

SAHL trophy case unveiled

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The Stouffville Amateur Hockey League paid homage to its founders, distinguished past officials and loyal supporters during a special celebration on Sunday at the Rec Centre.

The recreational men's hockey organization, which is in its 21st season, held a special ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the official unveiling of its new trophy case.

Past and present SAHL officials, along with representatives from the town and other sports organizations, were on hand for the occasion.

The recently completed trophy case contains a tribute to past presidents, as well as an acknowledgement of those who have shown their support through the years.

"All the presidents from (charter president) Eric Scaife are included," said current president Garth Bell.

Bell said the trophy case also includes trophies named after several former SAHL figures who are now deceased.

These include Jim Wagg (former president) and Glen Pennanen (former coach), Roy Ireland and Al Parker (former players).

Two trophies have also been named after the late Alice Hamm, who was an enthusiastic SAHL fan.

"It's a history of our league," Bell said.

He said the idea to install the trophy case was spawned last June. Bell said the trophy case demonstrates the evolution of the SAHL from a Sunday morning gathering of adult athletes to a vital community organization.

"It started out as hockey, but then we got involved in things like the community track and the new arena."

The trophy case is located just inside the north doors leading into the original ice pad.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

SCOTT MARTIN



Scott picked the right time to score his first two goals of the season as the hard working winger led the Spirit of Stouffville to a 5-4 come from behind win over the Shelburne Wolves Nov. 26 at the Rec Centre.

Keep on plugging, Scotty!

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HOCKEY

Stouffville Clippers

MINOR NOVICE - NOV. 26

Stouffville - Lebovic Homes/Colt Engineering 2 (Justin Hulshof 1g, Patrick Salvagna 1g, Chris Lombardo 1a, Malcolm Forbes 1a. Good goaltending: Gregory Outram-Kuzma, Matthew Jenkins) vs Keswick 1

MAJOR NOVICE - NOV. 28

The Birkett-Hassard/Blackstone Major Novice Clippers played one of the best games of the year this week but came up short in a 3-0 loss to East Gwillimbury's Number One team. Stouffville goalie Tyler Lorenzen put in a strong performance between the pipes.

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HOCKEY SCHOOL

PRE-SEASON - NOV. 28

Tim Horton's: Good Skating - Michael Benaquista; Good Pass - Trevor Carrick; Good Goaltending - Even

Vidmu; Good Sport - Jeff Leuschner; Good Game - David Gregory

Bridlewood Heating: Good Skating - Jason Hitts; Good Pass - Matthew Gentles; Good Goaltending - Michael Mingay; Good Sport - Brodie Rivers; Good Game - Craig Smith.

M. Stanton Electric: Good Skating - Mark Stanton; Good Pass - Brett Hembruff; Good Goaltending - Scott Miller; Good Sport - Trevor Hord; Good Game - Shawn Hulshof.

MGH Office Repairs: Good Skating - Christopher Pennanen; Good Pass - Courtney Humphries; Good Goaltending - Kyle Sauro; Good Sport - Mike Robinson; Good Game - Cody Fogg.

Regular season play begins Dec. 12

TYKE - NOV. 29

KYTECH 4 (Goals by Zack Stevens with 3, and Colin Hiltz. Good game to Blake Moran and Luke Horton.) VS E.C. FLYERS 9 (Goals by Sam Carrick with 4, Denver Gray with 2, Carter Kroen, Peter Wideman, Kyle Sharpe and Dayle Wilkinson.)

ROSS DIXON 5 (Goals by Ryan Adrian with 3, Lee Avenil, Kevin Mackay. Good game Bruce Cingham and Andrew Mingay.) VS. MONEY CONCEPTS 2 (Goals by Peter Lebuffe and Roger Ianuzzo. Good game to Nolan Benoit and Josiah Lougheed.)

FAIRGATE HOMES 3 (Goals by Shayne Welker, Jordan Glendinning and Carter Hassard. Good game to Chris Mauro and Joshua Davis.) VS. METRO WASTE PAPER 3 (Goals by Holly Zimmerman, Kevin Stevens and Jason Devery. Good game by Darren Zimmerman and Lloyd Davis.)

RINGETTE

Markham Women's

NOV. 13

Fitzpatrick Physiotherapy 9 (Jane Booker 5, Natalie Collins 2, Beth Crichton, Kim Fraser. Assists: Natalie Collins 2, Teddy Caron, Natalie Nash 2, Jane Booker 2) vs Blue Team 7 (Carole Coleman 3, Donna Holt, Hilary Johnson. Assists: Linda Shully 2, Lise D'Arcy 2, Carole Coleman 2, Marilyn Abbs)

Colonel Mustard's 5 (Lise D'Arcy, Eleanor Boys-Eddy, Sandra Fahey 2, Julie Argouin. Assists: Julie Argouin, Carole Coleman 2, Sue Miller, Kathy Jorgenson 3) vs White Team 4 (Leslie Hanton 2, Carol Madeley 2. Assists: Wendy Nye 3, Karen Pierce, Leslie Hanton)

NOV. 20

Colonel Mustard's 8 (Goals: Carole Coleman 4, Lise D'Arcy 2, Sandra Fahey 2. Assists: Sue Miller 2, Linda Shully 3, Lise D'Arcy, Dale Waldock 2, Beth Felip, Marilyn Abbs 4, Sandra Fahey) vs Fitzpatrick Physiotherapy 9

(Goals: Natalie Collins 3, Jane Booker, Kim Fraser, Kathy Jorgenson 4. Assists: Teddy Caron 6, Jane Booker, Kathy Jorgenson 2, Kim Gourley, Natalie Collins, Joanne Rice) White Team 2 (Goals: Michelle Lawson-Peacock, Leslie Hanton. Assists: Kim Gourley, Michelle Lawson-Peacock, Debbie Rich) vs Blue Team 5 (Goals: Michelle Beckstead 3, Manon Alexander 2. Assists: Manon Alexander, Michelle Beckstead 2, Carole Coleman)

VOLLEYBALL

Stouffville Stingrays

BANTAM GIRLS PROVINCIAL CUP

NOV. 21 - U. OF T. SCARB. CAMPUS

ROUND ROBIN

Stingrays 2 vs Crash (Scarborough) 1; Stingrays 3 vs Cougars (Belleville) 0

PLAYOFFS - SET OF 3

Quarter Finals: Stingrays 2 vs Orono Wolves II 0; Semi-finals: Stingrays 2 vs Durham Attack 0; Gold medal: Stingrays 2 vs Scarborough Sun Rays 0

OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

Outstanding team effort: Jenny Turner, Christine Lunbert, Jaspreet Sadhu, Rebecca Leung, Carolyn Butler, Victoria Kuek, Jessica Tasios and Capt. Colleen Cooke.

Spirit win streak stopped at three games

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power play, and Kevin Edgar scored less than two minutes later to pull the Spirit to within a goal.

But the host Markham squad stormed back with a trio of tallies later in the period to put the game out of reach.

Mike Michelf scored on a power play effort

for the Spirit before the period was out, with Jesse Johnston closing out the Stouffville scoring in the third.

Cory Lloyd was solid in the Spirit goal despite surrendering eight goals as he faced a 44 shot Markham barrage.

The Spirit managed 32 shots at the Markham net.

The Spirit, who remain in seventh place

with a record of 12 wins, 12 losses and an overtime defeat, will be looking to hand the second place Couchiching Terriers their third loss of the season when the two teams meet at the Rec Centre this Thursday evening.

The first place Newmarket Hurricanes, who also have only two losses, will visit the Rec Centre to take on the Spirit Saturday night at 7:30 p.m.

Grey Cup a treat for local official



Bruce Stapley

While Winnipeg is not most people's idea of the perfect mid-November destination, Don Carmichael had his sights set on spending the Nov. 20-23 weekend in the Manitoba capital ever since early last summer.

He got his wish when he was chosen as one of the striped-shirted officials for this year's Grey Cup game. It was the second time in his six years as a Canadian Football League (CFL) game official that the 40-year-old Stouffville resident got to work the league championship match. He was on duty when the Toronto Argonauts defeated the Edmonton Eskimos for their first of two straight Grey Cup triumphs in snowy Hamilton in 1996.

Making it to the Grey Cup is just as important for officials as it is for the players.

"Your goal every year is to work in the Grey Cup game," Carmichael said the day after his return from Winnipeg. "The decision is based on your performance during the regular season. From an official's standpoint, it's exciting to be out there with the top officials in the league. It's prestigious, it's a real feather in your cap."

When Carmichael reported back to his real job as vice principal at Sutton District H.S., it was with fond memories of being part of a classic Grey Cup experience in a town where they still revere Canada's biggest sporting event of the year.

"The game was typical of CFL football," Carmichael said, who holds himself up as a

true fan of the Canadian game.

"It was exciting right down to the last play." Even the weatherman got in on the act, providing balmy 10-degree C temperatures that are unknown in Winnipeg this time of year. "The people of Winnipeg were in a state of shock," he suggested.

The relatively warm, sunny conditions stood in stark contrast to what he encountered while working the Western Final between the eventual Grey Cup champion Calgary Stampeders and the Edmonton Eskimos in frigid Calgary the previous weekend. "It was a cold day. We really had to bundle up."

He said trying to stave off the cold can serve as an unwanted distraction for officials. "It's easy to lose your concentration. But at the level we're working you've got to stay focussed."

Carmichael said the good weather probably contributed to the horde of 80,000 who

came out for the Grey Cup Parade Friday evening. "It was a great weekend," Carmichael said.

He admitted to getting caught up in the celebration upon flying into Winnipeg Thursday night. "You try to enjoy yourself, but you have to remember why you're there."

Why he was there was to serve as the side judge responsible for calling pass interference for the Grey Cup game. He only had to make one such call the whole game, which suited him just fine.

"Ideally you want to go unnoticed out there. Other than a few incidents early in the game when the officials had to step in to deal with players looking to stake out their territory, it was a smooth flowing game," he said.

"It's a game of emotion. In those first couple of minutes the players are trying to establish themselves. We had to make our presence felt early."

He felt the officials did a commendable job in allowing the players to play the game.

"The game had a good flow to it. I watched it on video as soon as I got home. It was a close, exciting finale."

Carmichael thought the game was a fitting conclusion to a banner year for the CFL, which has often seemed to be fighting just to survive in recent years.

He said a return of interest in Hamilton and Montreal, and the continued support for western teams, made for a successful season.

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