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Scores on penalty shot Kirk Smythe leads Midget offensive

By BRUCE STAPLEY

Kirk Smythe put on a dazzling display of shooting and skating, scoring four times as the Stouffville Midget Clippers held Bowmanville to a 6-6 tie at the Recreation Centre Friday night.

The Beckers Clippers, who had lost to the visitors 10-5 in their only other encounter of the season, had their opponents on the ropes twice in the hard fought contest, but Bowmanville proved to be a determined bunch.

Clipper coach Ray Steel had predicted at the beginning of the game that the fans were in for a fast, rough hockey game, with close checking. "We can keep up with them if we skate", he had said.

And skate they did, following through on checks, and creating quick breaks for themselves. While the play was physical, the penalty count was low when compared to some games they have been involved in this season.

The first period gave the impression of a low scoring contest, as there was no scoring until there was just over 3 minutes remaining. Kevin Francis connected, from Jason Underwood on a bang-bang passing play right in front of the Bowmanville goal. Less than a minute later, the mighty Smythe (Kirk, that is) stole the puck just feet in front of the opposition net, and made no mistake, firing home a quick low drive.

The Clippers continued their attack in the second period, with Kirk Smythe the drilling one that found its way into the net, even though the Bowmanville goalie managed to slow it down with his glove.

But a giveaway resulted in Bowmanville finally getting on the scoreboard, with Mark Tripp tapping it home. That was all the visitors needed to find their scoring touch, and they proceeded to rack up three more unanswered goals by Neil Taylor, Brad Carnegie, and Rob Real to take a 4-3 lead.

Following a nasty little display of belligerence that resulted in the ejection from the game of Clippers Aaron McWilliams and his Bowmanville counterpart, the referee awarded a penalty shot to the Clippers. Kirk Smythe was up-ended by the Bowmanville goalie as Smythe tried to skate past him as they both chased a loose-puck by the faceoff circle.

Smythe took the puck at centre, moved in at about half-speed, made a few moves, then ripped a blazing wrist shot into the upper right hand corner to tie the score with only 13 seconds remaining in the period.

The Clippers came out charging in the third, with Darren-Baston putting them in front again, and Kirk Smythe potting his season high fourth of the night on a break-away, this time on a wicked shot into the upper left side.

But Bowmanville would tip the

see-saw in their favour once again, storming back with two final goals to tie the game four minutes before it would be called on account of curfew.

Smythe, whose rampage gave him 26 goals on the season, was eager to talk about the penalty shot at game's end. "It was a do or die situation", enthused the speedy forward. "It was a chance to tie it up and give us a big lift going into the third period."

Smythe is fully aware of the fact that his wrist shot is a lethal

weapon. "I'm pretty good at flicking the puck up high", he said in an obvious understatement. "The Bowmanville goalie was pretty tall. He went down, and I put it up high."

Coach Steel was pleased with his team's effort. "The guys played real well", he said. "And they were up against an excellent team. We should have had them, though."

Kent Smythe had two assists for Stouffville. Craig Stronach and Darren Baston had one each.

Parents note

Think soccer

Dear Parent:

Before enrolling your child in any recreational activity this year, I wonder if you've considered why soccer is the most popular sport in the world?

There are, of course, many reasons.

First, soccer is economical. All that's really required is a ball (any size), and space (any space).

Special facilities are only needed for league play. The fun part is that youngsters can play soccer anywhere, as long as they have a ball. They can play with two players or with as many players as there are available.

You don't have to be tall or muscular. Skills can be learned by all. Physical development is second to none — heart, lungs, vascular system and muscles.

In soccer, physical contact is strictly forbidden. Only shoulder-to-shoulder contact is condoned.

It's a team sport where the total accent is on character-building in a team environment, so necessary in later life.

Is it any wonder that soccer was played by at least 250,000 boys and girls in Canada in 1987?

Is your youngster playing soccer in 1988?

Sincerely,
Casey van Maris,
Gormley

Stouffville A.H.L.

Kimura fires hat-trick

Don Kimura came to play Sunday when Betz Pools 'Nordiques' took on Canadian Tire 'Black Hawks' in Stouffville A.H.L. competition.

The Betz forward fired a three-goal hat-trick, leading his team to a 7-6 victory. Doug Gornall added a pair with singles by Rich Hughes and Gord Ness.

Phil Pirie blinked the light on two occasions for the Hawks. Other tallies were counted by Bob McKinnon, Gary Yoshida, Dave Wickstead and Terry Weatherill.

Other results follow: Smurthwaite Heating 3; Century 21 3.

Goal-scorers for Smur-

thwaite's were — Wayne McMann, (2); Bill Anderson, (1). Lamp-lighters for Century 21 were — Andy Perley, (2); Bill Ormson, (1).

Farquharson Realty 8; Greens Restaurant 2

Goal-scorers for Farquharson were — Don Norton, (3); one each by Wally Crowder, Bill Grove, Lionel Henry, Sam Castorina, Dan Farquharson. Scorers for Greens were — Bob Leger, (1); Wayne Jackson, (1).

G&R Flooring 6; Towne Restaurant 5

Bob Slack and Brent Stachel led the G&R Flooring offensive with two goals apiece. Singles came from the sticks of Dave Farlow and Bill Thornhill. Five players figured in the scoring for the Towne team — Randy Lee, Jim Hargrave, John Barnett, Brian Harper and Gary Potter.

Village Landscaping; 2; Stouffville Travel 1

Al Parker and Larry Penny each scored single goals for Village Landscaping. Bob Nichols was the Travel team's lone marksman.

An honor

Recently Marlane McKee-Weatherill, chairperson of Celebration '88, received the following letter, a copy of which reads as follows:

Dear Marlane:

Dec. 23, 1987, will long remain in my memory.

The Olympic torch, the ceremony and above all, for me, receiving the engraved Olympic Medalion for volunteer work.

Never since my wife volunteered my services back in 1975 did it occur to me that I would be the recipient of such an award.

Many volunteers have given of their time in all sports in Whitechurch-Stouffville. I humbly accept this award on their behalf as well as mine.

My thanks to you and your committee for this unforgettable event.

Casey van Maris

Goalies shine

Stellar goaltending by Sabrina Denomme of Bunny's Flowers and Sheri Beardon of George Ross Photo produced a 2-2 tie in Mite Girls House League hockey action Jan. 10.

It was the second straight weeks the two teams had battled to a 2-2 draw.

Julie Comedo fired two goals

for Bunny's squad. Cynthia McCall drew an assist on the first tally. The second was unassisted.

Patricia Davies and Laura Winterstein were the lamp-lighters for the camera corps. Shauna Clark set up the first marker. Laura's goal was unassisted. It came with less than five minutes to go in the game.

Softball sign-up time

It may be difficult to think softball with temperatures below freezing and the ground covered with snow.

Nevertheless, the Whitechurch-Stouffville Minor Softball Association already has the season of '88 on its mind. So much so, reg-

istration dates have been finalized.

Locations and dates follow: Stouffville Rec. Centre and the Vandorf Community Centre.

Wed., Jan. 20 from 7 to 9 p.m.;

Sat., Jan. 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.;

Sat., Jan. 30 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Ballantrae Community Centre.

Wed., Jan. 20 from 7 to 9 p.m.;

Sat., Jan. 23 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon;

Sat., Feb. 6 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

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At Dagmar Ski Resort, North Street, Stouffville, enjoying a favorite sport, Jenny, 6, and Brian, 11, will be joined by their friends, Nancy, 5, and Gary, 4, on Jan. 15. The group will be joined by their friends, Nancy, 5, and Gary, 4, on Jan. 15. The group will be joined by their friends, Nancy, 5, and Gary, 4, on Jan. 15.