



Fury Weekend Team Reports

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Midget Major U18

The Fury U18's hosted the 2008 Fury Autumn Invitational this weekend at Arctic and took their three game winning streak with them. Game one saw the Fury dominate the Green Bay Jr. Gamblers controlling the play from start to finish in a dominating victory by a score of 7-0. Game two brought the Brantford Ontario 99ers to Arctic. The Fury started slow but finished fast as they pulled out a 4-3 win in the final second of the game. Saturday morning pitted the Fury against the Ojibwa Eagles. The injury riddled Fury skated to a 4-1 win, despite having only 13 skaters in the contest. "I've never seen so many injuries at one time to a team" says Coach Nick Pollos. You can't win playing short so many players at this level for any length of time." The Fury advanced to the Conference Semi Finals against the Lansing Capitals on Saturday night and the short bench became a huge factor. The Fury seemed to have nothing left in the tank as Lansing worked harder than the Fury the entire game going on to win 4-2. "I think our short bench played a part in the loss for sure but give Lansing credit, they outworked us." The loss snapped a six game winning streak for the Fury as they return to Tier I Elite Hockey League play next weekend in a home and home series against CYA. The Fury improved their overall record to 16 wins and 7 losses.

Midget Minor U16

The Fury U16's traveled east to compete in the Bean Town Classic, and compete they did. Game one saw the Fury take on a tough Portland team and the action was great. A solid start and good goaltending were the difference as the Fury skated to a 4-1 win to open the tournament. After a slow start in game two vs. the Boston Jr. Eagles, the Fury came alive as they skated to a 6-1 win behind a great effort

from all as the game progressed. Game three pitted the Chicago boys against the South Shore Dynamos. This may have been the best game of year according to Assistant Coach Christian Hmura. "This may have been the first game this year where we play every shift 100% the entire game" as the Fury advanced to the semi finals beating the Dynamos by a score of 6-0. The Fury advanced to the Semi Finals against in state rival Team Illinois however the Fury was forced to play with a short bench. Only 10 skaters suited up for the Fury and they gave it everything they had but ran out of steam in the second half of the game falling to TI 8-3 after trailing early 3-2. "Our legs ran out in the second half but we played with Heart" according to Assistant Coach Hmura. "It was a great effort by all 12 players we dressed."

Bantam Major 94

The 94 team travelled to Cleveland for 2 league games and came out with 4 points.

The first game the boy's had jet lag but again found a way to win with a come from behind victory 4-2. Game two was tied going into the third 2-2 and again on the road the Fury 94's found a way to win taking the game 4-3. The 94's have an overall record of 17-6-1 and a league record of 6-1-1, fighting for top spot in the league.

Next up Fury plays York Simcoe , Ont., Dallas Stars, and Philadelphia in the Nike/Bauer tournament.

"The Boy's are in the top of the standings in their league. The team will face off against 3 topped rank teams in probably the toughest division of the tournament this weekend" said McClusky. "Our schedule has been very tough but the boy's have answered the call." "Our bench is short players but the boy's keep fighting and find ways to win" McClusky said.

Bantam Minor 95

The '95's faced off against the Chicago Mission in two league games over the weekend. In game one the Fury skated to a 2-2 tie. In game two the Fury held off the Mission 3-2 giving the Fury 3 out of 4 possible points this weekend. "It's nice to see our team's defense and goaltending start making a difference in the outcomes of games, it was also good to see my team play well enough to win and tie without two of our top players" Coach Matt Noga added. The Fury

heads across town for the Nike Bauer Tournament hosted by the Chicago Mission.

Pee Wee Major 96

This weekend the Chicago Fury 96's headed up to Madison for a pair of games against the Capitals. On Saturday afternoon the Fury came out strong and found themselves up 3-0 in the first couple of minutes and they never looked back taking the game by a final of 8-3. "Although we were able to win by a big margin I was a little concerned that we started to revert to our old ways as the game progressed" commented Coach Bannerman. After a fun team outing Saturday night the Fury had an early morning game on Sunday. Strong puck movement and good decisions with the puck were keys to the Fury skating away with a 7-1 victory. "We focused on controlling the puck and learning to move the puck to open teammates at practice this week and you could see the players starting to excel in these situations. I am very happy with the execution and effort that we put forth this weekend" stated Coach Bannerman. Up next the Chicago Fury will be skating in the Nike/Bauer this weekend.

Pee Wee Minor 97

The 97's took on CYA and Team Illinois this weekend. Game one saw the Fury fall to CYA by a score of 6-0. A lack of team defense was a major concern for the coaches. "Too many odd man breaks against cost us" said Coach Stan Luberdia. Game two the Fury skated against Team Illinois and the result was not much better as the Fury fell by a score of 6-1. "We can do much better than that" says coach Stan, "but we have to keep improving. Our odd man breaks against was better today. We have to stay focused on improving as individuals and as a team." The 97's will skate in the Nike / Bauer this coming weekend.

Squirt Major 98

The 98s were in Cleveland for 2 games this weekend. The team lost on Saturday 9-0 and on Sunday morning, lost 6-1. Coach Mark commented about the weekend, "The team played much better during the second game; especially during the second and third periods. They allow only one goal in the second and none in the third, while tallying the teams'

only goal in the third. They showed their 'never quit' attitude and refused to let the Barons get anything going after the first period. They were much better in their own end. I am pleased with the progress they made this weekend after we added more responsibilities to their defensive zone coverage. As the game progressed, they challenged the Barons when they had the puck and as a result gave up only a few shots in the final 2 periods."

Girls 14U

The girls traveled to Peoria, IL this past weekend to participate in the "Early Bird" tournament. The girls went into the weekend after a good week of practice prepared to work hard and looking forward to a good weekend of hockey.

They started their weekend off against Peoria on Saturday afternoon. The girls got off to a sluggish start and were never able to get on track, losing 5-1.

The second game of the afternoon was against Rockford. Rockford started the scoring and the girls were playing catch-up early on. They kept working and had some success as they tried to mount a comeback. With some extended power play time late in the game, the girls kept the pressure on but were unable to finish the game the way they wanted.

Rockford 6, Fury 4.

Sunday morning matched the girls against Rockford again, and they were looking for a little payback for the previous loss. It was a defensive struggle, with the Fury goaltending keeping the game close. The girls scored a power play goal late in the game, but couldn't complete the comeback, losing 2-1.

The final game of the weekend put the girls against Peoria again to try and finish the weekend strong. Peoria proved to be too much, and coupled with some breakdowns they finished with a loss of 6-0.

Coach Harmon met with the girls over the weekend to try and determine the cause of the inconsistent effort. "The girls are making many of the same mistakes and are not showing a consistent work ethic during games." He added, "We need to find out why we are not performing the way we are capable of."

This week has the girls preparing for a game on Saturday against the Flames and then on Sunday for a MWEHL match-up against CYA.

Girls 19U

The Fury girls 19U team traveled to Kenosha this past weekend to play the Komets. After taking a 1-0 lead the Fury found themselves down 3-2 in the third period despite out playing Kenosha most of the game. They came back hard to get two unanswered goals and win 4-3. On Sunday the Fury were home against the Flames. They played extremely well, had over 40 shots on goal and came up with a 6-0 victory. Next week the Fury plays away games versus Wilmette and the Flames.

Girls 10U

The Girls 10U season is finally underway. In their season opener, the girls fell behind very quickly giving up 4 quick goals to the Yellow Jackets. "After the rough start, the girls settled down and played the Yellow Jackets evenly the rest of the game. They've learned they need to come ready to play from the first puck drop," said head coach Erin Malinowski.

The Fury-Jaguars dominated the Chicago Bulldogs in their second game. With hat tricks from Kate Fanning and Taylor House, goals from Morgan Donchez and Aryana Ziakas, and a shutout from Liliana Bibian, the girls rolled to a 10-0 victory to bring their record to .500.

Next up: A televised rematch with the Yellow Jackets on Nov 5th