 7-2 in the first game of the tournament. Georgetown opened the scoring as Michael Bahr dented the twine, with an assist going to Brad Socha.

Parkhill scored five unanswered goals before Georgetown replied with a goal from Jim Whorley assisted by Brian Like and Andrew Marshall.

Parkhill went on to score two more in the third period to put the game away. Louis Letarneck and Jason Barnett put in a strong game for the Villa team.

In the second game, Shawn Lelman played probably the best game of his career in goal as he led the Georgetown team to a 3-3 tie against Watford. Because Georgetown scored the first goal of the game, they advanced, according to tournament rules.

Michael Bahr opened the scoring unassisted at the 9:12 mark of the first period. The Watford team tied the game at the 9:40 mark of the second period before Georgetown came back with a goal.

Jeff Whorley scored assisted by Andrew Marshall, who took the draw in the Watford end and passed the puck back to Whorley, who fired a hard shot along the ice beating the Watford goalie. Meanwhile the fans were held in awe as Kelman stopped shot after shot to keep Georgetown in the game.

Watford tied the game up with

7:51 to go in the third before Jeff Martin on a breakaway beat the Watford goalie with assists going to Mike Bahr and Jeff Whorley. Watford scored with 51 seconds left in the game to tie it up.

Kelman stood on his head in net as the Georgetown team scrambled to preserve the tie, knowing that a tie would advance them to the championship game. Andrew Crabb and Colin Mountain also played a very strong game for the Villa team.

The showdown game against Oakville played Sunday afternoon was almost heart attack time for the Georgetown parents in the stands. Georgetown scored the first goal of the game for the third time in a row as Matt Deruchie blasted a shot from the point into the top right corner of the net before the Oakville goalie was able to move.

The Chicken Villa gang kept up the pressure as Deruchie carried the puck down the ice feeding Brett Cormier in front of the net who then tucked the puck into the net to put Georgetown ahead 2-0 with four minutes to go in the first period.

With 36 seconds to go in the second period, Deruchie fired another smoker from the point to put Georgetown ahead 3-0.

The Georgetown team relaxed for about a minute with 3:30 to go in the game and Oakville was quick to take advantage as they pumped two goals past Kelman, who was left pretty much on his own.

With 2:33 to go in the game, the Oakville goalie was outstanding in stopping Georgetown from running up the score. Oakville pulled him with 1:40 to go in the game, putting pressure on, before Deruchie put the game away with a long shot from just over the red line with 1:02 to go, assisted by Andrew Marshall.

Bruin Major Peewees beaten in Peterborough

Bodanis Bruins Major Peewees travelled to Peterborough to compete in a tough triple A tournament during the Nov. 9 weekend.

Against some very tough triple A teams, the double A Bruins showed well in the competition, opening the tournament against a strong Peterborough club.

Although the 10-2 score does not indicate the determined play by the local squad, they represented Georgetown well. David Kotsos led the scoring with a goal and an assist while David Kalbarski notched the other Georgetown counter.

The highlight of the tournament occurred in a thrilling match-up between Georgetown and a triple A team from Syracuse. Facing a physically larger club, the local squad rallied in the final minutes of the game to score two unanswered goals and end the game in a 7-7 tie with the American team.

Syracuse jumped into a 2-0 lead in the first period, but a goal by David Kotsos narrowed the margin to 2-1 when the buzzer sounded.

Syracuse struck early in the second period but the Bruins narrowed the lead to 3-2 on a goal by David Kalbarski, assisted by Brad Spears. Syracuse extended their lead to 5-2 when Georgetown caught fire.

David Kotsos scored his second

and third goals of the game to earn the hat trick. Kotso's first goal was assisted by Scott Lahey and Gary McLean. Wes Burke set up Kotso's third goal. A fine solo effort by Brad Spears tied the game at 5-5 with six minutes remaining.

Syracuse appeared to have the game wrapped up when they scored two goals to take a 7-5 lead with less than two minutes remaining.

However, the Bruins refused to quit. Jeff Hewitt slipped through the Syracuse defence on a strong rushing play and reduced the Syracuse lead to 7-6 with a little over a minute remaining. Wes Burke assisted on Hewitt's fine effort. Coaches Curtis and McGrath decided to pull goalie David Pearson and add another forward with a face-off in the Syracuse end zone.

The gamble paid off when Georgetown won the draw. Fraser Thom moved in from the point position on the power play and slapped the loose puck into the net with four seconds left to end the game in a 7-7 tie.

In the final tournament game, Georgetown was overwhelmed by a bigger Mississauga club. They held Mississauga to a scoreless tie in the first period but were eventually worn down by the Mississauga club. David Kalbarski scored Georgetown's lone goal on a solo effort.

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