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Six wins for Uxbridge

Bruins roar back to extend winning streak

By BRUCE STAPLEY

The Uxbridge Bruins' playoff train continues to roll along as the Junior C club took two more games last week to run their unbeaten streak to six games.

The Bruins bested Lindsay 9-4 on the road Monday, then came home to top Trenton 9-5 Friday night! They now trail Cobourg by a mere two points in the race for the Central Ontario League's final playoff position.

The Uxbridge defence accounted for six of Monday's nine goals, with Gord Roblin and fellow rearguard Gregg Pierce leading the way with three and two goals respectively.

John Sleeves, another defenceman, added a single, as did Dwayne Parrott, Greg Cook

and John Long. Goaltender Barry Wade made some key saves early while the game was still close to set the stage for the Bruins' victory.

Friday it was John Long leading the Bruins' attack with a hat trick. Trevor Clark scored twice. Pierce and Parrott added solos, as did Stouffville's Chris Winn and Jason Underwood. Winn contributed three assists as well.

The Bruins found themselves behind 2-0 in the early going, but treated a capacity crowd to their best period of the season in the second, scoring six unanswered goals to take a 7-2 lead.

Each team scored twice in the final stanza.

The Bruins have four games remaining, compared to Cobourg's two.

The mood of optimism displayed by the Bruins was summed up by Winn after Friday's win. "The spirit is real good. We haven't lost since Jan. 27."

General manager Chuck Phillips has also sensed the new atmosphere. "The guys are starting to realize they can make the playoffs. They are playing with more confidence."

The Bruins are at home to Little Britain Friday night at 8:30 at the Uxbridge Arena in what promises to be a lively affair. The last time the two teams squared off, the Bruins were edged by one goal in a fiercely-contested tussle.



Julie, left, and Chrissy Henderson walked away with a handful of medals from a recent swim meet in St. Catharines. The Uxbridge Swim Club members tore up the pool at the meet, and both won high point trophies for the effort.

Julie, Chrissy Henderson shine at St. Kits meet

Julie and Chrissy Henderson turned in outstanding performances in the recent Trojan Invitational Swim Meet at St. Catharines.

Julie captured six gold medals. Chrissy took five gold and one silver.

Julie headed her class in the 50-meter free-style, 200-meter backstroke, 100-meter butterfly, 100-meter free-style, 100-meter backstroke and the 200-meter individual medley.

Her silver medal came in the 200-meter backstroke.

Other medal winners follow:

Matthew Slater — 200-meter breast-stroke (gold); 100-meter breast-stroke (silver); 200-meter individual medley (bronze).

Laura Marks — 200-meter free-style (gold); 400-meter free-style (silver); 50-meter free-style (bronze).

Neil Mark — 400-meter free-style (gold).

Mark Ferraro — 50-meter free-style (silver).

Erin Hannah — 200-meter backstroke (gold); 100-meter backstroke (gold).

Annie Wolfe — 100-meter breast-stroke (gold); 200-meter breast-stroke (gold).

Brenda Leask — 100-meter breast-stroke (silver); 200-meter breast-stroke (silver).

Maggie Evans — 100-meter breast-stroke (bronze); 200-meter breast-stroke (silver).

Ribbon-winners were: Jennifer Harding, Sandy Mark, Melanie Bryon, Tyler Hannah, Kelly Bryon and Tara Hannah.

Some of the events included as many as 53 contestants with participants coming from all across Ontario.

Uxbridge swimmers off to championships

The Uxbridge Swim Club is sending 29 young people to the Provincial Triple "A" Championships at St. Catharines Feb. 17, 18 and 19.

Members qualifying for this high-profile event are:

Uxbridge places second

The Uxbridge Swim Club scored a well-deserved second place finish in the 6th annual Trojan Invitational Swim Meet at Barrie Feb. 3, 4 and 5. Close to 400 entries representing 13 clubs participated.

Uxbridge sent 27 swimmers into the competition. All had earlier achieved high qualifying times.

Excellent coaching, along with discipline and practice was evident in the accomplishments by Uxbridge swimmers.

10 Years and Under — Kelly Bryon, Julia Evans, Tara Hannah, Chrissy Henderson, Melissa Thomas, Matthew Slater.

11 and 12 Years — Melanie Bryon, Maggie Evans, Cindy Leask, Krista Wasylewsky, Drew Ferraro, Tyler Hannah, Sandy Mark, Doug Middleton, Jason Middleton, Jeff Postma.

13 and 14 Years — Wendy Burrow, Erin Hannah, Trevor Ainger, Clinton Ralph, Michael Wasylewsky.

15 and Over — Jennifer Harding, Julie Henderson, Brenda Leask, Laura Mark, Annie Wolfe, Mark Ferraro, Ryan Henderson and Neil Mark.

Bowmanville slips by Novices 2-1

Despite the Herculean efforts of goalie Jason Brown, the Stouffville Novice Clippers were edged 2-1 by Bowmanville Friday night at the Recreation Centre.

"That was probably Jason's best game of the season," enthused Clippers coach Dave Turner afterwards.

The loss, on the heels of Monday's 5-5 tie on the road, left the best-of-five series tied at one win, one loss and a tie.

The difference Friday was a lapse that saw the Clippers surrender two goals in 56 seconds in the second period.

Kevin Hackert connected from Robbie Spitz with just over two minutes left in the game, but the Neil Patrick squad couldn't mount a serious threat in the game's final moments.

Turner and Spitz each had one. Turner is still confident his team will prevail in the series. "If we play our game, we can beat them. It will be hard to duplicate last Friday's game (an 8-4 Clippers win), but they are capable of doing it."

The two teams square off again at the Rec Centre Friday night at 6 p.m.



The Stouffville Novice Clippers may have lost to Bowmanville on Friday, 2-1, but excellent efforts in the best game of the season in goal for the Novices were supplied by Kevin Hackert who scored the lone goal despite the loss.

Bruins are making hockey interesting

Sport notes

Bruce Stapley

Bruins are making hockey interesting

The seemingly unending frustration has suddenly given way to the confidence and buoyancy that accompanies a six-game unbeaten streak for the Uxbridge Bruins. The Bruins, who are on the verge of writing the classic Cinderella story as the season wears down, have whittled away at what was a 10-point deficit just two weeks ago in their chase for the Central Ontario Junior C Hockey League's final playoff position. They now sit two points away from the coveted eighth spot. And while they got to like their chance of making the playoffs, the four games left to play compared to two for Cobourg, the team they must displace. The Bruins are home and home against the little Britain this weekend and the Uxbridge club will be out to settle a score after a tough loss to the Scugog crew in their last game in January.

According to Phillips, his only problem is one that a lot of his counterparts would like to have. His defencemen have discovered the joy of scoring as of late. Reguard Gord Roblin counted a hat trick last Monday to grab a few victories out of the four contests he should be enough to pull ahead of the faltering Cobourg outfit.

The Bruins have averaged one point per game over their last five outings, albeit it breaks down to a 2-0 record, which can be disastrous for most part. However, their goading duo of Barry Wade and Wayne Patrino has helped erase the nightmares of those lone goal losses that are as serious as it might be to drag them for the better part of the season. At one point, they are scoring a few goals of stick and puck in their own net. The Stouffville Atom Clippers became the third town team to bow out of the playoffs early, losing a 3-1 squeaker to Port Perry Wednesday.

Stouffville had grabbed a 1-0 first-period lead on a goal by Roger McMann from Chad Dickinson. Port Perry tied it three minutes into the third, then took the lead on a power play goal at the six-minute mark. They added another a minute later to take a two-goal lead.

The Atom Clippers will try to stay in tune for the upcoming March break tournament in Collingwood by hosting Uxbridge in an exhibition game at the Recreation Centre tonight (Wednesday) at 7 p.m.

The Atoms would like to thank their supporters for attending their fund-raising dance on the weekend. They also express appreciation to supporting businesses for their contributions towards the event.