

Griffin nets pair in Markham loss

Sue Griffin's two first-period goals and assist weren't enough to stop the Don Hammond Upholstry Debs from losing 9-5 to Scarborough in Markham Region Ringette representative action last week.

Jane Edwards fired a pair as well, with Lisa Ash rounding out the offence. Heather McTavish (2), Leslie Smith, Joanne Chomyszyn (2), Carol Humphries, Lisa Pegelo,

Christine Hammond and Allyson Murray assisted.

Watson nets winner

Melody Watson took advantage of a breakaway to pot her second goal of the game — a shorthanded effort — to give the Queen's Hotel Juniors a 4-3 win over Pickering.

Tracy Stewart and Andrea Flint netted the other tallies. Stewart,

Joanne Crew (2), Megan Griffin, Lori Digula and Kara Mitchell collected the set-ups.

Griffin (from Crew and Mitchell) fired the lone local marker in a 5-1 loss to Oshawa, one of the strongest teams in the loop.

Griffin leads Belles

Laurie Griffin's hat trick helped

the Don Cousens' MPP Belles swamp Scarborough 6-2. Tanya Philp contributed a pair and Cindy Hall a single.

Assists came from Griffin and Philp (2 each), Pauline Ely, Joanne Sweeney, Cindy Hall and Danielle Jackson.

4 goals for James

The Servicemaster Bunnies' first

game of the season turned out to be a good one, with the locals defeating Scarborough 5-3.

Kristin James dominated the attack with four goals and one assist. Karen Wolfenden contributed a single, with assists coming from Holly Year (2) and Jennifer Mullen.

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HEY GUYS, THE PUCK'S OVER HERE!... Markham Travelways netminder, Tom St. Dennis and defender Bernie Deveaux (2) couldn't seem to find the puck during Markham's contest against the Peterbor-

ough Petes. However, the Peterborough player sprawled in front of them seems to have an eye on it. Markham managed to earn an 8-8 tie. — Francis King

Peewee boys grab consolation victory

Markham's Scotiabank Peewees rebounded from an opening game loss to take the consolation title of a Parry Sound tournament last weekend.

David Scott's tally in the final two minutes of regulation time forced Markham's first game with Parry Sound into overtime.

But once there the opposition was better able to take advantage of an open net situation for both teams, and score to take a 5-4 win.

Jason Newhouse, Damon Merkley and Colin Roy (from Newhouse) had the other goals.

Markham rebounded with a vengeance, spotting Barrie a one-goal lead then romping to a 6-1 annihilation in game two.

Greg Parent, Merkley, David Scott, Roy, Newhouse, and Mark Soos provided the firepower. Scott, Candolini (Markham's MVP winner), Soos, Roy and Newhouse assisted.

In game three, Roy's second goal of the outing gave the locals a 3-2 decision over Port Elgin. Parent had the other tally. Scott (2), Candolini, Jason Newhouse and Derek Boudreau assisted.

The consolation final went to overtime, but this time it was Markham that gained first blood in the no-goalie situation. Merkley earned the MVP award for firing the winner as Markham gained a 3-2 triumph over North Bay. Soos and Scott Larmer had the other markers.

Coach gone 2 games

Suspension hurts Markham Bs

By FRANCIS KING
Sports Editor

Proof of Gord Davies' value as coach of the Markham Travelways was clearly shown last week while he was serving a two-game suspension.

As he watched from the stands, Davies' troops came up with a pair of shoddy efforts, tying Peterborough 8-8 and losing 9-4 to arch-rival Pickering.

An altercation with one of Davies' favourite people — a referee — resulted in the suspension.

"I just don't think he's a very good ref," said the coach about his unnamed adversary. "He's one of the few left who think he has the future of junior hockey in his hands."

Only a point

As far as the actual suspension goes, Davies explained that "I told him he couldn't officiate a girls'

league, and people didn't come to see him, but to watch the game. After that he said I was gone (for two games)."

The next two games had Davies in the stands, watching as his troops gained only a point in two Metro Jr. B Hockey League games.

But Davies was back behind the bench for Tuesday's battle with Trenton. That seemed to make the difference, because the locals jumped back on the winning track with a 10-3 decision.

Consistency

As far as the coach is concerned, the Travelways current difficulty is consistency.

"The whole thing is playing well for 60 minutes, and that's our biggest problem, right now," he explained. "We just gave up against Peterborough, and we didn't play the whole game (against Pickering). We haven't mustered enough concentration." The Peterborough outing was like

two games in one. Markham dominated everything up to the midway point in the second period.

By then it had grabbed a 6-3 edge. But Peterborough took advantage of a slew of Travelway penalties to score five goals (four on power plays) and take control 8-6.

Gaining the 8-8 tie was mostly luck for the locals. Dean Mori's point shot (one of three goals assisted by Markham resident Paul Noad) closed the gap, and Harris Marks' pass deflected in off a Peterborough defender.

Mark Harding, Doug Cherepacha (with a hat trick), Fred Fiorini had the other tallies. Markham residents Troy Binnie and Bill English each picked up an assist.

Quick lead

In the Pickering game the Panthers jumped into a 2-0 first period lead and upped it to 6-3 after the second. Noad continued his hot scoring streak with two goals, while



GORD DAVIES
Badmouths' official

singles went to linemate Fred Fiorini and Derek Middleton.

With Davies' back behind the bench, Markham grabbed a 2-1 lead

over Kingston after the first period and never looked back.

Part of the reason behind the locals' success was the return of veteran Mike O'Toole, who completes the Noad-Fiorini-O'Toole "Production Line." After going scoreless in the first two frames the line went crazy in the third.

Noad led the way with a hat trick and three assists, while O'Toole and Fiorini notched a pair each. Fiorini and Marty Sepp had three assists each, with O'Toole and Markham resident Scott Welsh gaining two apiece.

Second place

Markham sports a 13-2-6 record, good for second place behind Pickering in the McKenzie Division. Results of Thursday night's home rematch with Kingston weren't available at press time.

Next home game is Tuesday, when the Travelways host King City in the Markham Community Centre at Hwy 7 & 48. Game time is 8 p.m.