



## Fury Weekend Team Reports

WEEK 12

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**Thanksgiving**

Happy Holidays from the Chicago Fury

### Bantam Minor 95

The 95's headed to St. Louis this weekend for 3 practice games against the Blues. In game #1 the Fury blew a 1-0 lead late in the game and ended up with a 1-1 tie. "We made another rookie mistake late in the game and it cost us the win" says Coach Matt Noga. In game #2 the Blues cruised by the Fury winning 5-3. In game #3 the Fury was down 2-0 but fought back hard, scoring 4 goals in the 3rd period to win 5-2. "We executed a new style of scoring this past two weeks in practice and it showed this weekend so it's nice to see the guys developing and experimenting" Noga added. The Fury has the Thanksgiving weekend off and would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Holiday.

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### Squirt Major 98

"Although we lost 10-0 to TI on Saturday at Arctic, we played better than last weeks' game. I made a couple of

adjustments in our defensive coverage and the kids frustrated TI for most of the first period. The kids did a commendable job challenging the puck for most of the first period (although they gave up 3 goals in the latter part of the period) said Coach Mark. Coach Mark went on to say, "The team's effort was improved compared to last week. I give them credit for quickly recognizing what TI was trying to do offensively and making the defensive adjustments. The second period was when TI got the best of us; scoring 6 goals." Team Illinois capitalized on power play chances in the second to open up the game. The third period the Fury got back to playing with more discipline and held TI to one goal. "Overall the entire team played with more determination this week against a very talented team."

We travel to Detroit for a Showcase weekend against the 5 teams from the area. We have 2 games on Friday, 2 on Saturday and 1 on Sunday.

### Girls 19U

The Fury girl's 19u team played the Kenosha Komets on Saturday and came up with a 3-1 victory. They played an almost flawless game and had over 50 shots against a team they squeaked out a one goal victory against last time they played.

On Sunday the Fury played CYA and lost 4-0. It was their third loss to CYA this year but was definitely the closest game. It was an up and down game that was much closer than the score indicated but again CYA capitalized on almost every Fury mistake while the Fury couldn't.

Next week the Fury travel to Pittsburgh for a tournament against a field consisting of mostly Canadian teams.

### Girls 14U

The girls had a good week of practice to prepare for a couple of games against MWEHL and NIHL opponents on Saturday.

Saturday morning saw the girls take the ice against CYA in a MWEHL league game. The Fury came out with some good puck pursuit to open the game, but the lack of puck support and some bad defensive zone habits had the girls playing back and forth with CYA. The girls climbed back from a deficit to tie it late in the game, but a breakdown cost them the game with 8 seconds left. Fury 3 - CYA 4. After the game, Coach Harmon challenged the girls to look at their individual mental preparation for the games and see what it

is that they are doing and how they can improve their play by being better prepared.

Saturday evening matched the girls against the Ice Dogs for a NIHL leagues game. The girls got out to an early lead by some solid offensive zone effort, banging a rebound home to lead 1-0. The girls held onto the lead into the second period as the play continued to be mostly in their opponents end. The Ice Dogs were able to get a soft goal in the second period to even the score 1-1. After some good play by the girls in the third period, they were unable to find the back of the net, and the game ended in a tie. Fury 1 - Ice Dogs 1. The coaching staff noted an improved effort in this game over their effort and intensity in the morning. "The girls still need to find a consistent work ethic and be accountable to each other for their effort"

The upcoming week has a practice on Monday, and then a Thanksgiving tournament in Hoffman Estates.

### **Girls 10U Fury-Jags**

It looked more like a shooting clinic than a hockey game but the Fury-Jags came out on top, winning 12-9. The coaches were happy with the increased team passing as 7 of the 10 players notched assists "The girls got caught a few times on turnovers and gave up too many 3-1s and 2-0s, "stated the coaches, "Their hustle was great and with time they will learn to judge the play more accurately. Overall, we are very happy with the progress the girls have made so far this season." This improves the girl's record to 5-4 in league play.

### **Midget Major U18**

The U18's returned to action after an off weekend and it showed as the Fury dropped game one of a two game series to the Mission by a score of 4-2 (empty net goal). "We didn't seem to have as much jump as I thought we would have and we were not sharp in our execution," said Fury Head Coach Nick Pollos. With the game tied at 2-2, the Mission finished off an end to end rush scoring the game winner with just over 1:00 minute left in the game. Game two saw the Fury come out hard opening up a lead in the first period which they never went back on in route to a 4-2 victory of their own. "We were better today, we worked harder and we were a bit sharper in our game." The Fury U18's will prepare for Tier I Elite League play as they travel to Madison Wisconsin for a two game series with the Capitols in two weeks. Wednesday

the Fury will take on the Alaska All-Stars in a scrimmage at Arctic at 7:10pm.

### **Midget Minor U16**

The U16 team faced off against the MWEHL opponent Cleveland in the last of their 4 league games. The Fury managed a 2-1 win, to win the series 3 games to 1. "We came out well but could not finish some early chances. They got a lucky bounce on their first shot and it went in. We worked hard to come back and held on. I was happy that we did some things that we worked on very well, but we just don't have a full team that competes on a consistent basis. This is what we will be focusing on at practice this week", said coach Kap after the game.

### **Bantam Major 94**

Fury 94's held onto first place in league play after taking 3 of 4 points from Team Illinois.

Fury dominated play in the first game leading 3-1 heading into third. T.I. came back with 2 goals of their own but it was not enough as Fury won 4-3 in game one.

Game two saw both teams play hard as they traded goals all game long. With the score tied 2-2 fury scored but the goal was disallowed. T.I. came back to go up 3-2 but Fury answered tying the game at 3 apiece.

Final 3-3 tie with the Fury taking 3 points out of 4 to hold first place in the MWEHL. League record 9-2-3 and overall 24-7-3