

Spirited approach taken

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win hockey games.

Peron read the riot act after a defence man broke the cardinal rule of evacuating the slot in front of the net during a three-on-two drill. The scene was re-enacted as the coach tried to determine exactly how the breakdown occurred.

"You own that spot!" Peron bellowed repeatedly, in a tone suggesting an act of grand larceny had been committed.

Based on the sheepish looks on the players' faces, you got the feeling the lesson had sunk in.

Even the dressing room bears evidence of the new approach being taken by the Spirit. Signs about the importance of having confidence, and playing three periods of aggressive hockey, have been painted on the dressing room walls in an attempt to spur the players on, just like you'll find in most pro hockey dressing rooms.

Chatting with Spirit executive member Eldon Wagg, he suggested the team is on the right track after what turned out to be a tough beginning in its first two years.

The club somehow survived adversity

that included a change of ownership just months into its initial season, two head coaching changes and a variety of other problems. He shared Peron's 'work in progress' assessment, predicting that the club will be flourishing within a year or two.

Wagg is part of a hard-working support team that has been putting in endless hours to get the Spirit off on the right foot this season.

Some are holding up better than others.

Larmer held

court with the local press well after the practice ended at 11 p.m. Monday, standing in the hallway in front of the Spirit dressing room with skates still, looking as fresh as he did 15 hours earlier.

Moody on the other hand, was starting to show signs of sagging, the combination of a cold and fatigue brought on by endless hours of looking after the administrative details associated with getting a Junior A season under way.

Moody expressed his gratitude to the local boys' and girls' hockey associations, and the figure skating club, for cooperation in allowing the Spirit to switch their home night to Thursday from Saturday.

He noted more volunteers are still needed to put the final pieces together for the Spirit.

"We need billets for some of the players, and we need people who can help out in any way."

A pressing need, he said, was to line up a ride from Stouffville Rd. and Warden each morning for a player attending Aurora's Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School. Volunteers can call Sandy at the Spirit office at 642-6577.

Major peewee Clippers win two in pre-season action

Robert Hooper and Jesse Miller each netted hat-tricks to back up the near-perfect goal keeping of Lucas Hunter and Justin Cheshire as the major peewee Clippers started the pre-season with a pair of victories.

Hopper bagged his trio of markers, and Hunter earned a shutout, in a 10-0 Clippers white wash of East Gwillimbury Saturday.

On Sunday it was Miller's turn to wear the hat as his three goals helped the Stouffville crew to a 6-1 triumph over the Richmond Hill Stars.

Cheshire looked after the Clippers' goal-

keeping duties. Michael Cornacchia came up with a strong defensive effort.

Point scorers for the Clippers in the game were as follows: Hopper, four goals; Miller, three goals, two assists; Marcus D'Annunzio, one goal, five assists; Tyler McMaster and Anthony Tsiopoulos, two goals, one assist; Cam Davis, one goal, two assists; Andy Gibson and Cody Bennett, one goal and two assists; Robert Steckley, three assists; Matt Wright, Josh Brillinger, two assists; Kyle Sandiford, one goal, one assist; Andrew McKay, one assist.

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