



Fury Weekend Team Reports

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Pee Wee Major 96

This weekend the Chicago Fury headed to Kalamazoo for a three game set with S2. On Saturday afternoon the Fury came out strong but found themselves tied at two heading into the second period. As the game wore on the Fury continued to control the pace of the game and with a 5 on 3 in the middle of the second period, broke the game wide open and finished with a 9-3 victory. "I was very happy to see our team continue to stick with our game plan. After struggling to score early, frustration could have easily taken over but we kept plugging away and we were rewarded by scoring 6 goals in the second half of the game" Commented coach Bannerman after the game.

On Saturday night the Fury started the game very flat and found themselves down 3-1 at the end of the first. Unhappy with the effort and attitude Coach Bannerman lined the players up on the boards and skated them for a couple of minutes. The point seemed to be driven home because the Fury captured the second period with 5 unanswered goals for a 6-3 lead. The third period was relatively quiet and the game ended in a 6-3 victory for the Fury. "We talk about coming out and playing at the highest level no matter who the opponent is. I was very disappointed that we came out with the attitude that we would just walk all over the other team" stated coach Bannerman.

Sunday morning started off much better for the Fury and they completely controlled the game from start to finish winning 4-1. If not for the S2 goaltender the Fury could have easily scored 10 or 15 goals in the game. "We have to learn to share the puck. There was about 15 chances were one of our players made a great move to get to the net with the puck but instead of passing to an open teammate on the backdoor we tried to finish the plays ourselves" Commented coach Bannerman. "Although there are a lot of things that

we need to work on it was great to walk away from a weekend undefeated"

Next up the Fury will head up to Detroit for their first league showcase of the year.

Pee Wee Minor 97

The 97's skated against Cleveland and Honey baked in a weekend series. The Fury took 3 out of 4 points from Cleveland with a win and a tie. "We seemed to let down a bit" said Head Coach Stan Leburda. "We have to take some hits. We have to be more discipline, take one for the team." In the Honey baked games, the Fury could not get any points as they fell to Honey baked 2-1 and 7-1. "The Honey baked team was very good but we had a chance to win in the first game" Coach Stan said. Game two saw several mental breakdowns as the Fury never could get out of the gates. The Fury will now prepare for the MWEHL Showcase at Arctic this weekend.

Squirt Major 98

"We had practices Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Overall the players had a good week of practices. We structured the practices so that the players could continue to work on and improve their fundamentals. They are getting better in their skating technique and their conditioning is also improving. Coach Russ and I are pleased with their progress to date, but we also know there is still a lot of work ahead. We will have a skills session and 2 practices this week as we prepare for a showcase weekend against teams from Michigan."

Fury Girls 19U

The Fury girl's 19U team played the Sabres this past Saturday and came up with a 9-0 victory. They traveled to Milwaukee on Sunday and lost 8-1 to the Wisconsin Wild. They then beat the Flames 6-0 on Sunday night. Even though there wasn't much competition from the NIHL teams, the Fury used the opportunity to work on many things that they do in practice. With continued hard work they can hopefully execute things quicker and get more competitive in the MWEHL. Next week the Fury plays TI on Saturday away and CYA away on Sunday.

Fury Girls 14U

Thursday 10/2/08

The girls began a busy weekend with a NIHL game against the Sabres in Naperville. The girls came out flat and were playing from behind almost the entire game. "We didn't skate with confidence tonight". Coach Harmon added, "We didn't use what we're learning in practice and it showed". The girls mounted a couple of scoring chances late in the game but came away empty handed.

Saturday 10/4/08

The girls made a quick day trip to Peoria to play the boys in another NIHL match-up. Their effort from the beginning was much improved from their previous outing. The girls pressed the puck and continued to take away the opponents time and space. However, defensive zone break-downs cost the girls in the end. "We didn't play well in our own end today, but the effort was there" said Coach Harmon, who also added that the goaltending wasn't as sharp as he had hoped for today. "Our effort is improving, but the mental preparation that we need at this level needs to improve".

Sunday 10/5/08

The Fury showed up in Hoffman Estates today with an improved attitude and determination as they faced CYA in a MWEHL game. The Fury played hard and showed good team speed from the start. They chased down loose pucks, maintained some periods of good puck possession and had some good scoring opportunities. The girls played well in the opponents end and their enthusiasm was evident in their play. A late goal by CYA proved to be the difference as the Fury came out on the losing end 2-1. Coach Harmon was pleased for the most part with the teams effort, saying, "You are learning and getting better as a team. This first month of the season has seen a lot of growth and learning. Keep up the hard work".

The girls have another couple of NIHL games coming up this week as well as another MWEHL matchup with T.I..

Midget Major U18

The U18's competed in the USHL Midget Buc Bowl this past weekend earning a 2-2 record. In game 1 the Fury overpowered the Alaska North Stars by a score of 7-2 which saw the Fury score six goals on the power play. Game two put the Fury boys against the Pike Peak Miners. This contest saw a up and down, fast paced action from start to finish however the Fury fell to the Colorado team by a score of 3-

2. Game three which was just four hours later against a solid Russell Stover team who had not yet played that day proved to do the Fury in. The Fury started slow but kept the game within reach in the third period trailing only by a 2-1 score. Russell Stover scored to go up 3-1 and the Fury could not recover falling by that 3-1 score. The Fury then prepared for a consolation game against the Boston Jr. Rangers on Sunday morning with the chance to pull even in the tournament. The Fury came out hard and opened up a 2-0 lead. The Fury worked hard, moved the puck well and skated to a 4-2 victory to close out the weekend. "Our kids are learning the value of the little things about the game" says Fury Head Coach Nick Pollos. "We need to focus on the little things and maintain a certain level of work ethic if we are going to take the next step as a team." The Fury improved their record to 9 wins and 5 losses and will now prepare for the MWEHL Showcase at Arctic this coming weekend.

Midget Minor U16

This weekend the Minors faced cross-town rival Mission in 2 league games. The Fury dropped both games by scores of 4-2 and 7-5. The Fury was tied or leading after two periods in both games but failed to get the job done in the 3rd period of both games. "I thought we played fairly well in the first 2 periods of both games, but we seemed to lack either conditioning or the competitive will to win", said Coach Kapsalis after the weekend. "I watched the first game on film and saw that we made some critical mistakes that cost us. I'm sure the second game was more of the same. It is unthinkable to me that we had a 5-3 lead heading into Sunday's game and gave up 4 unanswered goals", added the coach. "That is why I get the big bucks, right? I have to figure it out and teach the kids. I love Tom Landry's quote about being a coach, he said, 'My job is to make men do what they don't want to do, to get where they want to go'. We will see this week if our team has what it takes and is willing to pay the price needed to secure victory today and achieve their dreams for tomorrow", concluded the coach.

Bantam Minor 95

The '95's took on the Chicago Mission in it's first league play game of the season at home. In game one the Mission came out strong and didn't look back, winning 5-3. "We were out worked the whole game, I give the Mission players a lot of credit" Fury Coach Matt Noga said. In game two it was a different story, as the Fury came out flying and didn't give the Mission a chance, winning 5-1. "It was

nice to see my players respond to the challenge I presented to them after game one's loss" Noga added. The Fury heads to Detroit next weekend for the first league showcase of the season.