



## Fury Weekend Team Reports

### WEEK 10

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#### Midget Minor U16

The Fury U16 team faced off against Culver Academy for a two game home set. Game 1 ended in a 2-2 tie, with Culver scoring the tying goal with 13 seconds left. Game 2 ended with Culver on top 2-1. "We did some things well that we had worked on in practice but I felt we were not really competing at our best", said coach Kapsalis after the weekend series. "In both games we had chances but failed to capitalize. Both of our goalies played well this weekend, but we will need to finish a higher percentage of our quality scoring chances if we are going to win games", concluded the coach.

Next up is a 5 game showcase in Detroit.

#### Bantam Major 94

The 94 Fury continue their winning ways taking two league games this weekend vs CYA. The 94's are 10-1-1 in their last twelve games 22-7-1 overall and in 1st place over the last 3 weeks in the MWEHL with a record of 8-1-1.

On Saturday CYA hung for 2 periods with the Fury but could not handle the barrage of shots as the Fury took the game 6-3. Sunday afternoon the CYA squad gave Fury all they could handle leading the game late in the third 3-2. The Fury scored 2 goals late in the third to win by a score of 4-3.

"Dave Maciuk has his team (CYA) playing great hockey and I commend him on his efforts. "My team is very shorthanded but found a way to win again. "My team played very selfish the 2nd game which they won on talent but the CYA team played as a team, that, and hard work will go farther than talent alone. "My team better learn that work ethic and

team play will always succeed talent 100% of the time" concluded coach McClusky.

### **Bantam Minor 95**

The 95's took on CYA this weekend at home for two league games. In game one the Fury found themselves down 2-0 going into the 3rd period after pounding the CYA goalie for two straight periods. The Fury fought back hard tying the game 2-2, the final score was 2-2. "We have been a very good team so far this year in the 3rd period due to our hard practice habits and it paid off for us," Coach Matt Noga said. In game two it was the same story, the Fury trailing 1-0 going into the 3rd. The Fury never quit and netted 2 goals in the last 10 minutes to take the win 2-1. "We moved the lines around a little in the last 10 minutes and it seemed to pay off as it created 2 goals," Noga added. The Fury has next weekend off and will focus on getting healthy and rested up.

### **Pee Wee Major 96**

This week the Chicago Fury 96's faced off again in-state rival CYA. In a penalty filled first game the Fury struggled to find their offensive game and lost 3-0. "There were a lot of guys who were standing around waiting for one of their teammates to make a play for them and that made the team look slow as a whole" commented Coach Bannerman. On Sunday morning the Fury came out with the hopes of winning their first league game of the year, but unfortunately could only muster a 3-3 tie. "We were all over them in the third and hit about three or four posts late when the game was tied. We did a much better job of executing and moving our feet today" Stated coach Bannerman.

Next week the Fury will face another tough test with two games against the Chicago Mission.

### **Squirt Major 98**

The 98s were in Kalamazoo this weekend for 2 games. Saturday evening we lost 4-3. Coach Mark commented on the teams' play this weekend, "The kids showed signs of putting a whole game together. It was one of their best efforts in terms of consistent play in all 3 zones. We had a see-saw battle with the Kalamazoo's S2 team with each team taking a lead in the game. But in the end we were unable to tie them in an exciting finish to the game. We pulled our goalie late in the third period during a power play to make it 6

on 4. The players had several chances during the power play, but they were unable to score."

On Sunday the team lost 9 to 0 to the same S2 team. "On Sunday the kids didn't have any jump, they were unable to respond to S2's overall dominance in play." Coach Mark added, "I am disappointed in our teams' play Sunday morning. There's really no excuse for the difference in play. I know that this team is capable of doing much more. I expected more of out of them. We'll take what (lessons) we can from this weekend and prepare for 2 games next weekend against the Mission and TI."

## **Girls 14U**

The girls began a busy week by facing a MWEHL opponent in the Mission on Wednesday night. The girls came out strong from the start and pressured the puck all over this ice. The girls created some quality chances early in the game, but were not able to capitalize on their opportunities. As the game wore on, Mission was able to take advantage of some mistakes by the girls and limited the chances the Fury had in the offensive end. The girls had an improved outing compared to the last match-up, losing the game 4-0. Coach Harmon was pleased as a whole with the improved effort, but noted that the girls need to be more mentally tough and prepared. "We are making improvements but need to find a way of being prepared and hockey ready. We need to know what to do with the puck when we have it and make better plays."

Thursday night, the girls traveled to play the Sabres in a NIHL competition. The girls came out flat, and were playing from behind from early on. Plagued by mental errors and some inconsistent play, the girls tried to claw their way back. After a couple of late goals and some improved effort, the girls tried to finished the game but ran out of time. The final score 4-3.

Saturday afternoon, the Fury played the Ice Dogs at Glacier in Vernon Hills. This game was marked by penalties on each side as well as a lot of back and forth play. The Ice Dogs got an advantage on the girls and got a late empty net goal to seal their 6-4 victory.

On Sunday, the Fury went to play a MWEHL tilt against the Wild at the Ponds in Wisconsin. From the start, the girls pursued the puck in the Wild end, pressuring the play but were not able to really generate many scoring opportunities. The Wild took advantage of a number of odd-man opportunities to keep the Fury from trying to mount any

kind of comeback. At 4-2, the Wild potted a couple of shorthanded chances after capitalizing on some sloppy play by the girls in their own end and finished the game with a 7-2 victory. The team met after the game to discuss their inconsistent play and came up with some ideas as how to better approach games in order to take advantage of team play. The coaches were disappointed with the outcome, but feel that the players are beginning to take charge and hold each other accountable for their effort and attitude. Coach Harmon noted, "The girls don't know yet what they are capable of. They have such tremendous potential, they just need to find a way to play hard and play as a team in order to accomplish some of their pre-season goals."

The upcoming week is busy for the girls; with practice on Monday, a NIHL game against the Hawks on Tuesday, followed by practice on Wednesday, another NIHL game against the Sabres on Thursday. This weekend the girls will play in the MWEHL Showcase as well.

### Girls 19U

The Fury girl's 19U team played home and away games against TI this past weekend. The first game at TI the Fury outshot TI 32 to 15 and won 3-1. Game two was a much closer game with the Fury still out shooting them 20-12 but having to settle for a 1-1 tie. The team had many scoring chances in each game but couldn't seem to finish. Hopefully they can start capitalizing on some of these opportunities. Next week the Fury has their first showcase of the season versus Victory Honda, Belle Tire, Grand Rapids, Ohio and New Jersey.

### Girls 10U Fury-Jags

The Fury-Jags started their 5 game week with a televised win over the Yellow jackets. Having lost badly to the Yellow jackets in their season opener, the girls were ready for the rematch. Solid play from every skater and some key saves by goaltender Taylor House led to a 4-3 victory.

Game 2 featured a rematch against the Chicago Bulldogs. Incredible passing led to a 7-0 victory with 11 assists being credited to the girls and a shutout for Gabi Mancini.

Game 3 saw the young Fury-Jags take on the defending State Champions and undefeated Winnetka Warriors. Coach Malinowski said, "I wish there was a stat on the score sheet for hustle and back checking! This was our best game yet in those areas." Taylor was outstanding in net again

and it is hard to find the words to describe Kate's magic scoring touch as she scored 6 goals - 3 of them shots from the blue line - as she earns her 5th hat trick in a row.

Game 4 saw Winnetka show why they are the defending State Champions as they adjusted their game plan and the Fury lost 4-0. "Winnetka is always a tough opponent," said Coach Malinowski, "We have two more games against them and we feel that we can make the adjustments necessary to win again."

Game 5 was our first game against Wilmette. Aryana Ziakas made some solid saves in her goaltending debut but the girls were exhausted from 5 games in one weekend and it showed in the 6-5 loss; expect the rematch on Nov 23rd to be a different game.

Next up: Sunday, Nov 16th against Winnetka

### **Midget Major U18**

The Fury Major Midgets headed west for the Tier I Elite Hockey League U18 Showcase in Colorado Springs, CO. Scouts from both the NAHL and USHL as well as NCAA and NHL were in attendance eyeing up new talent for their respective leagues. Game one saw the Fury fall 4-1 to Russell Stover in a game where the Fury were never in. "We never got off the plane today" said Fury Coach Nick Pollos, "We beat Stover a few weeks ago and they beat us today, that's how strong this league is." Game two put the Fury against the Dallas Stars, another team the Fury beat in the Showcase a few weeks back. This time it was the Stars who came out on top by a score of 4-2. On day two, the Fury faced off against the Colorado Rampage in the third game of the tournament earning a point in a 1-1 tie. "We played better today but made a costly mental error that cost us the win." The Fury took on the LA Jr. Kings in game four, the top team in the league and played their best game of the tourney outshooting the Kings 22-8 in the first period, however came away with a 3-2 loss. "We played very well today, it's too bad we have nothing to show for it" said Pollos. The Fury dropped the final game of the showcase 4-2 to P.F. Changs, another team the Fury had beat in weeks prior. "I think our team learned a ton this weekend. We will work hard this week in practice, enjoy a much needed weekend off and then get ready to play the Mission in two weeks." The Fury are expecting back two injured players in two weeks and that will be a big boost for the team. "It's a long season. We have said all along that you can't get too high when your winning and can't get too low when you

are struggling, so we will just go back to work and move forward" says Pollos. The U18's overall record is now 17-11-2.