

CLIPPER SPORTS

Wins lift Comets into first place

By Tony Zerucha

The Beausejour comets are flying high after a pair of decisive wins over the weekend put the club in first place in the Capital Region Junior Hockey League with a 4-1 record.

On Oct. 11, the Comets visited the La Broquerie Habs in a chippy affair that produced 95 combined penalty minutes. Comet sniper Clint Thomas opened the scoring at 6:39 with an unassisted tally, his fourth of the season. Les Habs replied six minutes later to tie the game after 20 minutes.

From there, it was all Comets, as they added four more to earn a 5-1 victory. Nikolas Bear scored twice, with one coming while the Comets were shorthanded. Braden Clarke netted his third and Jaedys Dancyt celebrated his first CRJHL goal. Bear finished with three points, while Thomas and Tanner

Amos had two apiece.

Beausejour outshot La Broquerie 40-27 to make a winner of Dylan Liske. Despite the parade to the penalty box, the Comets only had one power play opportunity, which they failed to score on. The Comet PK killed all five against.

Officials assessed both teams with several 10-minute misconducts and coincidental minors. Comet Jace Ticknor amassed 17 penalty minutes, including a game misconduct, for a third-period fracas with Hab Lucas Jolicœur.

The Comets visited the Arborg Ice Dawgs. Braeden Bowes scored twice, as the visitors amassed a 5-0 lead early in the third period. Thomas, Aiden Bloomfield and Cash Clarkson also tallied. Arborg scored twice in the last 12 minutes to make the final 5-2 Comets.

Clarkson finished with two points, while eight other Comets earned an assist. Alex Cavanagh stopped 30 pucks for the Comets, who fired 53 at former Eastman Select netminder Jaxon Loewen. Loewen spent the 2023-24 campaign in British Columbia playing with the BCHL's Cranbrook Bucks and the Kootenay Hockey Academy.

Beausejour begins a run of three games in five days at home when they face the 1-3 Selkirk Fishermen at 8 p.m. on Oct. 18. They then hit the road for games in St. Malo on Oct. 19 and North Winnipeg on Oct. 22.

Clarkson leads the team with seven points in five games, leaving him eighth in CRJHL scoring. Thomas is tied for first in the loop with five goals. Dancyt, Ticknor and Bear lead the Comets with four assists each. Six Comets are averaging a point per game.



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Nikolas Bear scored twice against La Broquerie, with one coming while the Comets were shorthanded.

Sabres split in football action

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The Springfield Sabres recovered from their first loss of the WHSFL season to Grant Park with a recent lopsided win over Maples.

On Sept. 26, The Sabres fell 28-0 to the Pirates in Oakbank. Springfield's running attack was limited to 110 yards on 27 carries. The top runner was Korben Meadows-Seidler, with 29 yards. The Sabres' air attack was limited to 13 yards.

The Sabre front seven put strong pressure on the Pirate passers, registering sacks from Jace Banmann, Noah Mushaluk and Ethan

Haarsma. Coltan Gowans made 5.5 tackles, Ethan Singh five, Brady Rach and Haarsma 4.5 and Banmann four.

SCI gave head coach Tom Walls the perfect 54th birthday present on Oct. 4 – a commanding 46-0 win over the Marauders. Two-way star Haarsma led the way returning an interception for a touchdown, tackling a player in the end-zone for a safety, and had five tackles. He also rushed four times for 45 yards. Rach continued his thievery with an interception for a touchdown and three tackles. Ryder Inchyna also

had a pick.

Noah Hickey starred on offence, carrying six times for 100 yards and catching two balls for 60 more. River Wiebe scampered twice for 60 yards, while Gowans' two carries produced 45 more. Meadows-Seidler ran for 25 yards. New kicker Max Sholdra was perfect on five extra-point attempts.

With the win, Springfield retains sole possession of first place in the AAAA North East Division with a 4-1 record, one game ahead of the 3-2 River East Kodiaks. Those Kodiaks come to Oakbank to face the Sabres on Oct. 18 at 4:30 p.m.

Springfield has the North East Division's best offence and stingiest defence. Their 153 points for, an average of 30.6 per game, is 68 ahead of the closest team. Their defence has a three-point edge over the Kodiaks.

Before that key contest, River East meets the AAAA South West Division's 2-3 Vincent Massey Vikings on Oct. 11, while the Sabres square off against the powerhouse Oak Park Raiders. Those Raiders are the class of the WHSFL, as they have outscored opponents 241-0 over their first five games.



Homecoming Champs

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The Springfield Sabres boys hockey team ran the table to win their 11th annual Homecoming Tournament last weekend. The Sabres opened the event with a 6-1 win over the Red Lake District Rams on Oct. 11 and followed that up with a 6-2 triumph against the Gabrielle Roy/Point des Chenes Cavaliers on the morning of Oct. 12. They raised the trophy following a 5-4 overtime victory over the West Kildonan Wolverines.

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