

Local News

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Phoenix sweep Armada, await second round opponent

By Bird Bouchard

The Sherbrooke Phoenix are moving onto the second round of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League playoffs.

The local hockey team brought out the brooms as they enjoyed a four game sweep of the Blainville-Boisbriand Armada after closing out the series Wednesday night with a 5-0 victory.

Joshua Roy led the Phoenix with 10 points in the series, including two goals and an assist in Game 4. Linemates Ethan Gauthier and Justin Gill each recorded two goals and five assists in the series. Meanwhile, in goal for the Phoenix, Olivier Adam picked up his first shutout of the playoffs.

According to Phoenix head coach Stéphane Julien, he's pleased with the way his team closed out the series.

"It was a great game from start to finish for us," said Julien.

The team's head coach and General Manager said the Phoenix' depth will continue to be a strong point as the

playoffs progress.

The Phoenix received scoring from four different players in Game 4, five different players in Game 3, six different players in Game 2 and five different players in Game 1.

"Our fourth line scored some big goals," he said, highlighting Hugo Primeau who scored three goals in the series vs the Armada. "To win the league, team depth and having a diversity of goal scorers in each game will make the difference."

The Phoenix now have a little more than a week's rest as they await their second round opponent.

As it stands, if the Drummondville Voltigeurs defeat the Victoriaville Tigres in their best-of-seven series, the Phoenix will play Voltigeurs in the second round of playoffs. However, if the Tigres win the series, the Phoenix would then face the winner of the Shawinigan Cataractes vs Rouyn-Noranda Huskies series. The Voltigeurs and Huskies both lead 3-1 in their best-of-seven series. Game 5 of both series is



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Sherbrooke Phoenix forward Justin Gill (19) protects the puck from Blainville-Boisbriand Armada Theo Lemieux during Game 2 of the first round of the QMJHL playoffs. Gill picked up 7 points in the series as the Phoenix swept the Armada 4-0.

set for Friday night.

The Phoenix have won their last three games vs the Voltigeurs by a combined score of 23-9. They have also won their last three games vs the Huskies by a combined score of 16-5.

However, the Phoenix have lost two

of the last three games against the Cataractes.

Regardless of who the Phoenix will play in the second round, they will host Game 1 and Game 2 of the second round of the playoffs at the Palais des Sports on April 14 and April 15.

Bingo for fun in Potton!



THE SCOOP

MABLE HASTINGS

The Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) Senior Services team started a new activity for seniors at its Feather in the Wind Senior Centre located in the hall of the former St. Paul's Anglican Church in Mansonville on Tuesday afternoon from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Bingo for small



Lana Lane enjoys a winning game of Bingo for fun!

prizes is a four-week trial activity being offered for three more weeks to see if there is an interest.

Organized by the newest member of the Senior Services staff team, Lucie Beaudoin, this weekly event features volunteer, Mary Lachance as the bingo caller and a variety of other volunteers are helping with snacks and games.

"It takes a few people to run even a small bingo for fun," said Lucie Beaudoin. "The first week of anything can sometimes be a slow start but we are going to run the weekly bingo for four weeks and then decide if we should continue or not depending on interest and attendance."

The first Tuesday found seven participants come out to enjoy the afternoon together. Beaudoin hopes that next week the numbers will double. The group that gathered was joyous upbeat and fun to spend time with. A variety of small prizes were won by the delighted participants.

"Ideally, we would like weekly numbers of 20+ to make this an event that merits continuation," explained Beaudoin. "If this activity is not of

interest, we will try something else. Our goal is to get seniors out and socializing with others while having fun."

Prizes for the bingo have been both purchased and donated by local merchants and organizations. Yesterday the local FamiliPrix Pharmacy owner arrived with prizes in hand and the local grocery store will also be contributing.

"There is never a lack of support when seniors are involved," said Beaudoin. "Potton has a multitude of generous merchants and business owners and we are grateful for their support."

While the Senior Services animators like to know who is attending ahead of time, prior registration for the weekly bingo is not required. The next bingo is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11 from 1:30 to 4 p.m. at the Feather in the Wind Centre, 309 Principale.

If you would like more information contact Lucie Beaudoin at l.beaudoin@cabmn.org or call the CABMN at 450-292-3114.



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