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The case for the defence

The Credit Union Peewee Clipper offensive lines produce fine hockey in their Friday night home games at the arena. However, the team also has a super defence squad whose

praises are seldom sung: Introducing: Back row l to r: Lee Scaife, Anand Date, Bill Payne. Front row l to r: Robbie McClure, Brad Blacktopp, Rob Mountjoy. Jim Holt

Cobourg 5 - Stouffville 4

Peewee clash a cliff-hanger

By Jim Holt

Got to hand it to the Credit Union Peewee Clippers, win or lose, they always leave the fans feeling as if they'd been run through a coffee grinder. It's the kind of

Weekend tourney

The minor hockey association will hold an eight-team peewee tournament at the arena this Saturday, Dec. 1. Teams from Markham, Richmond Hill, Unionville, Cobourg, Alliston, Brampton and Brooklin-Whitby have been invited, along with Stouffville's Credit Union Peewees acting as hosts. The tournament starts at 7 a.m., with the final at 4:30 p.m.

hockey they play; exhilarating, explosive and exciting, the kind that has you jumping up and down - even if you're on the other side.

Friday night's game at the arena, against their old nemesis, Cobourg, was just that kind of game - exhausting. They didn't win, but it was almost as good as winning, at least you came away feeling that you'd seen a decent game of hockey.

Both sides exchanged first period goals, Clipper Todd Balazs banging in Drac Glover's rebound.

A Clipper lapse - or was it a mental blackout - gave Cobourg their opportunity in the second and third periods to post an unassailable 5-1 lead. Unassailable to Cobourg perhaps, but not

to the Clippers.

With four minutes left to play something happened to the Clippers. It would be difficult to describe what it was, but it certainly had the fans in an uproar and Cobourg reeling on the ropes. Keith Piette took a behind-the-net pass from Jamie Campbell and slipped it into the net. Seconds later Piette deflected Blacktopp's hard drive from the blue line to make it 5-3, and with the Clipper goalie pulled for an extra attacker, Campbell backhanded it high into the net to trail 5-4. The crowd went nuts. It was a magnificent comeback that failed, but it sure was great hockey.

Wish we could get more of it.

Novices reach semi-final

The Neil Patrick Novice Clippers travelled to Port Hope for tournament play over the weekend, getting as far as the semi-finals before collapsing against Sutton.

Opening against Lindsay, the Clippers were forced into an overtime shootout before emerging winners. After conceding a goal early in the game, Chad Dickenson sent a pass through to Sian Morrison who tucked the puck neatly into the net.

Lindsay came right back to make it 2-1.

Philip Pridham tied it up for the Clippers with a low shot, Jason Reesor and Geoff Smith being in on the assists; while Ryerson Jefferson made it 3-2 on a combination play with Lindsay Haylow and Pridham.

Lindsay was not impressed, replying with two goals to make it 4-3.

With only 30 seconds left in the game, Smith lifted the puck over the body of a recumbent Lindsay netminder, Pridham and Morrison getting the assists.

The overtime shootout saw Dwayne Vanderligt stop the Lindsay shooters cold, while Smith, Morrison and Haylow did well at the other end of the ice to tally three out of five.

The semi-final against Sutton saw the Clippers fold in the middle frame, allowing Sutton to sink seven goals and torpedo any hopes of a Clipper win.

In recognition of his outstanding goaltending against Lindsay, Dwayne Vanderligt received the game MVP award.

Oldtimer Clippers win Lakes tourney

Winning a bronze in the Great Lakes Tournament last year was a bit of a comedown for the Betz Pools Oldtimer Clippers; the previous year they had won the 'D' championship trophy and expectations had run high. This year, however, it was a winning story all over again. They took the 'C' championship title and returned Sunday, with another trophy to put in the arena showcase.

It was a slow start for the Clippers, they dropped their first game against Lambeth 3-2, despite outshooting the opposition 40-15.

Saturday's 7-4 win over Port Colbourne was a sweet revenge. Colbourne ousted the Clippers from the World Cup three years ago.

Against the Scarborough Bluffers the Clippers could do little better than a 4-4 tie, despite leading 3-0 going into the second period. Trailing 4-3 with two minutes left to play, Bill Ormson found the Bluffer net to get the tie; it meant,

however, that the Clippers lost their chance of a bye into the semi-final.

The turning point came in the semi-final against the Lambeth Blues. In a 6-1 win that produced inspired passing, shooting and goaltending, the Clippers looked winners all the way.

Sunday afternoon's game was something of an anticlimax. What should have been a tough battle for top honors turned into a 6-0 route of the Scarborough

Midgets improve

If not exactly on a winning streak, the Beckers' Midget Clippers at least showed Peterborough that they are an improved team since their last meeting. Having dropped their Nov. 16 meeting 6-4, the Midgets were edged 3-2 by their hosts on Sunday.

Peterborough were first to score, the Clipper reply coming from Dave Fockler who picked up the puck at

Bluffers; not the most exciting finish to a national tourney.

Scoring in the final were: Grant Larmer, Bill Corner, Nelson Ham, Wayne Memann, Bill Ormson and Bob McKinnon. Assists went to Steve Ellis, Eric Scaife (2), Bill Corner, Gord Ness, Grant Larmer. The Oldtimers travel to Markham for tournament play this Friday. First game is at 6 p.m. against Richmond Hill.

Anyone who saw the Edwards-Murphy Bantam squad go up against Uxbridge last week would agree that it was a tough game. Penalties flew thick and fast with Uxbridge dominating the ice for an eventual 5-1 win.

Stouffville's lone goal was scored by Kent Smyth from Kevin Francis and Darryl Ham.

The Bantam Clippers handed Brooklin-Whitby their second defeat in as many weeks when they met for exhibition play on Sunday evening.

Although Brooklin took an early one-goal lead in the first period, the Clippers

found the range with goals by Craig Stronach, Kent Smythe and Danny Larmer, assists going to Larmer, Kirk Smythe and Kevin Francis.

Second period action saw Kevin Blacktopp and Kevin Francis both score twice, Kent Smythe adding a single. Assists to: Rob Parham, Kirk Smythe (2), Kent Smythe (2), and Daryl Ham.

Whitby managed a solitary goal in reply.

In the third period it was the Clippers who took it easy, allowing the opposition to hammer in three goals before closing out the game 8-5.

Bantams split two games

Graydon Card gave the Clippers their second goal, the assist going to Frank Sluga; but from then on in the Clipper effort petered out.

Both teams collected their fair share of penalties; the Clippers were in for 35 minutes, their hosts 36.

The Midgets presently stand at 3-4-2.

Bruins continue slide into cellar

If coach Wayne Redshaw doesn't hurry up and do something about the Bruin's abysmal goaltending, I can see the team taking up permanent residence in the cellar this season; which would be a shame because the team is one of the best in years.

Friday night's game against Bowmanville is a case in point. What should have been at worst a tie, ended in an embarrassment for fans and team alike. I mean, 11-6 down the tubes (ouch! it hurts). Bowmanville are simply not that good a team.

Coach Redshaw can

switch goalies Troy and Joosten from now until the cows come home, but until he brings in a couple of solid netminders the talented Bruins are going nowhere.

The Kessel, Lee Brown, Freckleton line paced Bowmanville to a 2-2 tie at the end of the first, after trailing by two goals, and added a third goal in the second period; but it was all in vain. For the visitors it was open house - or should it be net? The Bruins might just as well have not had a goaltender. In fact they would have been better to pull the goalie after the first period and gone strictly offensive, the

results couldn't have been any worse.

Bowmanville slapped in five more goals in the middle frame, going on to add four more in the third period.

The third period was not all bad. Kessel and La Roche did a good job, both collecting goals and assists, while young Mike Anderson got on the board with Brian Stuart's assist.

Overall it was a disastrous night. One that the fans would much rather forget, probably the Bruins, too.

This Friday Uxbridge host Lindsay.



Stouffville boy enjoys hockey thrill of a lifetime

Twelve-year-old Jeremy McCammon, Albert Street South, Stouffville, enjoyed a thrill of a lifetime, Saturday, when, accompanied by his father, he attended an N.H.L. game at Maple Leaf Gardens and received a personal auto-

graph from Keith Acton of the Minnesota North Stars. Jeremy is a Tribune carrier and won the two red seat tickets in a draw conducted by the newspaper.

-Sjoerd Witteveen