

Sports



Having a ball

IPA Displays third baseman Luise Wood reaches out in an effort to snare this ball hit by a Fullerton's hitter during last weekend's Ladies Fun Slo-pitch League tournament at the Town Park diamond.

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Clippers teams ice victories in preseason tilts

Stouffville's major peewee and major novice Clippers rep hockey teams jumped out of the gate with victories in their opening exhibition games recently.

The major peewees got a two-goal effort from Ryan Fontanna, along with a single score from David Brown, as they edged the Markham AA Waxers 3-2 in their inaugural preseason match Sept. 18 in Markham.

Lukas Williams managed a natural hat trick, then added a fourth score, to lead the Clippers to a 7-1 win when the two teams faced off at the Rec Centre four days later.

The Neil Patrick major novices got shutout goalkeeping from Shawn Gibson, while Michael Lombardo scored the game's only goal, in a 1-0 win over Markham at the Rec Centre on Sept. 22.

Lombardo clicked on a set up by Ryan Thom early in the second period. Gibson was solid in goal, deflecting many shots in the second and third periods to preserve the shutout.

The major peewees got assists from Brent Meyer, two, Brown and Casey Maude in their first win over the Waxers.

In the return match, Matthew

Sullivan, Blair Cain and Brown added single markers, while assists went to Ryan Jones, Cain and Maude, with three each.

Williams, Fontanna and Justin Heyworth each had single helpers. Graham Smith and Dan Joyce shared goaltending duties for both games.

The major novice roster includes newcomers David Salvagna, Luke Dawson, Lee Maxwell, Cameron Mackenzie, Len Spiteri and Brad Steckley.

Returnees include Gibson, Thom, Richard Little, Lombardo, Justin Lyons, Joshua Spang, Cale Tanaka and Jonathan Wonch. Coaches are Brent Gibson, Steven Spang and Chris Wonch.

The major novices play their home games on Fridays at 7 p.m. at the Rec Centre.

The major peewees, who play at the Rec Centre at 9:30 p.m., consist of Smith, Joyce, Ryan Zonnekeyn, Maude, Fontanna, Brown, Meyer, Peter Smit, Williams, Michael Pennanen, Heyworth, Sullivan, Cain, Geoff Dunn, Jones and Matthew Prentice.

The team is coached by Dan Fontanna and Tom Brown.

Classics bow out in two straight

The Stouffville Classics were held hostage by the Whitby Inn Mates at an oldtimers hockey tournament last weekend.

The Classics dropped two games to the Whitby crew, including a 2-1 overtime defeat in the 40 and over division championship game.

Don Reesor netted the lone Classics goal in the final.

The Stouffville team started off the tourney with a 5-2 win over the Scarboro Bluffers 5-2.

Dave Farlow clicked three times against Scarboro, with singles going to Mike Jones and Randy Lee.

Assists went to Bill Thornhill, Wayne Jackson, Pete Turner, Ron Martyn, Frank Loewen, Bill Hermanson, and Lee.

In game two, the Classics fell 5-3 to Whit-

by Reesor, Thornhill and Jones netted the Stouffville goals.

Assists were earned by Martyn (2), Jackson (2), and Reesor.

Good goalkeeping sparks Raiders

Goalkeepers Julia Summerhill and Shannon Ingall surrendered just one goal in two games as the Whitchurch-Stouffville Girls Hockey Association's newly formed Action Signs 'A' Raiders skated to victory in their first two preseason

outings.

The Stouffville girls used hustle and solid goalkeeping to earn a 2-1 win over a quick and talented Mississauga squad Sept. 23.

The next day, Summerhill and Ingall combined for a shutout as

the Raiders came up big in a 4-0 triumph over Durham.

Goals came from Gillian Apps (2), Katie Smith, Karlee Dudley, Theresa Ella and Jacqui VanKoughnet. Assists went to Emily Patriarche, Candice Miller, Apps, Laura Johnson, Dudley, and VanKoughnet.

Others who contributed to the team's success were Blair Wilkinson, Lisa Jacque, Meaghan O'Connor, Candice Moxley, Stephanie Hughes and Heather Allen.

The Raiders host a team from Brantford at the Rec Centre Sunday at 12:30 p.m.

Stars shine

The Richmond Hill minor atom AAA Stars hockey team got a big boost from their Stouffville quintet as they defeated Central Ontario 5-3 in a game played Monday.

Michael Root, Michael Pickering, Alex Bollo and James Guinane all scored for Richmond Hill. Kevin Hayward played a strong game on defence for the Hill crew.

Spirit edged by Lindsay

It wasn't a win. But the Stouffville Spirit's narrow 5-4 loss to the Lindsay Muskies in Thursday's road game was a moral victory for the first-year Ontario Hockey Association Provincial Junior A League team, which dropped its two prior games by lopsided scores.

The Spirit held a 2-1 lead in the match.

But they were victimized by a Muskies goal with less than five minutes in the game to break a 4-4 tie.

The game marked the debut of former Stouffville Clipper

Brad Hackert in the Spirit net. Spirit defenceman Graham Crowder, noted Hackert was solid in goal.

Crowder said while it was disappointing to lose by such a narrow margin, the game gave the team renewed confidence.

Right winger Mark Russell notched his first two goals of the year.

Chris Kyriakou with his second of the season, and defenceman Eddie Choe with his first, rounded out the Spirit scoring.

The Spirit host the Ajax Axemen tonight at the Rec Centre starting at 8:30 p.m.



Holding court

Stouffville District High's Melissa Gilroy (left) tries to prevent Father Michael McGivney's Kendra Douglas from driving past her during action in Wednesday's YRSSAA senior girls' basketball game at Stouffville.

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