**Midget House League Year End Report**

In my second term as the Sarnia Hockey Association midget director I faced stiffer challenges with team balancing and player replacement than last season. However, I did once again receive a lot of help and advice from Tim Turner and Glenn Cottam, who rated the 2001 kids for me, so I am extremely thankful to both of them.

This year I had a total of 136 players divided into 8 teams with the maximum of 17 skaters per team. These 136 players were split into two Tiers. Tier 1 had 68 players born from 1999 to 2000 and made up 4 teams. Tier 2 had 68 players born from 2000 to 2001 also making up 4 teams. After selecting my coaches the two separate **“blind”** drafts took place the same fashion as last year.

I did something a little different with the 24 league games this season. The season was split into 5 exhibitions, 9 regular, 9 play-off games and the one game championships for the “A” & “B” cups. I used the exhibition games to determine if there needed to be any movement to balance out the league. Looking at the standings after the exhibition season I felt there was a need to move approximately 10 players in each Tier to balance the teams.

Some players were moved up to Tier 1 and some down to Tier 2 (at their request) to fill vacant spots of those who had left the league. Those on the waiting list were added to Tier 2 to complete their rosters. For the first time, I moved a girl up to Tier 1 or else she would have asked for a refund. She was more than capable of playing at that calibre. Below are the standings from the exhibition, regular & playoff seasons in both Tiers’.

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| TIER 2 EXHIBITION SEASON STANDINGS | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TEAM | G.P. | W | L | T | PTS. | G.F | G.A. | G.F.% |
| PLATER FINANCIAL | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 29 | 22 | 0.569 |
| LAKESHORE OPTIMIST | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 27 | 15 | 0.643 |
| LEHDER ENVIRONMENTAL | 5 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 26 | 29 | 0.473 |
| DANTE CLUB | 5 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 16 | 32 | 0.333 |

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| TIER 2 REGULAR SEASON STANDINGS | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TEAM | G.P. | W | L | T | PTS. | G.F. | G.A. | G.F.% |
| PLATER FINANCIAL | 9 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 11 | 54 | 40 | 0.574 |
| DANTE CLUB | 9 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 10 | 50 | 58 | 0.463 |
| LEHDER ENVIRONMENTAL | 9 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 56 | 45 | 0.554 |
| LAKESHORE OPTIMIST | 9 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 38 | 56 | 0.404 |

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| TIER 2 PLAY-OFF SEASON STANDINGS | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TEAM | G.P. | W | L | T | PTS. | G.F. | G.A. | G.F.% |
| LAKESHORE OPTIMIST | 9 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 14 | 57 | 43 | 0.570 |
| LEHDER ENVIRONMENTAL | 9 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 8 | 43 | 52 | 0.452 |
| PLATER FINANCIAL | 9 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 8 | 50 | 53 | 0.485 |
| DANTE CLUB | 9 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 53 | 55 | 0.490 |

Lehder advanced to the “A” cup with the better head to head record against Plater Financial.

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| TIER 1 LEAGUE EXHIBITION STANDINGS | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TEAM | G.P. | W | L | T | Pts. | G.F. | G.A. | G.F.% |
| ALL SEASON TROPHIES | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 31 | 18 | 0.633 |
| SEV-CON | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 23 | 28 | 0.451 |
| PROGRESSIVE AUTO SALES | 5 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 19 | 23 | 0.452 |
| SARNIA CEMENT | 5 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 15 | 21 | 0.417 |

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| TIER 1 LEAGUE REGULAR STANDINGS | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TEAM | G.P. | W | L | T | PTS. | G.F. | G.A. | G.F.% |
| ALL SEASON TROPHIES | 9 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 11 | 50 | 42 | 0.543 |
| SEV-CON | 9 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 51 | 51 | 0.500 |
| SARNIA CEMENT | 9 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 49 | 51 | 0.490 |
| PROGRESSIVE AUTO SALES | 9 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 54 | 60 | 0.474 |

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| TIER 1 LEAGUE PLAYOFF STANDINGS | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TEAM | G.P. | W | L | T | PTS. | G.F. | G.A. | G.F.% |
| PROGRESSIVE AUTO SALES | 9 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 14 | 62 | 42 | 0.596 |
| SEV-CON | 9 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 12 | 56 | 46 | 0.549 |
| SARNIA CEMENT | 9 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 10 | 52 | 42 | 0.553 |
| ALL SEASON TROPHIES | 9 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 75 | 0.318 |

It was disappointing to see a team struggle due to player attendance like All Season’s did. Their last two playoff games were forfeited.

As for suspensions, I had a total of three suspensions with one in tier 2 and two in tier 1. I submitted 12 game sheets into the penalty free sweepstakes draw between the two tiers. Three of those submissions won Plater Financial, Dante Club & Sarnia Cement a one year subscription to the Hockey News Magazine.

In the Tier 2 division: Lakeshore Optimist took home the “A” cup after a 7-5 win over Lehder Environmental.

Plater Financial captured the “B” cup with an identical score of 7-5 over Dante Club.

In the Tier 1 division: Sev-Con won the “A” cup title with a 4-2 victory over Progressive Auto Sales

Sarnia Cement took home the “B” cup after an 8-4 win over All Season Trophies.

I would like to thank all the sponsors and the bench staff listed below.

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Dante Club.....Kevin Snauwaert & David Lyford

Lehder Environmental….Jeff Stevens & Rob Zimmer & Rick Bouterse

Lakeshore Optimist....Ron Boere & Stu Baillie & Dave Post

Progressive Auto Sales......Ken Ayers & Ian Robertson & Rob Manktelow

All Season Trophies….Rob Smiley & Craig Harvey & Wayne Field

Sarnia Cement......Randy Wilson & Lauren Vanderlaan

Sev-Con....Keith McCrory & Rick Schroeter

In closing, I would like to take this moment to thank the executive for once again giving me the opportunity to work with the players and the coaches in my role as the Midget director.

Sincerely,

Jim Morrison