

BEST SPORTS PAGE(S)

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Strong photography pushed this entry to first place.

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Tremendous amount — and a great mix — of local sports coverage.

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Future gridiron stars learn how to hit and be hit

TIMMY NORTON
THE EASTERN DOOR

Some enthusiastic boys and girls between the ages of five and seven come out every Sunday morning at 10 a.m. for some hard-hitting training in Chateaugay. Football is the sport and these little tykes are preparing for the future with the Chateaugay Raiders organization.

There is no football program that exists in Kahnawake so anyone wanting to play the gridiron game has to go to the South Shore community to join the league. There are currently six tykes taking part in the 10-week program that costs \$150. Nicholas Brown, Ronan Diabo, Pryce Stacey, Richard Bragg Stacey, Tehinairahkwa Deer and Carson Delisle.

"It's fun to tackle," said seven-year-old Ronan Diabo. "There was one kid who nobody could tackle and then I took him down." Diabo is one of the kids who will be moving up to the next level and will be playing games next year. Diabo is the son of Ashley Norton and Frank Diabo.

"It's hard to keep them con-

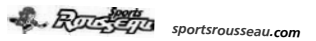


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centrated on the drills at this time," said first year head coach Mike Pelland. "We are teaching them how to hit and how to take a hit and other basic skills required to play competitive football." The kids at this level do not play in any games, "it is basic training," said Pelland. There are currently 32 tykes signed up for the program. "We have five assistant coaches, mostly parents of the kids who volunteer their time," said general manager Tanya Valente. In spite of the heat this past Sunday and coach Pelland's comments that the kids have a hard time maintaining focus, the approximately 25 players on the field were very happy to be there. "Did you see me tackle that kid?" said one tyke as he ran up to his mother for a water break. The youngsters wore colorful, coded sweaters indicating the year they are in and the training received so far. "The kids in black will be moving on to the next level and actual competitive games," said coach Pelland. "The kids in red and yellow will be with us another year at least." The Chateaugay Raiders offers football programs to kids from Tykes all the way to Midget.

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Remparts outduel Knights

WI Remparts 3 | WI Knights 1

By Mitch Gallo
The Suburban

The West Island Remparts got goals from three different players defeating the West Island Knights in Novice "C" hockey by a score of 3-1 Saturday morning at the Dorval Arena.

"I think they played really well today, they played the puck and their man and prevented their opponent from getting many chances," said Remparts coach Karl McKenzie.

Both teams have been coming together quickly, working on the fundamentals of rules, skating and teamwork. The Remparts also got a lot of help from their goaltender Tyler Sgier, who made several key saves when the Knights got in close.

"The game went very well, the kids worked hard and we saw good passing," said Knights coach John Casey. "We ran into a hot goaltender, but overall we're very happy with the team."

It didn't take long for the Remparts to open the scoring. Just 1:04 into the game, Gabriel Gosselin got the puck over to Rafael Labrecque who made no mistake finding the back of the net.

The second period started in much the same way with the Remparts scoring chances and

being able to get the puck past goalie Matthew Cloutier. Tyler Gibson finished up a nice rush up the ice by Thomas Quail and poked the puck over the line to give his team the 2-0 cushion.

Their third goal wouldn't come much longer after that. Nathan Lee connected on a swift pass to Lorenzo Ranaldi who capped off their goal scoring.

The Knights were able to make a game of things, keeping things close and giving the Remparts a run for their money. Their goal came on a play from Nathan Van Aelst who threw the puck at the net and the puck trickled under the pads of Sgier who was near perfect on the morning.

Both teams deserve credit for improving their skill sets at such a fast rate. The Remparts are 4-1-2 on the season.

"At the beginning of the year, a lot of players were in their first year so it took some time," said McKenzie. "The progression is immense, from game to game they really step it up." Meanwhile, the Knights are 2-2 on the year. Even though they've only played four games, they've still been able to work on all the basics with the Novice kids.

"If they participate in all the things available, they're able to get on the ice about three times a week, plus their games, so that's where they are able to improve," said coach Casey.



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The girls all-star tilt proves exciting and entertaining

ended its best in its 10th Annual Star game between teams Wednesday at Dame Arena in

that is to showcase of hockey and play and build friendship between the girls. The girls' head coach won the match five game that is the strengths and best in women's

opening period as players from the team to find common ground on the ice. The girls' head coach worked like that until the end of the game.

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The girls worked twice as hard and



"It is a competitive game that is well balanced with the strengths and weaknesses of the best in women's hockey," said the White team's head coach Jason Neale.

ooting on the foreign ice opening with a goal off the crossbar scored by Kuper Academy's Julia Yetman assisted by HRHS' Kyra Bosoi.

However, the White team's tie was short-lived with a goal by CND's Justine Yelle assisted by schoolmate Christina Tremblay. Neale conceded that "it took two periods for us to play-up to our strengths."

The third period opened with Blue delivering one-more goal onto the board from CND's Clemence Prevaille assisted by Yelle delivering what seemed to be dominance of the ice with a 3-1 lead.

However, the White team surged from behind in the closing five minutes of the game delivering three points onto the board rallied by Yetman's second capped-off by SHSM's Laren Greco ending the game 4-3. According to game MVP Yetman "we picked it up at the end."

"It's fun to play with players that you haven't played with before," said Yetman who also plays on Quebec's U18 team. "We had to learn how to play-off each others' strengths quickly and they are all the top players from around [the GMAA]."

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Local golf team comes out on top in Hawkesbury

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The Caughnawaga Golf Club Class A Intersectional Team, made up of 10 members, travelled to Hawkesbury last Sunday to take part in the Montreal Region Association (MRA) Interclub A Tournament.

The team played clubs from the host town Hawkesbury, Le Mirage and L'Epiphanic, and managed to come out on top by posting 37 points out of a possible 60.

Members shot three qualifying rounds and the best two

scores were recorded. Ky Horn, Simon Pompey, Andrew Patton, John Rice, Roisate Horn, Murray Brown, Mickey Batten, Trevor Lazare, Rick Favreau and Stormy Goodleaf posted the top 10 lowest scores, which rounded out the roster.

After the first round Caughnawaga had 12 points. Holding a slight lead over Epiphanic with 11, Mirage and Hawkesbury followed with 10 and nine points, respectively.

Caughnawaga had a good variety of point production throughout the team. Ky Horn, Pompey,

added their first doubles. Lazare added his second single point of the tournament.

Caughnawaga took the third and final round to push them to victory, posting a score of 12 points to ultimately push their total to 37.

Hawkesbury finished tied with Mirage at 28 points apiece, while Epiphanic finished last with 27 points. Rice, Brown and Batten completed their 6-point tournament with their third straight two point round.

Goodleaf and Patton scored two point rounds again, while

First 'Fish Findlay Classic' well received

SCOTT CAMPBELL

SHAWVILLE - The inaugural of the 3-on-3 Fish Findlay Classic took place March 2 at the Shawville Arena. Darcy Findlay and Joe McCleary came up with the idea that had 10 teams play 22 games over a 15-hour period.

Teams spearheaded by Ryan Barber, Bryan Kealey, Dan Fish, Joe McCleary, Ryan Currie, Wesley Gabie, Tommy Menard, Tyler Orr, Jordan Wall and Dan Games with the maximum of six if they home a trophy and \$850; runner-ups got back their entry fee of \$425.

"I chose 3-on-3 because it's exciting to watch, fun to play, and non-traditional. It's tough on the body and mind," said Findlay. Three players from each team are on the ice over a 35 minute time slot. The action does slow down, but play never stops during the course of the game. Penalties are replaced by penalty shots at the end.

Findlay was impressed by the number of people willing to donate to the raffle and the silent auction: gift certificates, wine basket, mini fridge, water cooler, Sears tickets, etc. "It's been a lot of work and people helping out, but worth it," he said of the fundraising effort for Shawville Minor Hockey.

March 1, 2014 has been already slated for the second year of the Classic.



2013 Fish Findlay Classic 1st place winners, from left: Darcy Findlay, Shane Powell, Dave Hobbs, Jordan McDougall, Rocky White, Yancey Thusky, Bryan Kealey, Erik Tremblay and Adam Chalifoux.



HOCKEY HAPPY - A hockey match between the Western Quebec School Board schools of Kitigan Zibi and Pontiac High (photo), as well as St. Michael (overall winner), took place on February 21 at the Shawville arena. Two teams represented PHS made up of Bryce Atkinson, Chevy Larocque, Zachary Elliott, Tristan Beattie, Darren Bruce, Briggs Richardson, Carter MacDonald, Megan McGuire, Curtis Huckabone, Jeff Gauthier, William Hayes, and Josh Bourgeois, Jared Peck, Jordan Horner, Travis Yach, Cedric Cahill, Tyler Brady, Matt Curley, Christian Mainville, Ben Horner, Cowan Ramsay, Ayden Hodgins, Danny Pasch, Dillon Harrison and Derek Morin.

Jrs miss playoffs by 7 points

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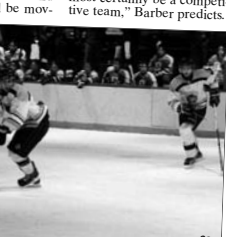
OUTAOUAIS - The Juniors hockey season wrapped up February 17 after playing six games during the month. February 1 against Arnprior was a win of 2-1 (photo); February 3 going up against Renfrew was a 4-3 shootout loss; February 10 the trek was made to Gatineau for a 4-2 loss. The Juniors played three consecutive games for their finale on February 15-17. It was a 1-0 overtime loss to Renfrew and 1-0 and 4-1 wins against Stittsville and Almonte.

"We had 14 wins and missed the playoffs by 7 points," says team president Ryan Barber, noting the positives had increased for the team from the season before. "We're a young team and struggled out of

the gate as we try to do a better job of scheduling ice times in surrounding communities."

Barber and the coaching staff led by Chris Byrne will return for next season. Players Tyler Charbonneau, Matthew Brooks and Quinton Rook will be moving on because of their ages. Rook left with a memorable mark being voted the "Top Defenseman" of the entire Valley Division.

"We had good turnouts and I believe we ended on a high note. Next season we'll most certainly be a competitive team," Barber predicts.



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