

The SnapShot

South Shore Women's Hockey

League Meeting Info.

Editor's Note

League Goes With Three Divisions

The league will move from having two divisions to three this week. Previously the league had two divisions, Gold and Silver, and divided into a third Bronze division only during play-offs.

At last Tuesday's league meeting President Paula Dumart explained how the divisions will be set up for the remainder of the year. She said the league used the standings as of December 4 as a guide to create the three categories.

Hobomock, Canton, Nighthawks A, Assabet A, Needham, North Shore, Assabet Midgets and Mass Bay all made the cut for the upper or Gold Division. The Silver Division will include Chelmsford, Springfield, Nighthawks B, Stoneham B, Quincy and Rhode Island Seniors.

The new third division or Bronze Division will include South Shore, Randolph, Boston, Rhode Island Midgets, Framingham, and The Storm.

Over the past few years the team that finished first in the lower division moved to the upper division. The team that finished last in the upper division moved down. This year the teams will stay where they are at least until next season.

"This is your schedule for the full year people," Dumart said indicating the grid-style schedule Val Hampton of Canton created. "We now have twenty teams. If we moved you up and down the scheduling would be a nightmare."

Though it does kill some incentive for teams to be first in their division or, in some cases, try to keep from being last, Dumart said the way the divisions are set up is still open for debate. "You can come to us and tell us why you think your team should be moved up or moved down."

Dumart said that conversation won't take place until the summer. That's when this year's accumulated points can serve as a good justification for moving a team to another level next year.

Team Schedule

The schedule for the remainder of the year was passed out at Tuesday's league meeting. For now on the games that take place in Canton start at 4:50 P.M. However, President Paula Dumart assured those present that the league has not given up its premium early Sunday afternoon ice. Instead she said the league is 'investing in its future' by giving the ice to developing Squirt and Pee Wee girls. She said there are now 14 teams with girls 15 and under in the area that need ice-time.

Coaching Clinics

On Wednesday, December 21 at 6:30PM at U-Mass Boston there will be a Hockey Dynamics course. All newly patched coaches need to take that program. Coaches already patched do not.

The Associates clinic took place today, December 11 at the Science Building at 7:30AM. The Intermediate will take place December 18 at the same time and location. For those concerned with making it back to their games on time people with experience say the clinics get out between 1:00 P.M. and 1:30 P.M.

Anyone who wants to coach in the league has to have a patch.

Where has the SnapShot Been ?

The SnapShot comes out every week to update players and other interested parties on what is happening in the South Shore Women's/Girls Hockey League. However, SnapShot personnel have been busily training its new editor, Chad Willow Stoughton, over the past several weeks. At eight weeks old Chad has a full concept of newsletter and editing techniques as well as a special charm, so he will be heading our public relations office where he will handle all future reader concerns and complaints.

On a serious note, all efforts will be made to make the newsletter available in both Canton and in Marlboro. It will take some effort before we have worked out the logistics to do that. Phones, faxes, computers, and copier machines must somehow mix together to make it possible so please be patient with us.

In upcoming Issues:

* Debra Doran talks about the young South Shore Hornets and playing in the "big-time."

* Who is that tall Russian with the funny name who gets all those points for North Shore anyway ?

* Carl Gray gives the scoop on what's going on the National Championship and its impact on the Massachusetts States.

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Round One Ends

Though **Hobomock** had some big roster changes over the summer it still holds its dynasty status by being the only team in the league to complete this round without a loss.

Hobomock grabbed first place this round in the **Gold Division** with 16 points. **Canton** and **Nighthawks A** tied for second place with 15 points. **Assabet A**, a new team to the league this year, came in third with 13 points.

In the **Silver Division** formally battered **Nighthawks B** took first place with 15 points. **Stoneham B** and **Quincy** tied for second. The **Rhode Island Seniors**, which usually battled for first place each round last year, came in third.

Randolph, also usually a contender for first-place in the **Silver** ended the round in 6th place, one place below the rookie **South Shore** midget team. The status placed **Randolph** in the **Bronze** division for the rest of the season. (**Randolph** lost two points last week when their team forfeited due to some misunderstanding on directions to the **Marlboro** rink.)

Framingham is also having a better year. Not only has the team scraped itself off the bottom of the financial barrel by paying off last year's financial debt to the league (though they still have this year to go), they have also risen from the bottom of the points barrel. The team, which consistently finished last each round last year, had three wins for six points this round--that ties the **Rhode Island Midget** team!

The title holder for the bottom this round is **The Storm**, a distant cousin of **Framingham's**. However it is a new team and like any storm it may be difficult to predict what it will be capable of doing in the future.

All-Star Game Gets Fancy

This year **All-Star** players from the **Gold**, **Silver** and **Bronze Division** will have pre-assigned numbers and names on their shirts. There will also be a program describing the players' attributes. To help add to the celebration the ceremonies will open with a live rendition of the national anthem.

The **All-Star Game** will be on January 21 at the **Marlboro** rink. The event is early this year to avoid tournament conflicts which take place in March.

Visitors Need Teams to Play

Brampton is sending Senior teams to Massachusetts the first weekend in February. The games will be played at the **Assabet** rink at 9:10 P.M. on Friday and Saturday and at 1:00 P.M. on Sunday. There are still some open slots for teams to play the Canadians. For information talk to **Carl Gray** of **Assabet A**.

Gold Division Final Standings Round One				
Team	Wins	Losses	Ties	Points
Hobomock	7	0	2	16
Canton	7	1	1	15
Nighthawks A	7	1	1	15
Assabet A	6	2	1	13
Needham	4	4	1	09
N. Shore	4	5	0	08
Assabet M	3	4	2	08
Mass Bay	2	7	0	04
Chelmsford	1	8	0	02
Springfield	0	9	0	00

Silver Division Final Standings Round One				
Team	Wins	Losses	Ties	Points
Nighthawks B	7	1	1	15
Stoneham B	6	2	1	13
Quincy	6	2	1	13
Rhode Island S	5	2	2	12
So. Shore	4	3	2	10
Randolph	4	5	0	08
Boston	3	5	1	07
Rhode Island M	2	5	2	06
Framingham	3	6	0	06
Storm	0	9	0	00

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Canton Rink

4:50 PM Quincy V. Springfield
6:00 PM Needham V. Canton
7:10 PM Boston V. Framingham
8:20 PM N. Shore V. Assabet A

Marlboro Rink

1:00 PM Stone B V. Rhode I S.
2:10 PM Randolph V. Rhode I. M.
3:20 PM Night A V. Hobomock
4:30 PM Assabet M. V. Mass Bay

5:40 PM Night B V. Chelmsford
6:50 PM Stone M V. South Shore

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