

Wild dominate Shield for shutout

By Bill Rea

Head Coach Paul Hampton was hard pressed to think of negatives Saturday night after one of the most dominating performances of the King Wild this season.

The local junior A club were in charge from the start as they handed their South Muskoka Shield visitors a 6-0 loss. The Wild also posted an overwhelming 65-29 margin in shots on goal.

Goalie Craig Byford notched his first shutout in a Wild uniform, and he admitted that making the accomplishment was on his mind, especially as the match drew to a close. "I was looking at the clock for the last five minutes or so," he said after the game.

"We played really hard," Hampton commented. "All four lines were working, I'm hoping we're peaking."

If there is a weak spot, the coach said it's with the power play, which still needs some work.

"It's not clicking for us," he remarked. "We're not being patient enough to

settle down and set it up properly."

The Wild got one goal in the first period, courtesy of Ryan Williamson, assisted by Dan Douglas and Kyle Baulne, and the other five came in the second. The third frame was scoreless.

Marc Zanette collected two of the other goals, while singles were notched by Baulne, Mike Bodley and Sean Pollard. Jordan Gidaro assisted on two of the second-period markers, while Piero Petti, John Adams, Kurt Zdrillich, Pollard and Matt Marchese helped out on one apiece.

Despite the win, the Wild were unable to gain ground in their chase of the second-place Richmond Hill Rams. The Rams were busy Saturday night handing a 6-2 loss to the West Nipissing Alouettes, so they maintained their two-point advantage in the standings with 43 to 41 for the Wild, although the Wild have two games in hand. The Bradford Rattlers are still far out in front with 58.

This is going to be a busy

week for the Wild, with a home-and-home series with the Alouettes Friday and Sunday. In between, they will be paying a call on the Toronto Canada Moose Saturday. Friday's match in Sturgeon Falls will get started at 8 p.m. and Saturday's contest in Thornhill against the Moose will begin at 7:35 p.m. Sunday's game with the Nipissing crew will begin at 5:45 p.m.



Matt Brereton was helping to keep the Shield away from the front of the net late in Saturday's match, helping Craig Byford notch his first Wild shutout.

Minor peewee reps down 2-1 against Aurora

Submitted by NobleKing Minor Hockey Association

The NobleKing minor peewee rep Knights fought back to earn their first victory in their OMHA playoff round with Aurora over the weekend.

Goalies Alex Marchese and Stephen Sartor have shared responsibilities in this series. As the home team in the opening match, the Knights fell 5-3 in a lopsided contest in King City. The Knights were down 4-1 with just over two minutes to go before fighting back with two more goals late in the game.

In the second match, the Knights never got on the scoreboard, falling 3-0.

Then in the third game,

facing elimination plus a two-goal deficit after 79 seconds, these 11-year olds played one of their best games in recent history to earn a 4-3 victory. Head Coach Jim Younker made some line up changes to recover from the early setback.

Travis Brinovec scored two goals in the first contest with two assists by Stefano Alonzi and one from Daniel Kovacs, followed by the late unassisted marker from Steven Peressini.

In the third game, Alonzi opened the scoring on an assist by Dylan FitzGibbon. Then Zachary Schofield scored on a nice feed from Peressini. Schofield then returned the favour to

Peressini for the team's third goal, with an assist also going to JR Venchiarutti. FitzGibbon scored the winning goal with Alonzi and Andrew Begg assisting. FitzGibbon almost scored a fifth on the Tigers' empty net, but was denied by the goalie as he approached from the left wing.

The defensive players on this team include Thomas Beretta, Andrew Begg, CJ Sifton, Jesse Schneider, Matthew Chung and Braydon Jackson. They have played well all season to help the team finish one place higher than last year in the regular season standings. Several AP players have also helped the team this year including, but not

limited to, Marcus Sjolín who has enjoyed some significant playoff duties, regular Daniel Kovacs, Patrick Egan and Owen Wright.

The entire team including forwards Ryan Lankester, FitzGibbon, Alonzi, Schofield, Peressini, Aaron Kimber, Luca Germinario, Brinovec and Venchiarutti have to help their team win two more games to earn the six points needed to advance to the next round of the playoffs. The fourth game was to be Tuesday night in Nobleton when a tie or a Knights' victory would extend the series to Aurora Wednesday (results of Tuesday's match were not known at press time).

Cougars on the road this week



Logan Artindale was breaking out of his own end in last Thursday's match against Penetang.

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scoreless, but the Hornets held a scoring festival in the second, banging home seven goals to the Cougars' one. That came from the stick of Sluman, assisted by Elliot and Naccarato. The two sides got one apiece in the third for the 8-2 final. Todd Cantelon notched that marker, with help from Pat Homersham and Shane Jones.

Things went a little better last Thursday when the team hosted the Penetang Kings. They were able to keep up with their foes, but still came out on the wrong end of a heart-breaking 7-5 final.

Naccarato got three of the Cougar goals and Steenhoek got the other two. Elliot led the way in the assist department with three, Shuryn and Steenhoek each had a pair, while Naccarato and Adrian Dupuis got one apiece.

"Mental errors cost us the

game," Elliot commented later.

The match marked the first start in a Cougar uniform for Logan Artindale, an 18-year-old defencemen from Newmarket.

"We need to stay disciplined," he said. "It's not a one-person show. We need to play as a team, play for the whole 60 minutes."

But things went sour again the following night when they played in Penetang and lost 8-2.

The Cougars are spending this week on the road. They will be in Stayner tomorrow (Thursday) night for a match against the Siskins, slated to start at 8:30 p.m. Friday night will see them travelling to Midland to face the Flyers. That match will get started at 8 p.m. Their next game will be Saturday when they visit the Shamrocks in Erin. The puck will drop at 7:30 p.m.

United Church is updating its directory

Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone (905) 859-5174

Nobleton United Church's Annual Congregational General Meeting will be held Feb. 4, at 12:30 p.m. There will be a light lunch served with a meeting to follow.

Nobleton United Church is also updating its directory. The photo directories will be free in the fall for each family/person who has been photographed. Photo shoot dates are Feb. 8, from 2:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Nobleton; Feb. 24, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Nobleton; and May 4, from 2:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Kleinburg. We would like every family with any connection to the church to be photographed. You do not have to be an "official member of the church." For further information or to book a photo shoot time, please call Nancy at (905) 859-0761 and in Kleinburg Gail Nield at (905) 893-0989.

Sunday services are held every Sunday at 11:15 a.m.

St. Paul's Presbyterian

The Food Bank and Children's Clothing Circle will be open this Saturday (Jan. 27) from 9 until 11 a.m.

Join us tonight

(Wednesday) for our mid-week service at 7 p.m. The men's and women's Thursday morning studies begin at 9:30 a.m. There is also a study for men Saturday mornings at 8:30 a.m.

Join us for worship this Sunday at 9:45 a.m. Nursery care is provided during the service for children up to and including five years of age. Sunday school for all ages follows the service at 11 a.m.

For more information about any of our events, please contact the church office at (905) 859-0843.

Horticulture

"Today well lived makes every yesterday a dream of happiness and every tomorrow a vision of hope." (the wisdom of China)

I'm happy to be back writing for Nobleton King City Horticultural Society. Many thanks to Hans Nielsen for his kind words and his excellent reporting over the past few years. Hans you will be missed.

Come 2008 (next year) the society will celebrate 50 years of service to the community. Already this year the new show book is well in hand and will be available to members at the March meeting.

Once again we will have a top-notch speaker for each meeting.

Please note that the 2007

Garden Tour will take place in mid-July rather than the end of June. We are looking for gardens in the Nobleton area to include on this tour. If anyone would like to have their garden as part of this event, please contact Maria Pedersen at (905) 833-2146.

During the winter, many houseplants, especially those that flower, go dormant and need only a minimum of water every 10 to 12 days. Don't fertilize dormant plants. As well, stressed plants, which could include those newly brought into the home or from one light area to a darker area or brighter room, or plants that have just been repotted or ones that have wilted from lack of water, have no use for fertilizer. Yellowing and/or droopy leaves are the first signs of stress.

Nobleton Women's Institute Nobleton Women's Institute is hosting the York Centre District Women's Institutes' Luncheon and Euchre. The place is at Nobleton Community Hall at 19 Old King Rd. on Feb. 27. The time is noon sharp. The price is \$12 each. There will be door prizes, draw prizes for grocery baskets and euchre prizes.

Call Mary Anne at (905) 859-0709 for tickets. We are looking forward to seeing all our euchre players there. A great lunch is served so if you don't play euchre, come out and have lunch.

The Women's Institute needs new members to keep a great organization viable. In 2008, the Women's Institute will be celebrating their 100th anniversary.

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church

The first open forum meeting was well attended and there was much discussion about the new Steering Committee's directions and goals.

The next information meeting with the parishioners of St. Mary's is Feb. 28 at the Nobleton Lions Hall at 7 p.m. The new St. Mary's Church Building Steering Committee is Fr. Paul T. Hancko, Elio Bellon (chair), Livio Mascarin, Chris Andrews and Paul Colucci. Please address any of your questions to the members of this committee. This is where you will get the updated and correct information.

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church CWL

The next meeting of the Catholic Women's League (CWL) is Feb. 16 at the Nobleton Community Hall, starting at 7 p.m. for the executive (all are welcome). The general meeting starts at 8 p.m. Please plan to attend as we will be discussing and possibly voting on which statue of St. Mary will be chosen for the new church.

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