



Fury Weekend Team Reports

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Midget Major U18

The U18s headed up I90 to Madison Wisconsin for the 21st annual Gold Medal Classic Tournament. Game one saw the Fury defeat the LA Selects by a score of 2-0. In game two, the Fury faced off against the Philadelphia Jr. Flyers in a wide open up and down contest. The game ended with the Fury falling by a score of 5-4. In game three the Fury took on Culver Academy in another tight contest as they fell by a score of 3-2. In the consolation game, the Fury took on league rival Detroit Honeybaked. The game ended with the Fury dropping another close contest by a score of 4-2. "We were right there in every game" said Coach Nick Pollos. "We need consistent scoring and consistent defense every night to win at this level." The Fury gets set to host the Tier I Elite Hockey League Showcase this weekend at Arctic as they face all five Detroit area teams in the final weekend of the season. The U18's play this Saturday and Sunday at 1 and 9:20pm and Monday at 2:50pm.

Midget Minor U16

The Fury Minors split a weekend league series with Team Illinois. Both games were very exciting down to the wire, with both eventual winners coming back from a 3-1 deficit to win their respective game. Fury captured the first game 4-3 with 3 unanswered goals in the third stanza. TI

captured the second game coming back from a 3-1 deficit as well.

"Our team is competing like a top 5 team right now," said Coach Kap. We are playing hard as a group, playing smart as a group and most importantly, playing AS A GROUP! The boys and I have drawn our inspiration from the fight our teammate and brother Derek Zike is fighting right now. We pray before each game and dedicate each effort to Derek. It is something very special to be part of right now, and I know the only thing that would make it better would be if Derek were playing with us," concluded the Coach.

Next weekend is a showcase at Arctic against the Detroit teams.

Bantam Major 94

Saturday the Fury 94s got a big win taking on the Mission. The 94's Fury came out with a hard fought 3-1 victory.

Sunday morning was another barn burner but this time Mission took the contest 3-2 and finishing with an empty netter with 2.5 seconds left to make the final 4-2.

Bantam Minor 95

The 95's took on Team Illinois this weekend to wrap up the regular season at the Edge. In game #1 the Fury fell behind 5-0 heading into the 3rd period but never quit scoring 3 goals in the last eight minutes, the final score was 5-3 T.I. "It was very nice to see my team play as hard as they could until the final buzzer went off", Coach Matt Noga said. In game #2 TI had a 2-1 lead over the Fury with two minutes left in the 2nd period in a back and forth high tempo type of game until TI popped a big goal in the last minute of the period. The game ended up 6-1 TI, "I give a lot of credit to TI in the way they played this weekend, they are a fun team to watch and all of their success they have earned this year is well deserved", Noga Added. The Fury could finish anywhere from 4th place to 6th place in the league this year depending on what happens with other teams. The Fury will start the State Tournament on February 19TH at home against CYA.

Pee Wee Major 96

This weekend the Chicago Fury had two home games against the Chicago Mission. On Saturday the Fury played a hard game but their execution lacked and a couple of costly

turnovers and poor coverage in front of their net led to a 6-0 defeat. "For the most part we played with them but the Mission capitalized on every scoring chance we gave them." Commented coach Bannerman after the game.

On Sunday morning the two teams squared off again and after falling behind 2-0 in the first the Fury pulled within one early in the second, but that was as close as they would get eventually falling 8-2. "When the game started we were fresh and skated right with them. Halfway through the second we were down to 6 forwards and it started to take its toll. Most of the goals that they got were metal breakdowns from being tired. We have to learn to fight through this in order to compete against the best teams" Stated coach Bannerman after the game.

Up next the 96's will be heading to Boston for a tournament.

Pee Wee Minor 97

The Fury 97s dropped an in state contest to CYA by a score of 5-0. Although they are struggling to score goals, the team is working hard every day to improve. The 97s are preparing for the Illinois State Tournament. Good luck!

Squirt Major 98

The 98 Fury had a tough showcase weekend. They played 4 games; 2 on Saturday and 2 on Sunday, Unfortunately for the 98s, this weekend resulted in 4 losses. On Saturday, the team faced the Honeybaked team from Detroit and lost both games by lopsided scores. The games were filled with extra-curricular action after the whistle by both teams. Sunday's games against the Cleveland Barons were much of the same as Saturdays' games. The Fury dropped both games to Cleveland by large margins. Again the games were filled a lot of action after the whistle on both sides. Coach Mark said this about the weekend. "Assistant Coach Russ and I spoke to the team before and after each game about the proper way to respond to some the emotions they are feeling. This has been a tough year for everyone in terms of wins and losses and as we near the end of the season it has taken its toll on the players. We are seeing some of the frustration spill over into play of some of the players." Coach Mark added, "This is a good group of boys on this team and I am proud of the progress they have made. Many people outside of the organization have made many positive comments about this team. Coach Russ and I will do our best to remind the

players how much they have achieved this season and how important it is to finish this year on a positive note."

Girls 19U

The Fury Girls 19U team played in the semi-final game for NIHL playoffs and beat Wilmette 5-0. They played a nearly flawless game and offensively moved the puck better than any game all year. After the game they received caps and a banner for winning the Presidents Cup representing the best team during the regular season in which they went undefeated. Next week the Fury plays TI for the NIHL championship at 9:00 a.m. at Inwood Ice Arena. They then play TI again on Sunday in their 1st state playoff game. That game will be played at 7-Bridges at 1:30.

Girls 10U

The Fury-Jaguar Girls 10U team played a tight game against the Yellow Jackets in the NIHL Semi-Final this weekend. After a 0-0 first period, the Yellow Jackets scored in the 2nd to take a 1-0 lead. That was all goaltender Aryana Ziakas would allow as she turned in her best game of the season. Taylor House scored two in a row to give the Fury-Jaguars a 2-1 lead. Kate Fanning cushioned the lead with a breakaway goal and added an empty-netter to bring the final to 4-1.

The Fury-Jaguars will face the Winnetka Warriors on Friday, February 13th at 6:30pm at Inwood Ice Arena in Joliet for the NIHL Championship.