

# The SnapShot

## South Shore Women's Hockey

### Chelmsford takes Silver Round

**W**hen the league was divided into three divisions, Chelmsford just missed the Gold cut and ended up in the Silver Division. However, after nearly completing one round in the Silver coach Al Luongo feels his team may be better suited for Gold competition.

"We only won one game (against Springfield) while we were up there but the scores were close," Luongo said. "They were all three to one and two to one games."

Chelmsford has mounted an impressive record while in the Silver Division. They beat Stoneham 9-0, Nighthawks B 5-2, Quincy 6-1 and the Rhode Island Seniors 9-0. And no matter what happens today against Springfield, Chelmsford will come in first place this second round.

Before today's games the promising midget team mounted 29 goals against their opposition while only being scored against three times. In comparison Springfield is second best in the division with a 2-1-1 record with 10 goals for and six against.

Chelmsford, which is new to the league this year, can request to be moved up into the Gold division before the start of next season. In the meantime they will be the team to beat in the Silver Division.

### Gold Dreams Vanish for Seniors

**T**he Rhode Island Seniors lost to Chelmsford 9-0 last week. But it was just last year when they were the team aspiring to stay in the Gold Division.

"The days of trying to be competitive in the Gold are gone," Coach Dave Silvia said. He said his team is at a distinct disadvantage because of the special rules Rhode Island teams must abide by.

Silvia said the girls who are high school age can only play for one team. If they play a high school sport in Rhode Island they cannot play hockey on Sundays. "They aren't eligible in this state," Silvia said in frustration. In Massachusetts girls can play a high school sport and participate in other organized sports as long as the two do not take place on the same day. Few if any High school teams play on Sundays.

"We have two kids over 16 years old," Silvia said of the impact the rule has on the age of his team. "We have to have one of the youngest teams."

This year Silvia said it's not a matter of his team going Gold but a question as to whether they can stay competitive in the Silver Division. "It's not a rebuilding year but a test year," he said. The Seniors are the only Silver Division team that hasn't won a game yet. They have a 0-3-1 record before today's game against Quincy.

However, Silvia's remarks may be the result of a difficult round. He said he may get some college players next year which would make his team competitive once again.

### Vote on Playoff Proposal January 17

By Val Hamton

**A** proposal will be made at the league meeting on January 17 to change the way the South Shore League determines its champions.

For the last few years the league has used two divisions during the regular season. The two teams that ended up in first place in each division at the end of the regular season became the league champions. Once the regular season ended the teams were split into three divisions.

Although the Gold and Silver teams were very competitive during the regular season, some were overmatched for the division they were in. With three divisions teams were more evenly matched and teams did not always face familiar opponents during the playoffs. Those that finished in first place in each of the three divisions became the playoff champions.

This year, since the league started the season with three divisions, play-off opponents won't change. As it stands now the regular season will end in February. The first place team in each division will become the league champions. Under the present rules teams will play one more round against teams in their division. The teams that come in first will then be the play-off champions.

This proposal would eliminate the play-offs. The season will end in March and there will be one league champion in each division. Instead of play-offs the regular season will include one more game against each team. Proponents say that it does not make sense to end the regular season and have champions, then have teams play each other one more time to determine play-off champions.

The league will be voting on this proposal at the next league meeting. Input from coaches and players is welcomed.

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## Framingham Defeats Hot Hornets

The hot South Shore Hornets were handed their first loss of this round by Framingham. Framingham, the team that couldn't win a game last year and had a mountain of goals against them, have suddenly assembled a better than average record and have more goals for than against them.

Framingham won the game 3-1 but not without cost. According to coach John Drews he received a double misconduct when his star player, Amy Tercott, had to leave the game after being tripped.

"We had an exchange with the ref," Drews said. After the game was over Drews said the referee wanted to talk to him. "I told him we had nothing to talk about." Drews said after he was repeatedly confronted by the referee he told the referee to get away from him or he would "spit in his face."

Drews said they had a second exchange with the referee when he went to get the score-sheet. He said something that bought him his second misconduct.

Drews requested a hearing over the incident. "They can wipe the slate clean or suspend me for a year," he said. He'll miss both games no matter what happens at the hearing because it can take up to 30 days to be heard.

In the meantime there is a grand struggle going on in the Bronze Division. The South Shore Hornets lead the division with six points. Boston, the Rhode Island Midgets and Framingham are all tied with five points. Today's games will determine the Round Champion.

## Randolph's Rotten Luck

Coach George Sullivan desperately wanted to beat the Hornets New Year's Day. But for some reason the regular referees thought they had the day off. That's when Canton's Val Hamton got on the phone desperately looking for referees.

She found Springfield coach David Baker, who also happens to be a level III referee. Baker agreed to referee during the emergency even though he had to do it alone. During one of the very first plays a Randolph player took a swipe at the puck. "She sort of fanned on it and as she missed she kicked the puck in," Baker said. He waved off the goal which of course, didn't make George Sullivan very happy.

On a second play there was a scramble in front of the Hornet net. Baker said he lost sight of the puck and blew the whistle just as a Randolph player fired it home. Randolph ended up losing the game 1-0.

"You're a terrible ref David but I'll pay you anyway," said Sullivan, who also controls the league's check-book. Baker, who knows by experience that referees are rarely treated with understanding, could only smile.

## Taking Time

By Val Hamton

The league has two new timekeepers this season. In Canton Lisa Verderico is taking over for her father, Jim. Sabrina Bryant is in Marlboro.

Lisa enjoyed coming to the Canton Rink and sitting in the booth with her dad. "I always found it interesting. I was offered the job when my Dad started working nights." Lisa said. "It's fun!" She went on to say that she likes the sport and loves being involved with the coaches and players.

Sabrina grew up in a hockey family and may start to play next year. As for being a time keeper she said, "I don't like the cold but the money is great."

Both women feel the referees are doing a good job this year. As for difficulties, they both cited incidents with coaches. Sabrina, on her first day, had a problem with an unnamed coach. "One coach flipped after I asked him for the names of the women that should be crossed off the roster for that game," Sabrina said. "He later apologized."

Lisa says only one coach has caused her grief. "He can't seem to control himself or his bench," she said. "It's hard to have to listen and be expected to take sides."

Players have not caused any problems for Lisa or Sabrina. Asked if they wanted to send a message to the league only Lisa responded. "Please tell the coaches to come over early and sign the game sheet and let me know who isn't going to be at the game." Lisa said she would also like the coaches to be more patient about getting their game sheets. Many of them demand the sheets before she has a chance to have the referees sign them.

As for the players Lisa said, "Tell them they are all doing well, keep up the good work, and I hope to see you next season."

### January 22, 1995

#### Canton Rink

4:50 PM	North Shore	V.	Assabet M.
6:00 PM	Nighthawks	A V.	Canton
7:10 PM	Storm	V.	Randolph
8:20 PM	Hobomock	V.	North Shore

#### Marlboro Rink

1:00 PM	Chelmsford	V.	Stoneham B
2:10 PM	Framingham	V.	R.I. Midgets
3:30 PM	Boston	V.	South Shore
4:40 PM	R.I. Seniors	V.	Springfield
5:40 PM	Needham	V.	Mass Bay
6:50 PM	Nighthawks B	V.	Quincy

*The All Star Game will take place Saturday, January 21 at the Marlboro Rink*

*Bronze 4PM Silver 6PM*

*Gold 8PM*

*The next league meeting will take place January 17 at 6:45 in the Canton rink.*

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