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CLASS IS NOW IN SESSION: The Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey Association's Hockey School held class on the Rec Centre ice on Saturday. Here, members of the E.C. Flyers (white uniforms) create some havoc around the Bridlewood Heating and Air Conditioning team end.

Photo by SJOERD WITTEVEEN

Major peewees Clippers sail away with big victory

It was a one-sided league win, and a third-place divisional finish in tournament play for the Barker Roofing major peewee Clippers over the past week, while the Fairgate Homes minor peewee Clippers were busy taking two of three contests.

Tyler McMaster and Josh Brillinger each netted a pair in the Barker boys 10-2 victory over Pickering on Nov. 25.

Robert Steckley, Jesse Miller, Robert Hooper, Anthony Tsiopoulos, Matt Wright and Cody Bennett also scored. Michael Cornacchia had three assists, with Miller and Cameron Davis each setting up two goals.

The major peewees had a 3-2 win over Uxbridge, a 6-0 loss to Ajax and a 2-2 tie with Aurora in an 'AA' tourney in Pickering over the weekend.

The Stouffville crew collected six and a half points to place third in their division.

Brillinger had two goals and an assist over the three games; Kyle Sandiford a goal and two assists; Tsiopoulos a goal and an assist; Hooper two assists; Miller a goal; Marcus D'Annunzio and Andrew McKay, an assist each.

MINOR PEEWEES RALLY

Meanwhile, the minor peewees rallied

for a 4-2 win over Markham, then fall 7-6 on the road to Unionville Saturday.

The Clippers closed out the week with a 5-3 triumph over Richmond Hill Sunday.

Stan Clark netted a pair in the win over Markham, with Joseph Zuccolin and Renzo Mendoza adding singles. Riley McDowell had three assists, with solo helpers coming from Andrew Lowrie, Bennett Hallas and Tyler Norwood.

Against Uxbridge the Clippers got points from Derek Wilcock (one goal, one assist), Norwood, Carlo Laduca, Clark, McDowell and Lowrie (a goal each), Mendoza, Chris Sorichetti and Logan Jennings (one assist each).

Jennings and Sorichetti each netted a pair in Sunday's win over Richmond Hill. Norwood also scored. Assists went to Mendoza (two), Corey Andolina, Wilcock, Clark and Hallas. Dan Ronco and Nick Matauro stood out in the Clippers net.

The minor peewees are off to Cannington for a tournament this weekend.

JUVENILES WIN PICKERING TOURNAMENT

The Stouffville juvenile Clippers rebounded from an opening loss to win four straight games en route to the championship at the Pickering tournament over the weekend.

Stouffville resident Andrew Hutchison was the big offensive gun for the Stouffville squad, netting four goals while setting up another score.

Kyle Harrison, called up from the midget Clippers for the tourney, chipped in with a goal and an assist.

The Clippers dropped their first game 3-1 to Scarborough, before roaring back to defeat Brampton 3-0, Pickering 5-1 and St. Catharines 5-4. The Stouffville crew edged the Leaside Kings 2-1 in the title tilt.

The Clippers are at home to Pickering Saturday night at 8 p.m. Hutchison and Harrison weren't the only Stouffville minor hockey products to shine over the weekend.

Michael Del Zotto's five goals led the Richmond Hill Tyke AAA Stars to a 10-1 rout of Guelph Saturday in Guelph. Jake Carrick also scored for the winners.

Bantam Clippers come up short in Fort Erie

The Edwards Murphy bantam Clippers raised their league record to 17 wins, two losses and a tie, while falling just short of the semi-finals at a tournament in Fort Erie in recent play.

The Clippers registered wins of 6-1 over Whitby Nov. 20, and 10-3 against Pickering Nov. 28 in league matches.

In Fort Erie the weekend of Nov. 22, the Stouffville crew took two of three, but still fell one point short of making the play-off round. The

A Spirited trip up north results in two victories

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The Spirit of Stouffville went hunting big game in the cold and snow of Northern Ontario over the weekend, returning home with their limit.

The Spirit overcame a physical Sturgeon Falls Lynx to prevail 6-4 in a rough house affair in front of a boisterous crowd Friday night. The visitors finished strong to bag the Timmins Golden Bears 5-2 Saturday.

The big weekend not only enabled the Stouffville squad to stay within two points of the streaking Lindsay Muskies in their bid to escape the Provincial Junior A Hockey League's Phillips Division cellar.

It also marked the first time a team in their division has swept both games of an interlocking set with the Northern Ontario Hockey Association.

"The guys fought hard for their two points in both games," said a buoyant Spirit head coach Dan Larmer. "It was nice to see them break out like that. After six losses in a row they were getting pretty frustrated."

The Spirit somehow managed to endure a highway grind that saw them arrive in Sturgeon Falls late Friday afternoon, only to hit the road some five hours later for the seven hour drive to Timmins.

After checking into a hotel for the day, they faced off against the Bears Saturday night, then headed home immediately afterwards.

The Spirit quickly found their legs Friday, taking a 2-1 first period lead. They made it 5-3 after two periods, with the two teams taking goals in the third.

"Our guys were ready to go at the drop of the puck," praised Larmer.

While the wild and woolly match was marked by four fights, Larmer said his players avoided unnecessary penalties.

The Spirit were led by their third line of Ed Kearney, Scott Martin and Joe Byles. Byles picked up a pair of goals, his first since joining the club last month. Martin

had a goal and an assist to be named the game's first star. Kearney earned two assists.

Darcy King, Jeff Marshall and Kevin Edgar also scored. Saturday in Timmins, the Spirit broke a 2-2 tie with a trio of unanswered goals in the third.

Once again the Stouffville club unleashed its secret weapon as the Kearney line was instrumental in the victory.

Martin notched his seventh of the year while being named the game's first star for the second straight night. King with his team leading 19th, Edgar with his 17th, Paul Zderic with his first, and Rick-ey Rideout with his initial goal of the season rounded out the scoring.

Brian Fish and Mike Micheff, who returned to the lineup Friday after serving a six-game suspension, each had two assists.

CONDITIONING A FACTOR

Larmer credited Saturday's strong finish to his team's superior conditioning.

"It was the second game of a two-game road trip. We were just hoping they'd have enough gas left in the tank for another 20 minutes. But it turned out they had more than enough when they came out and scored three goals to win it. It was a testimony to our conditioning."

Larmer fingered Kearney, Martin and Byles for their key role in the weekend sweep.

"They're our grinding line. They're not big guys, but they're all excellent skaters who get in your face."

Corey Lloyd was solid in the Spirit goal and both contests, facing a total of 39 shots Saturday to earn the game's third star nod. With Phil Barski the only member of the Spirit missing for the weekend swing, Larmer said it was a matter of being able to use all his horses.

"It was the first time since our game against Aurora (the Spirits last win Nov. 13 before their six game losing streak began) that we had a full lineup."

The Spirit will be out to pull even with Lindsay when the Muskies come to town for a Thursday night game at the Rec Centre. The Stouffville crew are in Aurora to play the Tigers Friday, then travel to Cobourg to take on the Ruddock Division Cougars on Monday.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

SCOTT MARTIN

Scott Martin was named first star in both games as he helped lead the Spirit of Stouffville to two victories in a Northern Ontario road swing over the weekend.

Well done Scott!

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