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The Edwards-Murphy Bantams were unbeatable at Schomberg over the weekend, giving up only one goal throughout the tournament to take the championship title. (back row) l to r Trainer Martin Johannessen, Jeff Christensen, Kirk Smythe, Derek Hamilton, Sean Pennanen, Derek Hutchin- son, Kent Smythe, Russell King, Burkie Elzner, Manager Harold Pool and Coach Gerry Mucci. Front row (l to r) Jim Todd, Chris Tyman, Mark Dorey, Mike Ferguson, Craig Johannessen, Craig Mucci, John Bellerby. Missing are team captain Sean McQuigge and Jim Baggs.

Goalkeepers pick up 3 MVP awards

Bantams emerge champs at Schomberg tournament

The Edwards-Murphy Bantam Clippers put it all together on Sunday when they won the seventh annual Red and White tournament at Schomberg.

Collecting his first goal of the season, defenseman Derek Hutchinson's marker proved the winner as the Clippers defeated a very strong Barrie Club 2-0.

Hutchinson's picture goal, that had the Barrie goaltender beaten fair and square, came in the second period from just inside the blue line. Sean McQuigge picked up the assist. The insurance marker was an unassisted effort by Jeff Christensen midway in the third period.

Super-goaltending by Stouffville's John Bellerby earned him the game's MVP award. He also received the tournament's Best Goaltender award.

Also in the individual awards list was Jim Todd, the Clippers' other goalie. Jim received a MVP award for his performance in a previous tournament game; both netminders gave up only one goal in three games.

In other action this past week, the Bantam Clippers brought their league record up to 5-0 with a convincing 5-1 win over Pickering Village, giving them a 8-3 record on the season.

Clipper marksmen were McQuigge, (2), Christensen (2) and Chris Tyman. Ex-Clipper Tim Evans, who now plays for Uxbridge, again proved the Clipper's nemesis when they met Uxbridge on Friday night in exhibition play. Evans gave Uxbridge the winning goal with only 38 seconds left in the game, putting the Clippers at the wrong end of a 7-6 score; not the first time he has done it.

Clipper goals came from McQuigge and Kirk Smythe with two apiece, while singles went to Christensen and Russell King.

Junior coach still hopeful

Two successive losses last week by the A & S Construction Clippers; the first a 6-1 beating by Uxbridge, the second a horror story that had Lindsay humiliate the Clippers 23-1, have not diminished coach Jack Watson's hopes of a win against Uxbridge this weekend.

On the contrary, despite the team's poor record this season, their one point lead over the Uxbridge Bruins could possibly be extended to three, but only if they beat Uxbridge on their own ice on Friday; but it won't be an easy win.

The game is crucial to both teams as neither have much hopes of collecting points in the few remaining games left to them.

The loss of the 'borrowed help' from the Midget squad was the main factor in their humiliation by Lindsay last Friday. The Midgets were out-of-town in tournament play and needed every man they could muster.

Watson is high in his praise for some of his players. "This has been a character building year for quite a number of them, and you can't knock them for not trying," he said.

Chris Baggs performance against Lindsay was remarkable. "Pure guts and determination," was how Watson described the young defenseman. Also high on his personal list of 'best sellers' is team captain Jamie Bell. "Bell has tried hard all year and given it his best," he said.

Other players who come in for praise are Mike Anderson, described by Watson as a "three period player," also Chris Brown, Chris Freckleton. Freckleton hasn't missed a game or practice all season - and Bob Whitesides.

Asked if he thought the Junior 'C' Clippers had run their lot, Watson swiftly rejected the idea of dropping the team. "Give it another year and you'll have plenty to choose from. The Midgets have a lot of class and, combined with some of the younger players on the junior squad, could make a fine junior team," he opined.

Three-game split for Union Peewees

Limbering up in readiness for the playoffs, the Credit Union Peewee Clippers gave good competition to a couple of AA rated teams this last week. In three games they managed a win, a tie and a loss.

Skating to a 1-1 tie against Richmond Hill's top team on Saturday, the Clippers trailed 1-0 on an early goal by their opponents. It was late in the third when Dan Larmer fed a goalmouth pass to Kevin Francis, who tied the knot with 30 seconds left to play.

The game produced good, fast, exciting hockey.

The previous evening the Clippers emerged 5-4 winners after a hard battle against Pickering Hockey Association. The scoring was well spread out with singles going to Craig Stronach, Kevin Blacktopp, Dan Larmer, Kevin Francis and Darron Baston.

The Clippers only loss was on Jan. 17 when they were edged 5-4 by Bay Ridges' top squad.

Point getters were: Kevin Blacktopp with a goal and two assists, Dan Larmer and Jamie Campbell with a goal and an assist each, while Tonio Trentadue added a single and two assists.

Winning not good enough

At the Shawville-Pontiac Midget Hockey Tournament, held in Quebec over the weekend, the Becker's Milk Midgets found themselves tied with East Gwillimbury, West Ottawa and Nepean's Raiders at four points apiece after a round robin series.

Despite outscoring the opposition with a total of 15 goals to 8, an unusual tournament rule, that stated that the team who has least goals against advanced to the next round, saw Stouffville eliminated from further play. Their opponent average was 13 as opposed to 8 against the other two teams.

The outcome was a sudden death 15 minute period that saw Gwillimbury oust Ottawa after 4 minutes of play.

Scoring in the three games series were: Ken Burrows 6 goals and 3 assists, Mike Feasby 4 goals and 3 assists, Darryl Brown 2 goals and 4 assists, Bill Hutchison 1 goal and assist, Eric Beam 1 goal, Doug McQuigge 1 goal and assist. Assists went to Rob Gibson and Darrin Hardy.

The Midgets meet Uxbridge at the Arena this Friday for their final league game of the season. Uxbridge lead Stouffville by two points to head the league standings.

First game of the Midgets playoff series is on Wednesday Feb. 1 when they meet Port Hope in a best-of-five series.

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Selects tie after layoff

Despite a long layoff the Peewee Selects put out a strong team effort against Unionville at Crosby arena on Sunday, holding their hosts to a 3-3 tie. Particularly outstanding were goalkeepers Scott Wagg and Dan Bell who shared net duties in this one.

The sole Select marker in the first period came from Brett Yoshida, the assists going to Chris Winn and Lee Scaife. Unionville, who were unable to get on the board until the second period, took the lead with a pair of goals just two minutes apart to lead 2-1 at the end of the frame.

The Selects tied it up early in the third period. Wayne Hie scored on a play by Yoshida and Scaife, and Sean Lewis put them ahead on a fine unassisted effort.

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IN MY OPINION BY JIM HOLT



Strange how a phrase can upset people. Last week's opening sentence in an article about the Sound of Music Atom squad that said "Confirming the opinion of hockey pundits that they are the best minor hockey team in a decade..." seemed to upset one or two people who have coached minor teams in the past. They feel that their past efforts were put down by the statement. Not so.

Public opinion, freely expressed, is what constitutes such a statement. To deny such sentiments in print would not only be churlish but downright unfair to the recipients. Anyone who would not give these youngsters their praise in full measure must be singularly uncharitable.

Whether you agree or disagree with the statement matters not. But to phone in and say that the praise was too lavish, or that your team was better, presents a meanness of attitude that I find rather tacky, Latham Gallery.

A number of people were upset by my criticism of the old iron parked outside the library, for which I make no apology. Believe it or not but I do have an eye for art - real art that is - and to that end I can find nothing but praise for the current exhibition at Latham Gallery.

The exhibition, by Toronto artist Geoff Madison, is excellent and well worth a visit.

One of the most striking paintings on display is "Timothy". It hits you like a ten ton truck as you enter the door and has a haunting quality that won't go away. The artist has captured light and shadow in a way that few artists rarely do.

Go see it. It's a beauty.

Arena beefs.

Coffee and tea is up to 50 cents a cup at the Arena and I haven't heard one note of complaint - except mine. It must be the most expensive beverage in town. I really can't see any justification for it, especially when the 35 cent cup of coffee is alive and well in Toronto; sold by businesses that have considerably higher overheads than pertain in Stouffville.

For all those hockey players who have complained that they can't see the playoff circle and lines on the arena ice surface, don't fret. Joe Lewis says they will be repainted before the playoffs start. Must admit though, they are rapidly disappearing from view.

Bruins hopes run high

Despite trailing by one point in the closely contested battle for a playoff spot, Coach Wayne Redshaw of the Uxbridge Bruins has an air of confidence that could make all the difference when they host the A & S Construction Clippers this Friday.

Friday's game. Since starting the season, Redshaw has stuck with the exception of two late signings, with 16 players who have come up through the local minor hockey system; most of whom he has at one time or another coached.

The Clippers currently hold the eighth and final playoff spot.

The Bruins, along with the Clippers, have been underdogs this season in the Central Ontario Junior C Hockey League, but, according to Redshaw, he is pleased with the way his team has been playing lately and according to him their spirits have never been higher.

The triple combination of a high team spirit, Redshaw's confidence and an arena filled with a highly partisan crowd, could well be the formula the Bruins need to win

Were it not for blowing several games in the closing minutes of play the Bruins could well be in fifth or sixth spot at the moment. "I don't mind get blown away by a better team, but it hurts when you lose after leading the game ninety-nine percent of the time," said Redshaw.

Remaining Bruins games are at Little Britain on Saturday Jan. 28, Port Perry on Jan. 29 and Lindsay on Feb. 3.

The Clippers host Port Perry on Jan. 28. Their final league game is at Cobourg on Jan. 30.

Jim Holt