

# Markham Bs struggle with home games

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If you're going to have a losing streak, it's best to endure it early in the season.

That's the lone consolation to be found in the Markham Travelways' modest two-game stretch without a win in Metro Junior B hockey action.

The squad, under long-time coach Gord Davies, lost 4-3 to Wexford last Saturday, and before that 5-2 to Kingston.

Markham held a 1-0 lead over Wexford after the opening period, but it was 2-2 after two frames. Steve Croke, Grant Dickson and Chris Talis supplied the goals.

"They outworked us," said Davies. "Plus, we're having trouble playing Saturdays (the club's home night). It's a bad day for games."

He was happy with the performances of Croke, a 20-year-old centre in his final junior B year; third-year centre Doug Cherepacha (also in his last season); and 17-year-old rookie goalie Steve Niedzielski.

As for the problem with Saturday games, the coach said "it means you have to discipline yourself and go to bed early on Fridays."

"For high school kids, that's hard," Davies continued. "So we're getting a varying degree of concentration, maybe 40 or 45 minutes per game."

The Kingston outing had the Travelways behind 2-0 after the first period, and 3-1 after the second. Four Kingston goals came on power plays.

Newcomers Roger Kheder and John Fargo did the scoring for Markham.



## Stouffville champs

The Stouffville District Secondary School (SDSS) Spartan boys won the York Region Senior volleyball championship on Tuesday with a dramatic win over Bayview. Team members are (front, L-R) Joel

Fletcher, Keith Cheng, Scott Rehill, Karsten Henze, (back) Jim Hume (manager), Paul Sinclair, Don Clearwater, Scott Evans, Jon Hall, Guy Cowan and coach Jim Fletcher.

## Penalties hurt

# Waxers' penalty troubles

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If Eddie Sabo can stay out of the penalty box long enough, he could lead the Markham Waxers out of the hockey wilderness.

Sabo, a veteran right-winger on the rookie-laden Central Ontario Junior B club, has shown the way in the scoring department.

He's played 11 of the Blue-and-White's 14 games, collecting 13 goals and 7 assists. (Newcomer Geoff Davis is second, while Markham resident Terry Whelan is third with seven goals and 10 assists.)

Unfortunately, Sabo's matched his offensive skills with a liking for the penalty box. He has 59 minutes in penalties after just eight games, tops for Markham and second-worst in the league.

This sort of performance was highlighted in the Waxers' 6-4 loss to Orillia. Sabo contributed a third-period power play goal and two assists.

Negating that was six penalties

in the rough-and-tumble game (a total of 39 infractions were called — 20 for Markham).

Phil Nicholls, John Balson and Unionville's Mitch Carless supplied the other goals. Markham resident Art West and Unionville's Brad Beckett each had assists.

Markham's luck was similar in another chippy contest, this time a 5-4 loss to Milton. The Waxers finished with only 19 of the game's 44 penalties, but still trailed 2-0 after the first period and 4-2 after the second.

Sabo (with a pair), Whelan and Unionville's Brent Marshall supplied the offence — all of it on power plays. Davis had three assists, Sabo two and Unionville's Matt Parsons one.

As far as all these penalties go, Waxer General Manager Lou Hollett said "the problem is the boys get too uptight because they want to win so bad."

And why not? After all, this has been anything but a banner year

for the team that once had NHLers Steve Thomas and Adam Oates on its roster.

Markham has only a win and two ties in 14 games so far, leaving it mired in the league's East Division basement. It's been outscored by 48 goals.

"We can't put anything together for 60 minutes," complained the GM. "At certain times in the games the boys are terrific. Then, all of a sudden something happens that brings them down."

"Plus, we've had penalties near the end of the past three games, which didn't give us a chance to catch up or go ahead."

With all this in mind, Hollett (one of the club's long-time co-owners) admitted there'll be some changes made, "but when I don't know."

Results of the Waxers Thursday-night Barrie game and Friday-night Mimico contest weren't available at Weekender press time.



SCOTTY WELSH

Veteran defender suspended

Kingston, surprisingly strong so far in the MacKenzie Division (holding down second place) took advantage of gaps in the Travelway defence.

Right now, two defenders are on the sidelines.

Markham resident Scotty Welsh is serving out a suspension for abusive language. Dave Hitchon is out three weeks with an injury.

"Kingston just dumped the puck in and chased it," said coach Davies. "You have to have good defencemen to handle that, so they exploited our weakness."

Meanwhile, he's not too worried about the mini-slump, since Markham is currently third in the MacKenzie division with four wins, three losses and three ties.

## Unionville Milliken Men's Hockey

Team	W	L	T	P			
Markham Trophy	3	0	1	7	Brimwood Heating	0	3
John Galloway's	3	1	0	6	Time Text	0	3
Brodie's	3	1	0	6			
Peter L. Mason	2	1	1	5	Karku/Perma-Wood 9 — Brodie's 4		
Karku/Perma-Wood	2	1	1	5	Peter L. Mason 10 — Parkway Honda 4		
Rydev Magnetics	2	1	1	5	Crothers Big V 7 — Time Text 3		
Parkway Honda	1	3	0	2	Rydev Magnetics 7 — John Galloway 6		
Crothers' Big V	1	3	0	2	Markham Trophy 6 — Brimwood Heating 2		

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