

Sports

Briefs

Uxbridge

Juveniles split playoff games

The Uxbridge Lions Delivery Juveniles traded victories with Port Perry in the first two games of the best-of-seven opening round playoff series between the two teams.

The Port crew claimed a 3-1 home ice win in the first contest last Wednesday, with the Lions outfit coming back to square things by way of a 3-0 whitewash job of the Scogog squad in the return encounter at the Uxbridge Arena Monday.

Adam Young notched the lone Uxbridge marker in the opener.

It was Young, Mike Benns and Greg O'Leary scoring for the Lions unit in game two. Brandon Enriquez was flawless in earning the shutout.

The teams were to face off in Port Perry Thursday, before returning to Uxbridge for game four this Monday night.

Game time is 9:15.

Stouffville

Fun softball registration

The Stouffville Tuesday Night Ladies Fun Softball League will hold its registration night for the upcoming season on Tuesday, Feb. 11 at the Stouffville Rec Centre.

Players are asked to sign up between 7:30 and 9 p.m.

For more info please call 642-0845 or 640-1529.

Stouffville skaters do good

Amanda Leger of the Stouffville Skating Club was first in her flight, and fourth overall in the pre-juvenile ladies class, at the Uxbridge Invitational skating competition held last weekend.

Leger led an impressive showing of Stouffville club members at the meet.

The club's Melanie Evans finished fourth in her pre-juvenile ladies division flight; Julie Selwyn finished fourth in her pre-novice ladies flight; Melissa Miller skated to a fifth in her pre-novice ladies flight; and Michael Pride was third in his flight in the pre-novice competitive men's class.



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Undefeatable

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Soccer Club's Gallo Real Estate Under-14 team went undefeated in the regular season and the playoffs last season in interlocking house league play against Uxbridge, Port Perry and Manvers. They were awarded their trophies in a ceremony at the Recreation Centre Jan. 10. The team consists of (front row, left to right) Nick Apolonatos, Jon Voss, David Robinson, Tim Lidster, Billy Defino, Matthew Kea, Terry

Libertus, Mike Lavell, (middle row) Ross Gallo (sponsor), Neil Joneja, Lydia Bourqui, Marla Patriquin, Charis Voss, Donald McClean, Damien Serjeant, Steve D'Annunzio, Sherrin Mallinson (manager), (back row) Domenic D'Annunzio, David D'Annunzio, Kinu Grove, Marc Hollin, Bryan Mallinson and Ravi Joneja. Missing are Donnie Wilkie, Shawn Heggum and Chris Vankoughnet.

Bantam Clippers sweep four games to advance

The Edwards-Murphy Painting Bantam Clippers made short work of their two opponents in round robin playoff action last week, sweeping all four games played.

Goalies Brad Hackert and Joseph Van Gelder closed the door on Ajax and Pickering, surrendering just six goals, while the Stouffville snipers were burning out the lamp with a total of 29 scores.

The Clippers started out with a 4-3 win over Pickering, before romping over Ajax 13-0.

They clinched first place in the three sided set with an 8-2 triumph over Pickering, then

put the icing on the cake with a 4-1 victory over Ajax.

Ryan Burkholder led the offence in the round robin with four goals and as many assists.

David Giancoulos was good for a quartet of markers, while setting up a pair.

Jason Reesor and David

Hutchison each had three goals and five set ups; Geoff Smith chipped totalled two goals and five assists; John McKinnon had two goals and two assists; Don Wilkie had two goals; Brian Coughlan and Ryan Jefferson had one goal and five assists; Roger McMann had a goal and three assists; Steve Wilcox and

Chris Leonard each counted a goal and a pair of assists; Ian Ellis had two assists; Graham Crowder and Jason Avis each had an assist.

The Bants are in the Richmond Hill tournament this weekend, before commencing their next playoff set in Kingston next week.

Midget Clippers split opening playoff games

The Bouwmeister Landscaping Midget Clippers settled for a split in the first two games of their playoff round robin last week.

The Bouwmeister bunch were

subdued 10-1 by Pickering in game one, but rebounded to record a 5-2 win over Ajax Sunday.

Shane Wilcox was the big gun for the Clippers in the Ajax tri-

umph, as he scored twice.

TJ Pillar, Jason Whitebread and Dan McNaught chipped in with solo markers.

Pillar had the lone Stouffville score in the loss to Pickering.

Bruins coach hopes for better things in playoffs

Like the kid digging his hand deeper and deeper into his package of cereal looking for the prize, Uxbridge Bruins coach Jim McDowall is still hoping his squad will produce a surprise at the end of what has been a dismal season.

But with the Central Ontario League playoffs about to begin, the Bruins are getting closer and closer to the bottom of the box, and their hand is still empty.

After showing some promise going into the new year, the defending champs have reverted to their now familiar ways. They made it three losses in a row going into last night's final game of the schedule against the Port Perry Mojacks, as they fell twice earlier in the week.

The Uxbridge squad was bounced 5-2 by the Cougars in Cobourg Monday, before being doubled up 10-5 by the Little Britain Merchants in the Scogog town Wednesday.

Despite the double dip, McDowall maintained his troops performed well enough to have earned at least a tie or a win in one of the games.

"It was a good game," McDowall said of the loss to the Cougars.

He sang the same tune after Wednesday's defeat at the hands of the Merchants, a game originally scheduled for Jan. 14 at the Uxbridge Arena, but scrubbed due to a blizzard.

"The score wasn't indicative of the game," the coach asserted. "We were down 5-3 in the mid-

dle of the second period, and it could have been tied, but all of a sudden it's 9-3 for them, and there goes the game."

The Bruins got goals from John Ashley and Jason Underwood Monday.

Wednesday, it was Underwood with another pair, with singles coming off the sticks of Ashley, Dave Martin and Ryan Connelly. For Connelly, it was his first ever Junior C goal.

McDowall suspects his players might just be saving a little something for post season play. "I think they (the players) think they can turn it on for the playoffs, I hope they are right. After all, on paper we've got a pretty good team."

McDowall feels his team will have an advantage in that they

will go into the playoffs as close to full strength as they have been all season.

He said that unlike last season, when he was constantly trying to decide who to include in the line-up on game day, this campaign has been an ongoing nightmare in terms of finding enough healthy, eligible bodies.

"We had to scramble to dress 20 players most games this season, because of injuries, suspensions, exams, etc. But now, with only Greg Ferraro out (ankle injury) we supposedly will have our strongest lineup of the year for the playoffs."

The Bruins don't find out until after the season ends this weekend who their opponent will be for the first round of the playoffs.