

Return to bad habits ends streak for Junior C Bruins

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The Uxbridge Bruins rediscovered some bad habits last week in Port Perry, and it cost them their winning streak.

The Junior C Bruins couldn't stay out of the penalty box in the early going of their game against the Mojacks, and ended up losing 3-2, despite coming back from a 2-0 first period deficit.

The loss put an end to a five game winning streak for the Uxbridge crew.

Port Perry scored on a goal of questionable quality just 15 seconds into the game. They added another on one of their many power play opportunities later on in the opening stanza.

The Bruins mounted a comeback in the second period, as they started sticking to hockey.

Trev Low worked the puck into the Mojacks end of the rink, then got it back to Greg Cook at the point, who drilled one into the net.

Jason Underwood squared things on a dandy set up from Brian Meek.

And while the Bruins carried the play in the third, it was the Mojacks who managed to break through for the game winner, catching the Bruins with only two forwards back to deal with a three man rush.

The Bruins pressed for the final four minutes, but couldn't convert their chances.

Uxbridge coach Hal Murphy was disappointed with the defeat, claiming his team deserved a better fate.

"We outshot them 36-24, and we owned the puck in the third period, but they (Port Perry) end up scoring on one of the few times they were in our end of the rink."

Murphy also admitted the Bruins had put themselves in a hole by resorting to the chippy play that had cost them so dearly in the early going this season.

Midgets top Whitby

The Markham Major Midget Winterhawks blanked Whitby 3-0 in Ontario Minor Hockey Association action last week.

Kevin Green, Derek Candolini and Cory Ganon scored for Markham.

Assists were collected by Candolini, Mike Nucci, Chris Stover and Tony Lopresti.

The Winterhawks are sponsored by Markham-Unionville Motors.

In earlier action, the Markham boys were edged 4-3 by Kingston.

Clippers take pair of wins

The Stouffville District Credit Union Pee Wee Clippers express train rolled to another pair of victories last week before pulling in to a siding for the Christmas holidays.

The Clippers blasted Uxbridge 8-2 last Monday, then downed Cobourg 5-3 on Tuesday.

Stouffville ran up a 5-0 lead after two periods Monday, then stayed off an Uxbridge rally in the final stanza.

Jason Davis and John McKinnon each scored twice for the Clippers, with Ryan Burkholder, Geoff Smith, Jason Reesor and Chad Dickinson adding singles.

"Our guys were not being very smart. They knew the ref was calling everything, and they still went out there and took stupid penalties," he said.

"And you can only play two men short for so long. We had just killed a two man powerplay when Port Perry scored while we were one man short in the first period."

The Bruins were without defenceman Chris Taylor, who endured a rib injury early in the

game. Neither rear guard Damon Merkle nor right winger Kirk Smythe was able to make the game.

Cook, normally a forward, was put back on defence for the game, and played despite a broken nose.

Bruins' goaltender Mike Robertson continued his recent strong play. Bruins goalies have allowed three or less goals in all but one of their last seven games.

The Bruins record is now 11 wins, nine losses, and two ties.

Jackson hat trick leads North Stars

Wayne Jackson had a hat trick and Doug Todd scored twice Sunday as the Green's Restaurant North Stars beat the A & S Construction Flames 7-1 in Stouffville Amateur Hockey League play recently.

Rick Glen and Duane Drew also found the mark for the Stars, while Kim Kavluk had the lone Flames tally.

Bob McKinnon's three goal effort led the Gallo Real Estate Red Wings past the Betz Pools Nordiques 5-1.

Bill Corner and Ray Mountjoy rounded out the Wings scoring while Terry Weatherill clicked for the Nords.

Bill Harman and Ron Martyn fired two goals each, and Dale and Vick had one, as the Canadian Tire Blawck Hawks bested the Villeneuve Heating Devils 5-3.

Bill Hermanson, Dave Boyd, and Lou Campitelli had the Devils markers.



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