

Paris player gains Atoms' respect

By BLAINE KANEKO

A one man team from Paris came to town Friday night and gave an incredible display of agility and scoring prowess to earn the respect of Stouffville's Fame International Atom 'Clippers'.

Tyler Pelton had a hand in all Paris goals, scoring five and assisting on the other to give the two atom teams a 6-6 overtime draw in the first game of their best-of-five semi-final series.

"We definitely have to give him more respect," said coach Mike Jones after the game. "Our centre has to cover him."

"I think we didn't move to the puck fast enough," added defenceman Jason Reesor. "I didn't think they be quite as good as they are."

"Someone is going to be on him next game. We have to try a shut that guy down."

Throughout the 61 games the Paris squad has played this season, the nimble centreman has filled the net with 93 goals and Friday's contest showed the fans Tyler's touch around the goal.

Just a minute after the opening face-off the talented 11-year-old notched his first marker when the homeside's defence was caught pinching in the offensive zone. Tyler forced goalie Greg Sanford out of position then tucked the puck under his sprawled frame.

Despite the early setback the Clippers maintained an aggressive attack that finally paid off with about four minutes left in the frame.

With a two-man advantage resulting from Paris penalties, Jason Reesor fired a shot from the point hitting the endboard and bouncing to Ryan Jefferson who banged in the puck to tie the game.

The rest of regulation time was a series of highs and lows. Stouffville would take the lead on goals by Jason Davis, John McKinnon, Jason Reesor and Ryan Burkholder, but Tyler would be equal to the task.

When Geoff Smith counted with four minutes remaining in the 10 minute overtime period, the Clippers appeared destined to overcome the Paris terror.

But only five seconds from vic-

tory and Paris pressuring, Tyler passed to Jonathon Bonney who tapped one past Greg Sanford tying the game 6-6.

"Our other centreman was

away so he (Tyler) had to double shift," said Paris coach Doug Pelton. "These guys (Stouffville) are tough. We played twice in tournaments this year and lost both."

Despite the two wins, coach

Mike Jones wasn't overconfident.

"They've improved quite a bit since we last played them," he admitted. "We just have to play better defensively. When you score six goals, you should win."



Stouffville Atom Jason Reesor, (white uniform) attempts to control a bouncing puck as Paris scoring sensation Tyler Pelton watches with anticipation. Defenceman Reesor had a good night scoring a goal and assisting on two, but it was overshadowed by the Paris centreman's performance burying five and assisting on the tying goal in the overtime period.

Clippers sink Paris

On Sunday, Paris belonged to Stouffville.

And so did Paris sniper Tyler Pelton.

The Fame International Atom 'Clippers' travelled to Paris in hopes of winning the second game of their best-of-five All-Ontario semi-final series and keeping the opposition's top gunner from filling the net as he had done Friday night.

The Clippers were successful on both counts, winning 2-1 and limiting Tyler to one goal.

Stouffville's revised strategy was to control the high-scoring centreman by leaving a defenceman back lessening the opportunities for a two-on-one break.

The strategy combined with a rash of Paris penalties added up to victory for Stouffville.

Stouffville opened the scoring in the final minute of the opening period when Geoff Smith carried the puck into the Paris zone and lifted a shot into the corner of the goal.

Midway through the second frame Geoff potted his second goal giving the visiting Clippers a two goal lead.

With three minutes remaining in the period and Paris on a two-man advantage powerplay, Tyler Pelton failed to cut the lead to one goal.

But one minute later Roger McMann restored the two goal margin to give Stouffville the confidence boost they needed to control the rest of the game.

Geoff Smith completed his hat trick in the final stanza when he powered a shot from the top of the circle. The goalie had a piece of it but it trickled in.

The team travels to Paris Friday night and then back to Stouffville Saturday for game four. A fifth game will be played in Paris Sunday if necessary.

Ball team needs women for tourney

The Provincial Women's Softball Association is looking for women over 35-years-old to take part in August's Ladies Masters Softball Tournament.

Players could register with the PWSA and still play in their own local league during the regular season.

A few practices and exhibition games will be held to put the team together before the one or two day tournament.

If you are interested call Elaine Haylow at 640-3208 or Cliff Dunkeld at 640-1204.

Kings and Nordiques tops in SAHL final standings

Don Norton's hat trick wasn't enough to beat first place Towne Restaurant in the last game of the Stouffville Amateur Hockey League's regular season.

The Kings went on to a 4-3 win during the Sunday contest at the Recreation Centre on a pair of goals from Bruce Harper and singles to John Barnett and Dan Harman.

Betz Pools, 7; Canadian Tire, 4. Nine different goal-getters highlighted this contest as the Nordiques flexed their muscle and spread around the scoring. Neil Newton was the only Betz man to score a pair while Ron Evans, Rich Hughes, John White, Gord Ness and Barry Gyton potted singles. Phil Pirie doubled for the Blackhawks while Terry Weatherill and Gary Yoshida potted one apiece.

Village Landscaping, 3; Greens Restaurant, 1.

With only one point separating the two teams in the standings, the Caps were firing on all cylinders to snatch second place from

the North Stars on goals by Larry Penny, Rick Glen and Wayne Forsyth. The lone sniper for Greens was Greg Gribbon.

Stouffville Travel, 3; G&R Flooring, 2.

On markers by Ron Ramer, Doug Joyce and Bob Nichols, the Flyers narrowly defeated the Jets 3-2. Making it close for the Jets were Wayne Smith and Brent Stachel.

In the over 30 Division, Towne Restaurant came out on top of the regular season with 33 points followed by Village Landscaping with 28 points, Greens Restaurant with 27 points, Stouffville Travel also with 27 but finishing fourth on a tie breaking procedure that takes into account how well the

two teams tied for position fared in head-to-head competition. Farquharson Realty and G&R Flooring round out the standings.

In the over 40 Division Betz Pools and Canadian Tire each finished with 29 points but because of the tie breaking procedure, Betz Pool came out on top. Century 21-Meharg were third and Smurthwaite Heating fourth.

Playoff games start Sunday March 27 with the following games and times:

7 a.m. — Betz Pools versus Smurthwaite Heating.

8:07 a.m. — Canadian Tire versus Century 21-Meharg.

9:15 a.m. — Town Restaurant versus G&R Flooring.

10:22 a.m. — Village Landscaping versus Farquharson Realty.

11:30 a.m. — Greens Restaurant versus Stouffville Travel.

The registration for next season starts Sunday morning at the Recreation Centre. Those interested in playing the 1988/89 schedule should attend. New players are welcome.

Slow start ends 'D' Girls' season losing weekend playoff to Leaside

By BLAINE KANEKO
One step behind and one goal behind told the tale of the Stouffville 'D' girls as they were eliminated from league play 2-1 by a determined team from Leaside.

Sunday's loss combined with the wrong end of a 2-1 score Saturday ousted the homeside from the best-two-of-three semi-final round in the non-contact 'C' and 'D' category of the Ontario Womens Hockey Association.

Although the Stouffville squad is classified as a 'D' division team the league format amalgamates both 'C' and 'D' units.

Stouffville coach Ted Lowery isn't using that as an excuse for the team's loss. "I don't mind moving up a category," he said after the game. "We can play with these teams but we have trouble putting the puck in the net."

"We pretty much played our game. We had our chances especially in the last two minutes of the game. But we are always a slow starting team and it usually takes us the first period to get going. Losing by a goal is always a heartbreaker."

Assistant coach Alex Whiteside agreed.

"I'm very disappointed," he admitted. "I think it did us good to play against 'C' teams because we seem to play better."

"But tonight we were giving the puck away. We could have played better."

Stouffville fought back with

The Stouffville girls characteristic slow start resulted in an early first period goal by Leaside's Heather Ross. The forward intercepted a clearing pass and whistled a low wristshot to the short-side past goalie Heather Morrison.

Stouffville fought back with

aggressive forechecking which paved the way for two outstanding rushes by Laurie Taylor but she was unable to find the mark.

Midway through the middle frame Leaside scored what would eventually be the winning goal stuffing it into the net from a scramble in front of the net.

Although outstuffed the majority of the game Stouffville gathered their spirits for the final stanza.

When Allison Lowery's shot hit paydirt halfway through the third it not only registered on the scoreboard, but in the team's enthusiasm.

Despite offensive pressure in the last two minutes of the game, time was a factor and it ran out on the clock and the Stouffville girls' league play. Before the semi-final series the two teams had played five times with Leaside holding a 4-1 edge in games. Each game was decided by a single goal. It was a trend that carried all the way to the playoffs.

Leaside finished first in the combined eight team division while Stouffville placed an impressive third.

Picture perfect

The George Ross Photo girls clicked for a 4-1 win over Bunnies Flowers Sunday at the Recreation Centre in the fast-paced 'Mite' division contest.

After a scoreless first stanza Laura Winterstein and Sheri Beardson struck for a goal apiece with Patricia Davies assisting on both goals taking the George Ross girls to a 2-0 lead.

With the middle period winding down, Bunnies' gunner Nicole Bardell popped one in from Julie Comolito, narrowing the gap to a single goal.

But that was as close as Bunnies could get to Sylvia Brennan, but it was in the final frame that the girls

the lucky number, especially for Jodi Denney, who counted a hat trick to lead the Kinsmen over McNell.

Jenny Kidd's marker late in the first period was shortlived as the Kinsmen roared back with the first of Jodi Denney's three goals late in the frame.

The momentum carried over to the middle period as Jodi Denney completed her hat trick and Tania Gornal added a single helping the Kinsmen coast to the win.

Kinsmen's Bonnie Tall had a hat trick of sorts, assisting on all three second period goals.

Sunday March 27 marks the final night of a regular season play. The playoff series will be followed by a banquet and award night, Friday at the Recreation Centre.

By JUDITH GIBSON
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.



Atom coaches Mike Jones, (foreground) and Don Reesor watch in disbelief during Friday night's contest as the team from Paris ties the game late in the third period to put the All-Ontario semi-final match into overtime. The game ended in a 6-6 draw.