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Ex-Clipper in England

Peter Fitzpatrick, an ex-Stouffville resident and Junior 'C' Clipper player, is hitting the headlines these days in the British press. Fitzpatrick, who plays for the Whitley Warriors, recently scored seven goals in his team's 13-9 win over the British Champions, Dundee Rockets.

His feat, hailed as the most goals scored by any player on the team in recent years, earned him the British equivalent of an MVP—they call it the "Man of the Match" award.

The article highlighted Fitzpatrick's achievement by blazoning across the sports pages "Fitz blitz floors champions."

Contrary to popular belief, there is life after Junior 'C'.

Anyone who would like to write to Pete can reach him as follows: C/O Ice Rink, Hillheads Road, Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear, England, U.K.



The Edwards-Murphy bantam Clippers are unbeaten in the first round of their ten game playoff series, having won eight of their ten games so far. The successful defence are (left to right) Derek Hamilton, Aaron McWilliams, Sven Hennze, (centre) Brad MacDonald and Daryl Ham. (front) goaltenders Mathew Taylor and Scott Evans.

Bantams still unbeaten in playoff series

Last week proved a good one for the Edwards-Murphy bantam Clippers. Not only did they clinch their seventh straight win, a stunning 7-2 decision over Whitby in the first round of their ten-game playoff series, but they also took time off to dump Pickering

6-4 in exhibition play. Sunday night's win against second-place Whitby was a decisive one for the first-place Clippers. Goal getting was shared evenly with markers going to Kent Smythe, Danny Larmer, Darron Baston, Kirk Smythe (2), Mike Ferguson

and Kevin Francis, while in on the assists were Craig Stronach (2), Francis, Kirk Smythe, Derek Hamilton, Ferguson, Kevin Blacktopp, Daryl Ham, Baston and Larmer.

Thursday night finally gave the Clippers a win against Pickering, a team that beat them twice in league play this season. Markers came from Larmer, Kirk Smythe, Ferguson, Kent Smythe and Rob Parham, assists going to Derek Hamilton (2), Brad MacDonald (2), Ferguson, Francis (2), Kevin Blacktopp and Aaron McWilliams.

No medals for Patrick squad

The Neil Patrick novice Clippers ran into tough opposition at the Brooklyn tournament over the weekend, bowing out early in two straight games.

Opening against Oakville, the Clippers were plagued with penalties that let the opposition take an early two-goal lead, and it wasn't until the third frame that they managed to get on the board.

Geoff Smith started the Clippers off with a pass from the point, Lindsay Haylow banging it home from the slot. Two minutes later Haylow slipped the puck back to Smith who fired the puck high for Phil Pridham to deflect it into the net.

Unfortunately the comeback was short lived. Oakville piled on the pressure for two more and a 4-2 win. Lindsay Haylow was voted MVP in this one.

Etobicoke proved far too powerful for the Clippers in game two, getting on the board first with a high shot over goalie Jason Brown.

Smith tied it up on an unassisted effort, but from there on in the Clippers just couldn't find the range, despite some heroic saves by Brown, notably a spectacular glove save on a two-man rush. Oakville took the play into the Clipper end to come away with an 8-1 win.

The novice squad continue playoff action this week. After meeting Pickering on Tuesday, they host Uxbridge at the arena on Friday night.

A special thanks to Ray and Debbie Mountjoy for hosting a club get together for parents and coaches. A good time was had by all.

Clipper MVP was Geoff Smith.

The peewees have two more playoff games scheduled this week. Tonight (Wednesday) they are in Pickering and they play at home to Whitby on Friday night.

putting in a terrific performance with four goals apiece. Markers were also collected by McNeil and Glover.

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IN MY OPINION

BY JIM HOLT

Soccer club made a wise decision



It's a shame when old friends fall out. The recent decision to share house league duties with Uxbridge has brought a blast from ex-founder member Casey Van Maris and a counter volley from incumbent president Tom Morton.

The rights and wrongs of the situation are not mine to pass judgement on. However, both sides have a point, though I do lean in favour of letting Uxbridge join forces in operating the house league, and letting the WSSC get on with what it does best—producing star-quality teams.

Back when Casey was president of the WSSC we had a thriving house league. Everyone, well nearly everyone, on the executive was busy all week coaching teams, but since then things have changed. The last two meetings of the soccer club produced no more than sixteen people, including the executive, so who is going to do all the coaching? Morton does have a point. There is no hardship in travelling to St. John's College, and the facilities there are far superior to anything we have here; if isn't as if there is much of an alternative for the kids.

To get the whole squabble into perspective, soccer players and parents should know the facts surrounding the current decision to amalgamate with Uxbridge. In 1984 the WSSC had only three house league teams; all the others played either mini-soccer or competitively in the Region of York.

The atom boys won both league and playoffs that year, which prompted a directive to coach Tom Morton "Don't come back."

Of the three mixed mosquito and pee-wee girls' teams playing in a so-called house league, two came from King City, not an overabundance of opposition there. The pee-wee boys learned little during the '84 season, playing most of their games against Bradford and King City. The dearth of house league competition, not to mention the fact that you are not welcome if too competitive, obviously prompted our club's executive to find a way to give the players more interesting opposition, better facilities and less travelling, also a better atmosphere in which to play.

Amalgamating with Uxbridge will do just that. Ironically, both King City and Bradford are contemplating entering their house league teams in the Region of York B division, which would effectively cut off our players from further competition, unless of course they, too, decided to join the region.

On top of all this, it seems that our soccer club might have to play some of their home games at Pickering College, Newmarket. Having heard of our problems, we don't have a sufficient number of regulation size fields to host competitive teams—they have kindly offered to help us out.

Years of indifference by the Town has not helped the soccer cause here in Stouffville. Mostly the club has had to do everything themselves. After nine years you would have thought they would have had a clubhouse and proper fields. But no, they are as far away now as they ever were. Mind you, \$25,000 of taxpayers money to move a so-called Century house, which in reality was only fit for burning, gives some idea of this Town's crazy priorities.

Excellent hockey. Being accustomed to player-bashing and stick-breaking, it's called Junior 'C' hockey. I was pleasantly surprised with the quality of fare dished up in the recent AHL Selects Intermediate game. One gets so used to punch-ups, referee-baiting and lousy exhibitions of bad sportsmanship, good hockey is becoming but a fond memory. So it comes as a bit of a surprise when a first class game is stuck under your nose. In fact you have difficulty recognizing it.

Hats off to the Intermediate squad for giving us a most exciting and entertaining evening of hockey, also to the Selects for giving up their time to raise funds for the bantam and intermediate teams, not to mention playing a super game. The ingredients for drawing a crowd are obvious. Local talent, an early start (around 7:15 p.m.) and players who can actually play hockey. Put them all together and the crowd will come in droves. Frankly, I can't wait for the re-match.

Midgets on a roll

It looks as if the Beckers Milk Midgets are on an unstoppable roll in their bid for playoff honors. The team is putting in some very disciplined hockey as shown in their two big wins last week over Markham and Ajax.

Friday night's game against Markham saw the Milkmen roll over the neighbors 5-1. Sean McQuigge scored a pretty opener for Paul Sinclair, Danny Martin and Jim Baggs also finding the net to make it 3-0, assists going to Kevin Johnson and Eric Beam (2).

Markham finally got on the board with one minute left in the middle frame, but there was no doubt about the final outcome.

McQuigge rounded out the score nicely with two more goals in the third period, assists going to Beam and Baggs.

The Milkmen went on to bomb Ajax 8-1 on Saturday, staying out of trouble with only 12 minutes in penalties to Ajax. 24. Brian Lewis opened the scoring on Paul Sinclair's assist. Ajax answering minutes later for their only goal of the game.

Other first period markers came from Brian Lewis, Jeff Christenson, Sinclair, and McQuigge, assists going to Shawn Penanen and McQuigge.

Third period action saw the Milkmen dominate the play with a three-goal blast, markers going to Penanen, Christenson and Lewis, while assists went to Christenson, McQuigge and Lewis.

Ajax are probably wishing they never made that playoff visit to Stouffville on Friday night. They were well and truly thumped by the Credit Union peewee Clippers, who sent them home with a humiliating 9-1 loss.

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Valhalla schooling show



Amy Dee, a grade 9 student at Stouffville High, was in the ribbons at last Sunday's monthly show at the Valhalla Stables, Kennedy Road. Amy, aboard her 12 year-old mare, Pantera, was 1st in Junior Equitation, 1st in Hunter Hack (flat) and 4th in Hunter Hack over two fences.



Jacinda La Marche, 13, of Unionville, and a student at Valhalla, had a good day with a 1st in Green Working Hunter, 1st in Turnout and a 3rd in Open Hunter Hack (flat). Her horse, Laurent Du Vent, is only a year younger than Jacinda.

Fame atoms win 3 of 4

The Fame International atom Clippers undertook a four game schedule last week. Their hectic timetable started off with a 4-1 loss against a tough to Nathan Brown, Jay Cobourg team; the Clipper's effort coming from David Sporenberg.

However, on Friday they travelled to Port Perry and handed their hosts a 3-1 loss. Port Perry were first on the board, and it wasn't until the middle frame that Darrin Zeller tied it up for the Clippers, assist to Jason Whitebread. Tim Lavell and David Carmanico wrapped it up for the Clippers in the third period, assists to Whitebread and Brandon Pridham.

A big win at Bowmanville on Saturday saw the Clippers blank their hosts 4-0.

The shutout went to Shawn Wilson who made some very key saves in this one. The scoring was well spread with markers going to Nathan Brown, Jay Scaife, Pridham and Carmanico. In the assist department were Trevor Bardell, Whitebread, Sporenberg (2), Pridham, Scaife, Carmanico and Tim Lavell.

Last game in the schedule at Uxbridge, ended in a 5-3 win for the Clippers. Pridham put the Clippers on the scoreboard, from Whitebread, while Marcus Milos made it 2-0 before Uxbridge replied.

The Clippers then fired three unanswered goals from Sporenberg, Pridham and Scaife; the assist going to Nathan Brown.