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Hespeler rough-house results in Clipper loss

By BLAINE KANEKO
 The visitors from Hespeler played the Stouffville squad for April fools, Friday at the Recreation Centre and Clipper coach Don Reesor was not impressed. In fact, the Fame International Atom's coach was upset with the physical tactics employed by the green and gold from Hespeler. Stouffville wound up with a 6-3 loss and a 1-1 tie in the first two games of the best of five Ontario 'BB' final series.

Reesor did not necessarily hold the visiting players responsible, but criticized Hespeler coach Brian Maltby for what he thought was encouraging bodychecking in the non-contact league.

"Some of the cheap shots are coming from the bench," said coach Reesor. "That's not hockey. My kids aren't going to play that way. We each have a responsibility as a coach."

"It was rough, but we don't mind," admitted 4'8", 72lb. forward John McKinnon. "They couldn't beat us any other way."

According to coach Reesor, Hespeler's strategy was a direct result of the drubbing they received the night before.

In that contest Stouffville embarrassed the homeside 9-3 and went back to town leading 1-0

in games and confident of their chance to make it 2-0 in the Good Friday/April Fool's Day match-up.

What the Clippers were not prepared for was the chippy outcome. Unfortunately the penalty filled contest took precedence over the high-flying action.

And overshadowed in all the hoopla was the individual performance of Geoff Smith.

With Hespeler on top 1-0 after marksman Mike Maley's goal early in the opening frame, Geoff controlled a pass from Ryan Jefferson walked through the middle past three defenders and deposited the puck past goalie Brian Warner.

Five minutes later Geoff bulled up the middle again, falling and on his stomach managing to slide the black rubber under a sprawled netminder.

Geoff might as well have stuck a bulls-eye on his back because midway in the second he turned from marksman to marked man and for his efforts received a shoulder under the chin knocking him to the ice, dazed. No penalty was assessed.

If the temperature on the bench didn't increase from a seething Don Reesor and assistant Mike

Jones at that point, players probably got heat rash when stalwart rearguard Jason Reesor was felled by a highstick.

After attending to the injured player, coach Reesor and Hespeler head man Brian Maltby exchanged 'pleasantries'. It didn't seem to diminish already high tensions as both teams continued to take needless penalties. Hespeler lead the way to the sin bin with seven to Stouffville's five.

Despite the number of infractions, coach Reesor said more should have been called to control the abrasive flow of the game.

Ryan Burkholder snapped a wristshot to the sticks giving the Clippers a 3-2 lead nearing the end of the middle stanza.

Two Stouffville penalties put them back in the hole and the visitors evened the score. Such was the crowd's displeasure a baby bottle was tossed onto the ice.

The punishment took its toll in the final period despite the acrobatic saves of goalie Greg Sanford as Hespeler rifled three goals, two in the last 33 seconds to wrestle the game from Stouffville 6-3.

Next game is at the Recreation Centre, Friday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m.



Stouffville goalie Greg Sanford stops a Hespeler scoring opportunity early in the third period to keep his team on track. Despite Greg's outstanding play, the visitors scored three goals in the final frame to grapple away the second game of the best-of-five series 6-3. After the contest, the young goaltender said he didn't mind the opposition standing in his crease and was confident Stouffville would comeback to win.



'Clipper' defenceman Geoff Smith is tripped but manages to slide the puck under Hespeler netminder Brian Warner. It was the second goal of the game for the offensive minded Atom and it gave his team a first period 2-1 lead.

Novices take second

By BLAINE KANEKO
 Some days are just too long. And for the Neil Patrick Novice 'Clippers', Wednesday, March 30, will be remembered as the day that was five minutes too long.

In less than five turns of the clock, the homeside's season took an untimely turn. The rivals from Bowmanville sank four consecutive goals in the span to win 5-2 and the Zone 4 Novice Championship.

Until those goals were scored, the Clippers appeared to be orchestrating an upset over the highly touted Bowmanville squad. Goals by Scott Assinck and Grahame Smith, assists going to Kyle Norton with two, Matt Turner and Danny Armour put the local boys ahead 2-1 late in the final frame.

But 58 regular season and playoff appearances takes its toll on even young legs.

"We played really well but we ran out of gas," said coach Wally Crowder. "We had some shots and we were checking well, but Bowmanville plays position and the boys tired themselves out."

"After they scored the tying goal I knew we would cave in. I told Turner (Dave Turner, defensive coach) we had run out of gas."

"We had a good year. It was a different team now then when we started the season. They have improved a lot," he concluded.

Team manager Gary Hutchison agreed.

"The kids played super," Mr. Hutchison said. "We just ran out of steam. This is a good forechecking club and it has been a good season. We won our share of trophies in tournaments (Bowmanville, Port Hope and Lindsay)."

But for some of the young shiny stars in the dressing room after the game, those triumphs were years in the past.

Bowmanville was the team they wanted to beat and despite the plaque they were presented as finalists they were a feeling of unfulfillment.

"I don't think I played so great," admitted team captain Adam Crowder. "It wasn't one of my better games. If everybody played their best we would have won."

"We had the game in our hands," added defenceman Danny Armour.

But scoring star Kyle Norton may have summed up the game best when he remarked, "Bowmanville was the best team we ever played. They are the best in the league. But if it was a 10-minute period (instead of the play-off's 15) we would have won."

Mean Greens ground Jets

After being shutout last week during the opening game of the Stouffville Amateur Hockey League round robin playoffs, Greens Restaurant gathered their composure and grounded the G&R Flooring Jets 6-2.

The North Stars were paced to the victory by Art Nicholson and Wayne Jackson each notching a pair of goals. Popping singles were Bernie McGinty and Randy Gray. Dave Farlow and Brent Stachel were the sharpshooters for the Jets.

Smurthwaite Heating, 6; Canadian Tire, 4

The Black Hawks continue to have their troubles despite their potent offence losing to the Bruins 6-4 in their Sunday contest at the Recreation Centre. Scoring for

the bears were Ken May with a pair, Steve Ellis, Wayne McMann, Ron Vautier and Bill Anderson counting singles. Bob McKinnon fired a pair for the Blackhaws with Dave Wicksted and over 40 regular season top point getter Terry Weatherill adding ones.

Century 21-Meharg, 6; Betz Pools, 3

The Whalers keep rolling along doubling a troubled Betz Pool's squad 6-3 in their playoff game. For the second week in a row the Whalers have unveiled a powerful offensive attack scoring 12 in the past two games. Unloading for the Whalers was Ron Arends with a pair, Ron Brooks, Lionel Villeneuve, Ted Spice and Roy Ireland scoring one apiece. Neil Newton, Chester Cengarle and

Gord Ness were the Nordique gunners.

Village Landscaping, 2; Stouffville Travel, 1

In a defensive struggle, the Caps edged the Flyers 2-1 in the close checking meeting. Henry Stevens and Al Parker were the two Caps to light the lamp while Pete Turner was the lone Flyers' sniper.

Farquarson Realty, 3; Towne Restaurant, 0

The Penguins surprised the Kings with their strong effort and downed the Towne Restaurant club 3-0. It was sweet revenge for the Penguins after being shutout last Sunday by Village Landscaping. Marking the score sheet for the Pens were Martin Dupuis, Murray Thompson and Don Norton.



Disappointment may show in their faces, but the Novice 'Clippers' accomplished a tremendous amount this season. They were awarded the finalist's trophy for their fine play. (Top left to right, coaches) Gary Hutchison, Wally Crowder and Dave Turner. (Middle left to right) Ryan King, Danny Armour, Clint Glover, Matt Turner and Scott Assinck. (Front left to right) Michael Wood, Grahame Smith, Kyle Norton, Adam Crowder, Andrew Hutchison, Evan Boyd and Tim Smart.

Future optimistic for local girls hockey



Stouffville's Fran Rider, president of the Ontario Women's Hockey Association, sits on the bench during a game at the Recreation Centre.

By BLAINE KANEKO
 With six Ontario Women's Hockey Association titles hanging from the ceiling of the Whitechurch-Stouffville Recreation Centre and the hope of expanding the Junior and Mite division from four to six teams in the fall of 1988, the future appears boundless for women's hockey.

But what's on the surface doesn't always represent what churns below.

In the case of women's hockey, a sport that has paid its dues but not always received the goods, the outlook is just the opposite.

On the eve of the playoff (including two Stouffville rep teams) OWHIA president Fran Rider is more than a little bit upset by the events preceding the annual event.

It stems from the Justice Blaney case which she refers to as "unjust" for women's hockey.

"Right now we are threatened. It is a champion's program. It is run by external forces trying to interfere with women's hockey. We now have to compete with men's hockey for players. Even in the case of Justice Blaney, she is the president of the Ontario Women's Hockey Association."

als, who are dictating what is good for women's hockey. They are not conferring with the experts, people like Stouffville's Cliff Dunkeld and Ted Lowery, who have been involved with the league for 14 and nine years respectively.

Rider said in the case of Justice Blaney, who was given the right to play for the Scarborough East Enders this season after a Human Rights Commission decision, participated at the boys' minor bantam level because she could not compete at the higher calibre of hockey at the senior level of the women's league.

And although Rider doesn't hold the 13-year-old Blaney responsible for the turmoil the league could face, she did say sometimes people must consider the individual's rights with what is good for the team and the sport in general.

What particularly raises the ire of Rider is the legislators undermining the efforts of Dunkeld, Lowery and George Taylor.

"Due to their dedication and effective administration, Stouffville has become a hotbed for women's hockey. It is the strongest centre in the world for women's hockey. We don't see a team that is ready to challenge us in the province."

Cliff Dunkeld, vice president

Stouffville as a role model for other women's squads in the area. The town has proved with its dominant record in the 80s that a strong executive and the proper development of players can produce a highly skilled club.

"We used to have the odd player, that was good, but now there are a lot of quality players," offered Dunkeld. "The coaches are superb. Great enthusiasm and great cooperation from the minor hockey volunteers."

"You have to watch the opposition's organization. No matter how old you are as a coach, you can always learn from other coaches. With six championships we have to be doing something right. They have worked too hard to see it fall," he concluded.

Helping to make matters right is the Senior Division contact coach, Ted Lowery.

"Basically, the sponsors of the Whitechurch-Stouffville hockey association help pay for the ice and help with the replacement of equipment," Ted Lowery said.

The uniform is kept for three or four years, partially to save a little money, but also to save the environment.

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practice time and sweaters but the women still managed to hold more than 60 games in league play and tournaments this season.

"What I'd like to see is the availability of girls' hockey," offered Ted Lowery. "It would be nice to see more girls try it. If they try it, they might like it. They'll learn it is not just a boys' game. They can have a heck of a good time. Learn fellowship and play a good winner sport."

But girls may never get the chance to play if current trends result in more girls deciding to play in boys' leagues. And although the quality and skill of hockey has improved greatly over the past few years, with the possibility of one day a woman playing in the National Hockey League, Fran Rider said she "don't want to compete with the NHL image."

"It may be one of the reasons bodychecking has been eliminated from the world championship as well as the Canadian championship. In the years to come, it probably will be completely eliminated from women's hockey," Dunkeld said.

"I don't see a team that is ready to challenge us in the province."