

## The Essex county juvenile hockey league results

by RICK HEINZ

Opening night for the Juvenile League started off on the right foot this season, as the 6 teams entertained a packed Essex Arena. Door prize winners were Chuck Spinarsky who took home the groceries and Scott Miller who received 5 dollars.

The first game of the evening began when Harrow faced Cottam. Rick Chapman turned out to be the big gun for the Clippers as he checked in with a 3 goal hatrick. The backbreaker for Harrow was when rookie Bob Dalglish went all the way to tuck it under helpless Harrow goalie, Bill Middleton. Other goal getters for Cottam were Keith Morris and Danny Coatsworth. Harrow goals were scored by Murray and Cordiero. The final score, Cottam 6 and Harrow 2. The 3 star selection was first star Rick Chapman, second Bob Dalglish, third Brush for Harrow.

The second game was the tension grabber, which featured old time rivals, Essex and Maidstone. The Maidstone team were with many rookie players, such as John Sykes, Glen O'Neill, and others. Dave Maedel lead a strong defensive attack, that helped Essex goal tender, Lance Hepburn, record his

first shootout of the season. The third period was highlighted by the fancy play-making between Thornton and Doan. Essex scores were Oscar Thornton, Archie Doan and Dana Woltz. The score ended with Essex 3 and Maidstone 0. The 3 star selection was first Archie Doan, Lance Hepburn and Maidstone's Rick O'Neill.

The nightcap of the 3 game series featured Anderdon against the Kingsville Honkers. Kingsville, looking stronger this year, showed their talent by an unbelievable passing play from Rieve to Rodgers to Popelas who put the light on in the opening minutes of the game. Bruce Hall retaliated and put Anderdon back in the game as he tied it up on a breakaway minutes later, then, in the final period, Charles Campbell snapped the 1-1 deadlock by sneaking behind the Anderdon net and tucking it under the Anderdon goalie Neil Reaume. The 3 star selection was Campbell, Rieve and Anderdon's Bruce Hall.

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The fourth week of the E.C. J.H.L. started out with Essex going against Harrow. The underdog Harrow team, surprised Essex when Brush scored early in the first period and held on to the 1-0 lead for 2 periods. Then, with Essex facing the threat of an upset, came back in the third period with goals from Butch Danileuck and a couple from Harry Mahon. Bill Middleton held the Harrow fort as he sparkled in the twine. But, it turn out to be a nightmare for Archie Doan as he scored 3 times but all of them were called back because they were offside. The 3 stars were Pat Mahon, Bill Middleton and Archie Doan.

The second game of the series turned out to be the best, especially for Kingsville. Kingsville appearing to be upset. Cottam, put it all together and finally did beat them. Kingsville held the lead; 4-2, after 2 periods of play, but Cottam not giving up came back with 2 unanswered goals. Then with the score 4-4 and with 1:44 left in the game, Kingsville's Chuck Campbell fed a pass to Rieve who put the light on. Not only did Gord Rieve get the winning goal but it also became his 4th goal of the night. He was also playing with a Charlie Horse that wasn't really healed yet. The

other Kingsville scorer was Fraser. Cottam scorers were Tracey, Scott, Morris, and G. Chapman. The 3 stars were Rieve, Campbell and Scott.

The good ol' nightcap of the series featured Maidstone and Anderdon. The crowd witnessed a comedy of fist-cuffs. The game was highlighted by numerous brawls and the teams didn't play hockey at all. After 2 periods, Maidstone stepped off the ice with a 4-0 lead which resulted from carelessness in front of the Anderdon goal. John Sykes of Maidstone was stopped on a breakaway by Neil Reaume early in the third period but late in the period made sure and scored on him, ending the game 5-0. The 3 stars were John Sykes, Bill Booker, and Rick O'Neill.

This week's fans are a group of goodlooking girls from Essex. These girls are Lois Waldron, Vanessa Pellman, Patty Sovran, Connie Nace, Leanne Miller, Joyce Robson and Cathy Zivinoff. They are huge supporters of the Essex club and have their own little private meetings. They don't miss a hockey game and love to watch it.

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The second game featured Harrow against the hard-top Rocks of Maidstone. Maidstone scored quick goals that stunned the Skippers. Goalie of Harrow, Bill Middleton kicked out several shots in the twine. John Sykes, Maidstone's rookie, saw little action since he was recovering from a pulled hamstring muscle. Goal getters for Maidstone were Thrasher, McGuire, O'Neil and 2 from Robinson. The lone Harrow scorer was Cordeiro. The 3 stars were Robinson, O'Neil and Cordeiro.

The good ol' nightcap of the series featured the under-ated Bulldogs of Kingsville against the top notched Bombers of Essex. I had the privelege of being in the Kingsville dressing room before the game and listening to the coaches Stephen and Nixon explain the tough situation they were in. To sum it up, he said that they must win. A. Doan opened the scoring for Essex with a pass from Rick Woltz who worked hard to get it to him. But that's all Essex could do before the 2nd period ended at 1-0. Then, Essex came back roaring in the 3, to score 2 unanswered goals. The score ended with Essex 3 Kingsville 1. The 3 stars were Doan, Rieve and Mahon.

This week's fans are the Booker family from Old-castle. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Booker are huge supporters of the Arena and hockey has become a part of their lives. Their 2 sons Bob and Bill are good hockey players and their parents watch them always. They never miss a game!

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## Friday Nite Is Hockey Nite In Essex

Friday nite, January 28th at Essex Arena, the Essex Juvenile Hockey League displayed their six team talent once again.

The first game concluded with Maidstone Hornets going into the match in second place, outscoring Anderdon Bruins, in sixth place, 2-0. Considering the differential in their positions one would have to summarize this game as being well fought by both teams, their goal tending good and we're sure that Maidstone would concur that their underdog opponents made them hop! (I should say, "skate".)

The first goal for Maidstone was scored by John Sykes toward the end of the second period, and Leon Cope took the opportunity, when Anderdon's goalie allowed him enough space with about 38 seconds left in the game, to sink Maidstone's second goal.

There were a total of 10 penalties, six for Maidstone and four for Anderdon. The only major penalty came to a player from each team after a third period scuffle, just before Cope's goal.

The foregoing represents two of our six ECJHL teams' action. These are boys approximately 15 to 18 years of age, playing fast, interesting, well fought hockey - not like sitting comfortably in front of your TV, experiencing the pros, we realize, but where were you? I glanced into the crowd at the end of the exhibition and was appalled at the lack of attention. These teams, who play organized hockey every Friday nite in Essex, from 7 - 11 p.m., involve an age group, in our own mid-county area, being given an opportunity to exercise their lives toward the few things left in this world that are worthwhile. We are not appealing to the adult public to work with us, but simply to support our efforts through their attendance,

which is the only medium which will allow our league to continue. The persons who are already involved, from the head committee on down to the managers, coaches, time keepers, announcers and all the other in conspicuous workers, are all persons who are overtaxed with their time, BUT, without them, where would the 90 - 100 boys in this league alone be, on practice nites, meeting nites and game nites?

The second game proved Essex Bombers outplaying Harrow Skippers. Here again, we would be amiss if we did not acknowledge the Harrow goal tending. Essex, in first place standing dropped their fourth place opponents, 5-2.

Harrow did not allow Essex their first goal until mid-season period, when Archie Dean did his thing, thus inspiring the Es-Rick Woltz and Dave Maedel

followed right up with nice point sex club to the point that both ters for Essex. At 3 - 0 for Essex, in the second, Harrow, admirably, did not give up, because less than a minute later, Libbs for Harrow, followed right up by his teammate, Brush, shot in two beautiful goals and both teams prepared for the 3rd period with Essex edging 3 - 2. Essex, however, tending toward the reputation of a 3rd period team, found their defencemen killing time with that puck amazingly and also allowing their Jeff Francottie to pop one in, mid third period and their Dana Woltz with 4 minutes left to play, chocking up a fifth goal.

This game involves a longer content because of the foregoing scoring and here we report a 14 penalty game, Essex serving 8, Harrow, 6. Again there was a major served, one to each team in the second period with 31 seconds left and the score 3 - 2. Obviously, with the close score and the enthusiasm of each team high, things can become a bit ruffled! Tempers? Maybe. Everyone has one.

My data and resume of this

game having been completed, I again took a look at the crowd. A little improved, not exceptionally. You'll say, "Well, after all, Essex was playing and they're leading the league and Essex people are living close by."

Yes, we agree, this is sensible, to a point. The Essex Bombers are, however, subjected to the same league committee rules, ice time, practice sessions and game rules as are Anderdon Bruins (adult Anderdon's have driven further miles than it takes to reach Essex, for other occasions); Cottam Clippers (a fan's stone throw from Essex Arena); Kingsville Bulldogs (interested people 15 minutes away); Maidstone Hornets (those who care, closer than close); Harrow Skippers (who wish to join us, 20 - 25 minutes away)! Come on out next Friday, adults, and get some fresh air in your lungs and some gratifying satisfaction from YOUR community teenage boys and let's see your support on Hockey Nite in Essex.

The third game found us scrutinizing the Kingsville Bulldogs trying to maintain a sure 4th position against Cottam Clippers, safe in 3rd spot. This game ended excitingly in a 1 - 1 tie. Again, a goalie's excep-

tional saves, without being presumptuous, and we are referring to Kingsville, here, plus good checking on both sides, determined this score.

The first period involved this same close checking and good goal keeping and kept right up until a breaking point with six minutes left in the second period. Bob Dagleish from Cottam shot a lovely past the Kingsville goalie. It was not until the third period that with 1.37 minutes remaining, that Kingsville's coach pulled his goalie because Kingsville was playing a man short, that Ken Popelas at 1.26 minutes left in the game, lit up the scoreboard with Kingsville's tying goal.

Eight penalties were called, 5 to Kingsville and 3 to Cottam. Although Bob Dagleish served a ten minute misconduct toward the end of the first period, yet, he was responsible for Cottams only goal. Kingsville's Fraser collected a major after a scuffle in the third period with 3.43 minutes left to play. We experience major penalties, again, resulting from tension where close scores and little time are the circumstances.

Thank you referees Len Brad and Sam Sisco from Windsor.



The final game, otherwise known as the good old night cap, showed the Maidstone Green Hornets stinging the McGregor Flyers. Maidstone started off the goal getting after one minute 2 seconds with # 20, Leon Cope. Kevin Gardiner, net minder for the Flyers was sprawled out and Cope shoved in the first marker. Until the

6:30 mark of the first period, the teams rushed back and forth up and down the ice showing displays of hard checking and goal tender's saves. Then, up the ice came Dan McGuire for the Hornets. He fed the disc up to John Sykes who managed to shoot the puck over the down, but still playing goalie for McGregor, Kevin Gardiner. Three minutes and 44 seconds later, Maidstone came up the ice again to give Leon Cope his pair for the night. The pass came from Ted Backynski until Mr. Cope clicked and picked the open spot to put the Hornets ahead by 3 goals. Only one minute later, they did it again. A pass flew from Cope over to Backynski who let go a boomer, a little too fast for Gardiner of the McGregor squad to make his move. After seven minutes of play into the second period, Dave Chittle for the Hornets bounced a drive off the McGregor web watcher and Dan McGuire put the leftover into the oven. That left the Hornets in front by a score of 5 to zip to round out the second period.

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McGregor, eager to go in the final period, scored the first goal. Bill Booker was the hero when he took the pass from Bruce Hall and scored on Gary Lauzon, ruining his hopes for a shut out. Maidstone stormed back one minute later with Ted Backynski scoring from Leon Cope. He drove the puck into the twine past the new goalie Dave Balind. One more minute later he gave himself a hat trick. Backynski shot the puck over the scrabbling

goalie for McGregor. Three minutes after that, Vic Bellaire for the Hornets threw the disc into the corner to pick off Belind of McGregor. Assisting on the play was Hal Wellwood. This was at the 12:02 mark. The rest of the game consisted of goal tending competition, and end to end hockey and penalty killing. The scoreboard froze at 8 to 1 in favour of the Maidstone Green Hornets.