

Peewees have high hopes at all-Ontario tournament

Stouffville opens event in Sturgeon Falls Friday

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Joe Lombardo hopes his Stouffville peewee A Clippers will have some fun when they take to the ice Easter weekend in Sturgeon Falls for the Ontario Hockey Federation championships.

But at the same time, the Clippers head coach hopes his team takes a business-like approach on the trip.

If they can combine those two elements, Lombardo sees no reason why his team can't bring home the coveted title.

Representing the Ontario Minor Hockey Association, the Clippers will begin the five-team tournament Good Friday when they face Port Credit, the Greater Toronto Hockey League representatives, at 10 a.m.

Later that day, they will play Woodstock, the Alliance champions, at 4 p.m.

The following day, the Clippers will conclude round-robin play against host West Nipissing at 11:30 a.m. and Timiskaming, the Northern Ontario Hockey Association representatives, at 7 p.m.

With the fifth-place team being eliminated, the first-place team will meet the fourth in one semi-final Sunday while the other two teams will square off.

The winners will meet later that day in the final.

"We know that the competition will be good since each of the teams won their respective league titles," Lombardo said. "But I feel we have a good chance if we play the way we finished off against Oakville (in the OMHA final last week) we will be fine. We just have to go out there and have fun."

"For some of the kids, it's a once-in-a-lifetime chance to go

to the OHF championships since they're held every other year. The kids deserved to go (to the OHF championships)."

Lombardo is familiar with some of the teams they will meet.

The Clippers played Woodstock earlier in the season at a tournament and won.

As well, he said Port Credit has played some teams the Clippers faced during the season and feels confident in facing them.

"If we play the way we can we should be on top," he said.

The tourney is a true measure of who the best team is in Ontario, he thinks.

"This (the OHFs) is a true All-Ontario championship since every league is represented," he said. "I've never won an OHF title as a player or coach. It would be nice to bring back the OHF title."

For more on the tournament, log on to:
www.ohf.on.ca

Reesor a college star

Stouffville Secondary grad Justin Reesor was named to the North East Collegiate Volleyball Association Western Division Second Team Thursday on the eve of the NECVA Tournament.

Reesor has played in 95 matches for Eastern Mennonite University this year, missing the last two weeks of the season due to an ankle injury.

Reesor moved up to the top spot on the Harrisonburg, Va., school's all-time blocks leaderboard earlier this year.

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