

Bruins edge Eagles in season opener

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It wasn't pretty. But Uxbridge Bruins coach Jim McDowall said he'd take the two points all the same after his team hung on to edge the Bowmanville Eagles 4-3 in their season opener at the Uxbridge Arena Friday night.

The defending Central Ontario League champion Bruins jumped into a 3-0 second period lead, then ran into penalty trouble, resulting in a pair of Bowmanville goals.

The Bruins made it 4-2 with six minutes left in the third stanza, but the Eagles removed their goalie and pulled back to within a goal with only 40 seconds remaining.

"Getting the win was the important thing," said McDowall, who conceded it was not the ideal way to win a game.

"Considering the fact we've got a bunch of young guys and that all our goals came from just one line, we did okay, I guess."

The Bruins big line of captain Greg Cook, Trev Low and Ryan Coburn accounted for 10 points. Cook had a goal and three assists, Coburn a goal and two assists, and Low set up a pair of scores.

Defenceman Darron Baston and rookie Dan McNeil, on a power play, accounted for other Uxbridge markers.

Brian Harnden was impressive in goal for the Bruins, especially in the first period when the Eagles held a 13-3 advantage in shots on goal.

McDowall was also pleased with the play of his rookie-laden defence corps, an area of concern for the Bruins management due to their being just one returnee, Baston, from last year's club.

"The defence played surprisingly well," said McDowall. "Especially when you consider that after Baston, who is 20 (years old), the oldest of the bunch is

only 16.

Veteran centre Jason Underwood was solid for the Bruins, as was rookie centre Richard Zaal, who won most of the faceoffs he took.

"Usually with a rookie, you don't put him out there to take the important faceoffs," said McDowall. "But we had Zaal taking faceoffs all night long."

The Bruins were without forwards Ted Dacey and Greg Ferraro, who are recovering from injuries.

Bruins Banter Kelly Chalykoff, who failed to make it at the junior B level this fall after having an excellent rookie season with the Bruins last season, is now with the Bowmanville squad.

Chalykoff lasted only three shifts Friday, leaving the game with a shoulder separation.

The Bruins were supposed to play Saturday night against the Little Britain Merchants in Little Britain. But a problem with the arena forced the contest to be rescheduled for next week.

The Bruins take on the Merchants at the Uxbridge Arena this Friday night. Game time is 8:30 p.m.

Side-kick

A Stouffville Spurs player gives the ball a sideways boot, evading an opposing player from Orillia during the Saturday matchup between the two teams. The Spurs tied the game with the league-leading Orillia team. Please see previous page for story.

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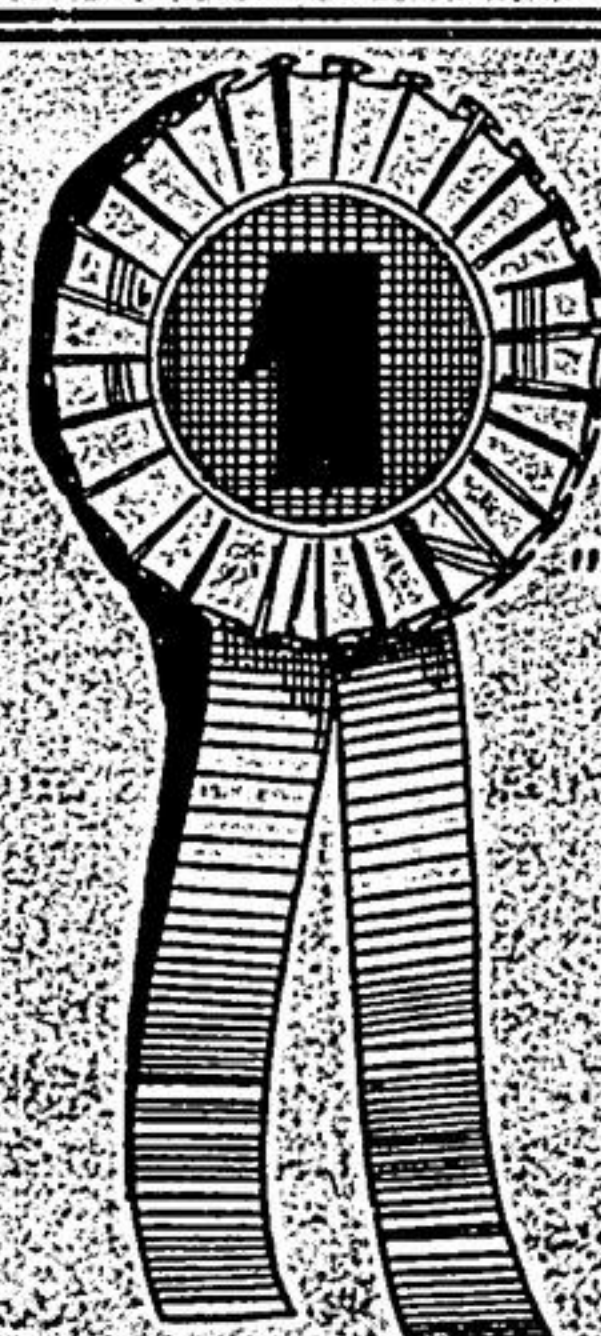
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