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Minor midget rep Knights pull even, then fall to Markham

Submitted by NobleKing Minor Hockey Association
 The NobleKing minor midget rep Knights were unable to win their third game in a row last Wednesday against Markham and extend their

OMHA playoff run. The Knights fell 1-0 and were unable to score, despite completely dominating the offensive play in every period.

Head Coach Matt Birks made some tough decisions as he guided his Knights to victory twice the previous weekend.

The team had recently won their division for the third straight year at the NobleKing Challenge Cup tournament. As a result, they entered the first round of the OMHA playoffs along with eight other NobleKing rep teams, with some optimism. However, they quickly found themselves down two games to none and facing elimination. This team of 15-year-olds showed solid

character and won the next two to tie the series 2-2 after four games.

The Markham Waxers finished in sixth place in the league and the Knights finished seventh during the regular season.

In the first game, the Knights fell 5-4 after scoring four straight goals to take the lead early in the third period. Markham tied the game late in the third with less than three minutes left, and then scored again less than 30 seconds into overtime. Goalie Tristan Bronca kept the Knights in the game long enough to get the lead before eventually losing the opener. Goals came from Daniel Angeloni, Christopher Zuzek, Eric Pia and Max Strohmeier. Assists

went to Kyle McKay with a pair, Strohmeier, Peter Zanchettin, Christopher Edey and Angeloni.

In the second match, the home team Knights were tied at a goal apiece with their foes after two periods, on a goal by Anthony Saraceni, assisted by Justin Donnelly. The Waxers took the lead midway through the third and won the game 2-1.

The third game was a must win for the Knights, and they prevailed 4-3. Angeloni scored two after the opener from Edey before the game winner from Zuzek. Leading 2-1 heading into the third period, the Knights and Waxers each scored two in the third with opponents getting their third with 30 seconds left in the

game. Three Knights' assists came from Strohmeier, while Pia and Elmhirst got one apiece. Goalies Mark Del Favero and Bronca split games two and three respectively. The Markham Head Coach was suspended for two games during the third match after a raging outburst disputing a goal with the referee. The defensive squad including Adam Gatto, Mike Baccilieri, Shane Schofield, Mark McLean, Justin Donnelly and James Elmhirst played solid to earn the win in that match.

The fourth outing was another must-win game Sunday evening in King City with Mark Del Favero

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The Inside Pitch

It's time to register for baseball in King

By Lee-Ann Brinovec

Even though it seems that winter has just begun, it is only eight weeks until the first day of spring.

For those who are tired of throwing snowballs and can't wait to start throwing baseballs, this may come as welcome news.

To get the 2007 baseball season started, it is time once again to register your young players. With your convenience in mind, the King Township Baseball Association (KTBA) offers a variety of methods and dates to ensure that each player will find a home on a team this spring.

There will be three dates offered where you may come and register in person — King City Community Centre and Arena Feb. 7 from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m., Nobleton Senior Public School Feb. 9 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Schomberg Community and Agricultural Arena Feb. 10 from 10 a.m. until noon. There will be members of KTBA at each of these locations to answer any questions or offer any information you may require.

If you are a new player, please remember to bring a birth certificate and health card number. Another option is to visit the Web site at www.kingtowshipbaseball.ca and download an application. You may drop it off at one of the registration locations mentioned above, or mail it to KTBA, P.O. Box 1048, Nobleton Ontario, L0G 1N0.

Baseball is growing in King Township and even though every effort will be made to find each and every ballplayer a team. Team numbers are capped, so don't be disappointed. Register early.

If you require more information, please contact the Registrar Michelle Perone at (905) 939-7788.

Midget red wings sweep tournament in Beaverton

The Schomberg side recently came home from a midget tournament in Beaverton with the title.

The midget 1 Red Wings, sponsored by Rona Cashway, won all four of their matches to bring home the hardware.

Coach Andy Courtney reported they opened the action against the Peterborough club, and doubled their foes 4-2. Jamie Calverley, Mark Rice, Taylor Unwin and Jeffrey Phillips provided the scoring punch in this outing, with assists being notched by Phillips, Calverley, Mark Serazin, Geoffrey Ruytenbeek, Neil Phillips and Clinton Tracey.

The Wings' next test was against their hosts, and they handed the Beaverton crew a 3-0 blanking. Neil Phillips, Calverley and Unwin handled the scoring duties in this match, while Jeffrey Phillips and Rice each collected two assists and Neil Phillips earned a single.

Their third match turned out to be their closest contest of

the event, but Schomberg prevailed 2-1 over Clarington. Neil Phillips notched the first marker, assisted by Jeffrey Phillips, and Ruytenbeek collected the other goal, with help from Dillian Courts.

That earned them a berth in the championship match against the squad from Listowel, and the local heroes cruised to a 5-1 victory. Unwin led the attack with a pair of goals, while singles were collected by Ruytenbeek, Neil Phillips and Patrick Schmied. Ruytenbeek drew two assists, while Schmied, Shawn Courtney, Jeffrey Phillips and Calverley got one apiece.

Michael Haverlock backed his mates between the pipes, and Courtney was aided behind the bench by assistant Darryl Rice and trainer Carl Serazin. The coach added they were missing the services of Joel Dipucchio and Damian Sprawny, who were out with injuries.

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