

# CLIPPER SPORTS

## Xtreme keep on winning

By Tony Zerucha

The Springfield Xtreme continued their winning ways with a couple of narrow road wins last weekend.

On Jan. 13, the Xtreme faced the Lorette Comets. Evan Jasper gave them a 1-0 lead at 5:20 of the first period. Seth Klepatz and Nathan McDougall earned the assists.

Lorette replied just over one minute later, but McDougall scored unassisted at 16:45 to give the Xtreme a 2-1 lead. That score lead held into the third period when McDougall scored his second of the game at 6:39 to make it 3-1. Mikey Jette and Liam Painter

provided the help.

Lorette scored in the final minute, but Springfield held on for a 3-2 win. Springfield outshot Lorette 29-27. Liam Manness earned the victory in the Springfield net.

Next up was a Jan. 14 matchup against the Red River Mudbugs, a game rescheduled from Jan. 11. The Xtreme played catchup in this one, as the Mudbugs scored two goals early in the second period to grab a 2-0 lead.

Mason Lesuk began the comeback by scoring his second of the season at 7:23 of the second period. McDougall continued his strong play by drawing the Xtreme even at 1:53 of the third.

The game headed to overtime. That solved nothing, so the teams went to a shootout, where Braeden Rebeck gave Springfield the win.

Springfield outshot Red River 40-30. Dylan Kizlik was the winning goalie.

The Xtreme are in second place, three points behind the Steinbach Huskies, though they have two games in hand. Springfield is six points up on the third-place Mudbugs and has three games in hand.

The road trip continues with games on Jan. 18, 20 and 23. Springfield's next home action is on Jan. 25 at 8 p.m. against Lorette.



MHSAA

Lac du Bonnet's Lachlan Cuthbert has 23 goals and 14 assists in 17 games with the Pinawa Panthers.

## Cuthbert MHSAA Athlete of the Week

The MHSAA Dairy Farmers of Manitoba Rural High School Athlete of the Week for Jan. 10 is Lachlan Cuthbert of the Pinawa Panthers hockey team.

In 17 games played, Cuthbert has 23 goals and 14 assists for 37 points. In recent games, he has taken his performance to new heights, securing two consecutive hat tricks.

Coach Shelby Juer said Cuthbert's enduring leadership as captain of the team made up of Pinawa and Lac du Bonnet students, the past two seasons stands as a testament to his dedication, not only to the club, but also to fostering a culture

of excellence, teamwork and sportsmanship.

"As a leader both on and off the ice, Lachlan has consistently motivated his teammates to excel, demonstrating remarkable sportsmanship and a tireless work ethic," Juer said.

A student at Lac du Bonnet Senior School, Cuthbert also plays badminton, golf, volleyball and participates in track and field. He is also a standout on the Chargers basketball team leading them in minutes and points. He led the chargers to a championship at the Powerview tournament scoring 75 points in three games.

## Special teams hinder Comets

By Tony Zerucha

The Beausejour Comets had a tough weekend in Capital Region Junior Hockey League action as suspect special teams play lead to two losses, dropping them into fourth place.

Comets coach Troy Kennedy said



Photo by Mark T. Buss

Jarvis Ewasko scored against St. Malo.

his club has been good in odd man situations this year, but this weekend they were admittedly off the mark.

"We have been Top 2 in both PP and PK all year. This weekend we got away from what we had been doing," Kennedy said. "Lazy brains trying to take the easy way instead of doing what we need to do. A mid-season reset is all that's needed to get back to where we need to be. Hopefully it's just a bump in the road."

On Jan. 12, Evan Lesson gave the Comets an early 1-0 lead over the Lunder Falcons at 7:51 of the first period. It was his ninth of the season.

The Falcons scored the next four, including a hat trick from Zach Hall-dorson, to take a 4-1 lead into the third period. Mason Dubberly scored at 5:20 of the final frame, but the Comet comeback stalled, leaving Lunder with a 4-2 win.

Beausejour outshot Lunder 37-36. Zach Skiba took the loss in the Comet net.

The Comets were hammered 7-2 by the Warriors on Jan. 14. St. Malo scored five of the first six goals to grab a 5-1 lead after two periods. Jarvis Ewasko scored for Beausejour. Leeson scored on the power play early in the third period, but the Warriors replied five minutes later to seal a 7-2 win.

Special teams were the story. St. Malo scored four power-play goals and a shorthanded tally, while the Comets went two for seven with the man advantage.

St. Malo outshot Beausejour 43-38. Dylan Liske was saddled with the loss. He surrendered six goals before Alex Cavanagh was brought in to finish the game.

The Comets are now two points behind second-place St. Malo and Lunder.

Results of the Jan. 16 game against the North Winnipeg Satellites were unavailable at press time. The Arborg Ice Dawgs come to the Sun Gro Centre at 8 p.m. on Jan. 19.

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