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Flyers down Selkirk and Virden, fall to Dauphin Kings

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Winkler Flyers made short work of the Selkirk and Virden teams last week before coming up short against Dauphin.

Last Tuesday's home game against the Steelers was a 9-0 rout for the Flyers.

Goalie Liam Ernst denied every one of the 19 shots that came his way between the posts. His teammates sent 28 shots the other way.

Niklas Gudmundson scored a hat trick that night. The other six goals came courtesy of Brady Craik, Brody Beauchemin, Blake Matheson, Mathys Blanchette, Kam Thomas, and Max Lavoie.

Thursday's road game against the Oil Capitals in Virden was somewhat less of slaughter but still a win for Winkler; they took it 4-1.

Thomas and Jayce Legaarden had the Flyers up 2-1 after 20 minutes, and then goals from Lavoie and Gudmundson sealed the deal in the final period.

Rylan Benner went the distance in net for Winkler this game, making 21 saves as the Flyers outshot the Oil Capitals 37-22.



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Niklas Gudmundson of the Winkler Flyers lifts the puck over the mitt of Steelers goalie Noel Olsonawski for Winkler's second goal of the game last week, which the home team won 9-0.

The script was flipped Sunday night when the Dauphin Kings came to Winkler.

Blake Matheson scored the Flyers' lone goal of the night near the end of the first. But the 1-0 lead was short-lived, the Kings scoring a minute lat-

er and then adding goals in both the second and third periods to win it 3-1.

Ernst faced 31 shots this game, saving 28. Winkler had 34 shots on goal.

The Flyers are in third place in the MJHL East Division with a record of 7-3. With 14 points, they're just one

point behind the Steinbach Pistons in second and eight behind the Steelers in first, though they have four games in hand over Selkirk.

This weekend, the Flyers head to Swan Valley to take on the Stampeders and to Dauphin to play the Kings.

Altona hosting Kurling for Kids bonspiel Nov. 16

By Ashleigh Viveiros

Altona is hosting a new-to-Manitoba fundraiser next month that will support the Boundary Trails Health Centre (BTHC).

Kurling for Kids (K4K), a charity that supports children's hospitals through curling tournaments, is holding its first-ever bonspiel outside of Quebec at the Altona Curling Club on Nov. 16.

"My husband and I, we have been avid curlers forever, and I've been part of Kurling for Kids for years," shares Sandy Friesen, who is a member of the Altona Curling Club and also the regional manager for K4K in Manitoba.

Friesen got involved with the charity during her years living in Quebec. Upon moving back to Altona, K4K reached out to her about expanding its reach into Manitoba.

"It didn't work out last year, but we're excited to get our first event together now," Friesen says, noting they already have a few teams signed up to take part.

The bonspiel has space for 16 teams. Each participant is asked to raise \$200 in donations. Registration is \$75 per person, which counts towards your pledge total. All curlers will get two games, lunch, supper, and a chance at trophies and door prizes.

If you're not a curler but still want to take part, you can sign up as a fundraiser for free and start collecting pledges.

The funds will all go towards BTHC, the regional hospital located between Morden and Winkler.

"The bonspiel will be a wonderful way to raise funds for our developing pediatric program and purchase medical equipment for the smallest

patients in our communities," shares BTHC Foundation executive director Shannon Samatte-Folkett.

You can register or make a donation online at www.kurlingforkids.org.

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The Morden Thunder boys and W.C. Miller Collegiate Aces girls are the 2024 A-AAA provincial champions. At the championship tournament in Minnedosa Oct. 11-12, the Aces made short work of the home team (2-1) and the Morden Thunder (5-3), to advance to the championship match against the Garden Valley Collegiate Zodiacs. Altona took the title with a 3-1 victory. On the boys side, the Thunder downed Dauphin (10-4) and Minnedosa (2-1) before besting the Zodiacs 2-1 for the gold. Numerous local players made the all-stars list at the tournament, including, from W.C. Miller, Vanessa Krahn, Kate Sawatsky, Molly Harman, and Eliana Gensa; Vanessa Franz, Evelyn Majer, Mekdes Wall, Marcelo Froese, Samuel Fast, Phyo Soe, and Elias Kandt from GVC; and Kapri Curry, Rylee Thiessen, Kyra Dyck, Sean Aguinaldo and Badr Abujazia from Morden Collegiate.

Split weekend for Pembina Valley Hawks

By Ashleigh Viveiros

It was a weekend of mixed results for the Pembina Valley AAA Hawks.

The men's team downed the Yellow-head Chiefs 9-4 on the road Saturday night and then fell to the Wheat Kings

5-3 in Brandon Sunday.

The lengthy list of goal scorers in Saturday's game included Tyson Pethybridge, Cohen Pilkington (with two), Carter Unger (with two), Nolan Bravo, Haiden Friesen, Paxton White, and Ragnar Gillis. Goalie Karsen

Dyck made 22 saves.

Against Brandon, a scoreless opening frame was followed by the home team pulling ahead 5-0 in the second period. Period three saw Pethybridge, Nathan Froebe, and Teagan Fehr try to close the gap. Ryler Gates made 28

saves in net that night.

With that, Pembina Valley is 4-5 for the season so far, good for eight points and seventh place in the standings.

This weekend the Hawks play a pair of games in Kenora against the Thistles.

Lady Hawks compete in Minneapolis tourney

By Ashleigh Viveiros

The Pembina Valley Hawks had a solid showing at the NIT tournament in Minneapolis over the weekend.

The U18 AAA women's team lost their first game to the 19U St. Louis Blues 3-2 (scoring for Pembina Valley was Leah Klaassen and Skyla Hildebrand), but then bounced back with a 5-3 win against the 19U Carolina Jr. Hawks (Abigail Brigg with two and Jessica Anderson, Casey O'Brien, and Emma Durand with singles).

They rounded out the weekend with a pair of ties, battling the 19U Anaheim Lady Ducks to a 4-4 finish (Brigg, Delaney Darby, Sophia Cox, and Klaassen) and settling for 2-2 against Team Colorado 19U (Rory Perrin and Piper Sawatzky scored)

Coming up, the Hawks host the Brandon Wheat Kings Friday and the Winnipeg Ice Saturday and then hit the road to play the Eastman Selects on Sunday.

Saturday's game will be preceded by the World Girls' Ice Hockey Day festivities at the Access Event Centre in Morden. The Hawks will be helping out with a host of fun activities for younger female hockey players.

Provincial cross country results

By Voice staff

The Manitoba High School Athletics Association Provincial Cross Country Championships took place in Clearwater Oct. 9, and a host of local athletes brought home medals for their efforts.

The complete results includes:

TEAM RESULTS

A-AAA Category

JV Girls

Gold - Warren
Silver - Niverville
Bronze - Sanford

JV Boys

Gold - Pilot Mound
Silver - Gabrielle Roy
Bronze - Morden

Varsity Girls

Gold - W.C. Miller
Silver - Stonewall
Bronze - Morden

Varsity Boys

Gold Westgate Mennonite
Silver - Gabrielle Roy
Bronze - St. Norbert

AAAA Team Category

JV Girls

Gold - Vincent Massey Collegiate (Wpg)

Silver - Miles Macdonell
Bronze - Jeanne Sauve

JV Boys

Gold - St. Paul's
Silver - Miles Macdonell
Bronze - Kelvin

Varsity Girls

Gold - Kelvin
Silver - St. Mary's
Bronze - Jeanne Sauve

Varsity Boys

Gold - St. Paul's
Silver - Glenlawn
Bronze - Garden City

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

JV Girls

Gold - Lily Hemlow - Vincent

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Business who would like to get involved as sponsors can contact Friesen at sandy.friesen@Kurling-forKids.org.

Friesen hopes Altona's involvement with K4K will inspire other Manitoba curling clubs to host a similar charity bonspiel themselves.

"Any curling club anywhere can sign up to host an event," she says. "And they can choose which hospital they'd like their fundraising efforts to go towards.

"K4K will get behind you and help you as much as possible."