



# The Ringer

## Here come the Stingers!

After extensive research over the summer, the Etobicoke Ringette Association decided that our rep teams would play under the name "Stingers".

The next step was to develop a new on-the-ice look, and that required a team logo...

something fun, something that would evoke the Stingers name, and also evoke ringette. And it had to be uniquely ours.

To do the job, we turned to one of our own...Jenn Fice, who, aside from being the goalkeeper for our Open A team, is also a graphic



designer. Who better to design a logo for a ringette team than someone who plays the game? (For more on Jenn, see the profile on page 2.)

And at the Family Christmas skate, the results will be unveiled.

The logo shows a powerful hornet in traditional ERA colours of burgundy and gold, with a ring on her ringette stick.

To match the new logo, our Stinger teams will adopt a new jersey, with a

body of either white or navy blue (for home and away) and with accents of burgundy and gold.

It's an exciting new look for our exciting teams. We hope you like it!

## ERA Scores in e-Bay Jersey Auction

The Etobicoke Ringette Association has raised a welcome \$620 by auctioning a very special Ringette Team Canada jersey on e-Bay. The jersey was generously donated by Marc Petrucelli, proprietor of Dom Sports and a long-

time supporter of ERA and ringette in general. The jersey had been autographed by each member of the team that won a gold medal for Canada at the 2002 World Championships in Edmonton. The winning bidder is a father in B.C.

who bought the jersey as a Christmas gift for his daughter, who plays ringette at a competitive level, and who dreams of playing for Team Canada. So Marc's donation has made ringette players happy in Etobicoke and Vancouver. Thanks, Marc!

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## Coming up:

- ☺ **Saturday Learn To Skate** resumes Jan. 3, 2004.
- ☺ **House League games** resume Jan. 3, 2004 for Novice and Petite/Tween and on Jan. 5, 2004 for JBDI Mixed.
- ☺ **ERA Executive Committee** meets Tues., Jan. 13 at 7:30 pm in the west side meeting room at Centennial Arena. All are welcome.
- ☺ **Southern Region AAA** plays Stingers Open A, in an exhibition Jan. 18 at 2:50 pm at Long Branch. Then AAA players help with the house league practice.
- ☺ **Picture Day** is Feb. 21, 2004 for the Saturday night house league teams and all rep teams.

## Player Profile: Jenn Fice

Ask someone who has watched her play, and you'll hear that Jenn Fice is not a flashy goalie. The backstop for ERA's Open A team gets the job done quietly, but she does it well. Her team is tied for first, and she has the second best goals against average in the league!

Jenn's been playing ringette since she was nine, and goalkeeper has been her position for 19 years. No wonder she knows what she's doing. Jenn's from the Lindsay area, and started in the Mariposa association. When she moved to Toronto after finishing college, she joined ERA so she could keep playing. While playing in the house league, she



heard the Open team was looking for a goalie, so she signed up. She's been with the team for 5 years, even though she moved back to Peterborough in the meantime. Now Jenn commutes from Peterborough to play for the Stingers.

"The main reason", she says, "is that I really like the team I play with.

It's a great group. But, also, there just isn't a team any closer to Peterborough that plays at the same high level."

Jenn works as a graphic designer for a printing company in Peterborough. She was the perfect person to develop the new Stinger logo.

"I just love ringette, and I couldn't imagine going a winter without playing. It requires a very high skill level to play competitively. It's a great sport for girls, and our Open team even has a couple of moms on it, who have kids of their own in ringette."



## Stingers Rep Report

but the total goals are 20-19 for Niagara Falls. In four games against St. Catharines, the Stingers are 1-1-2 and total goals are 16-14 for St. Catharines. In the recent St. Catharines tournament, the three teams posted identical records, and a tie-breaker formula was required to determine that Niagara Falls would advance to play in the final.

### Tween B

The Tween B Major division is also shaping up to be a three team race. The Stingers' record of 7 wins and a tie with two losses is good for third place, behind Hagersville (8-0-1) and Mississauga (8-1-1). Only 2 points separate these three teams, while Etobicoke is 8 points ahead of the fourth place team.

The Tweens played well and earned a 2-2 record at the recent tournament

in Pickering.

With very competitive Novice, Petite, and Tween teams, we look forward to an exciting second half.

### Belle A

The Belle Stingers stand 7th in a nine team division with 2 wins and 2 ties in nine games. The team is only 3 points behind Richmond Hill with a game in-hand, and only 4 points behind Whitby. In all, this is a very respectable start for our team, which carries a large number of under-age players.

### Open A

The Stingers Open team stands tied for first with Waterloo and 2 points up on Mississauga in the Central Ontario Ringette League. The team is averaging a league-leading 5.3 goals a game, while their goals against average of 3.1 is second best.

### Novice B

The Stingers continue to do well in the Southern Region Novice B Minor pool. In ten games, they have 7 wins and two ties. They've lost only once!

Importantly, they have the lowest goals against average in their division.

### Petite B

A strong rivalry is growing among Etobicoke, Niagara Falls, and St. Catharines in the Petite B Major division. In three games against Niagara Falls, the Stingers are 1-2

# House League Highlights

## Bunny/Learn to Skate

A revised Learn to Skate program will be rolled out beginning January 3. The new program will be lead by Mark Skadorwa who has coached the very popular power skating sessions at Pine Point Arena on Tuesday evenings this fall.

Also beginning January 8, ERA is offering Learn to Skate in the 5:00 pm time slot on Tuesdays at Pine Point Arena. The cost is competitive with city-run programs. Pass the word to friends and neighbours about learning to skate with ERA on Saturday nights or Tuesday nights.

ERA will also be organizing a Bunny team to enter a Bunny tournament and perhaps play a few exhibition games against Bunny teams from other organizations. It's a great way to introduce young players to the fun and excitement of a competitive game. Let your Learn to Skate or Novice coach know if your player is interested.

## Novice

Since moving to a three team format, the Novice division has had some really exciting competition. At the Christmas break, the power house Canucks have 7 wins and a tie, while the Jets are close behind at 4 wins and a tie. Although the Senators trail, they have beaten the Jets twice, so we know the second half will be competitive.

## Petite/Tween

At the Christmas break, the Leafs lead the Petite/Tween division with 8 wins and 2 ties in 15 games. The Oilers are close behind with 7 wins and 2 ties in 14 games. Also competitive, the Canadians have a record of 6 wins.

In both Novice and Petite/Tween divisions, a play-off round robin tournament starts the week of Feb. 21. Over three weeks, each team plays the others twice. The top two teams will then play off on Monday, Mar. 8 for the house league championship.

## JBDI Mixed

Information on standings and game results was unavailable at "press time". The Monday night league resumes on Jan. 5.

The play-off round robin for JBDI Mixed begins Feb. 9. There are no games on Feb. 16. The championship game will be played Mar. 8.

## AAA

On January 18, the Southern Region AAA team visits Etobicoke for an exhibition game against our Open A team. AAA is the highest level of ringette so this will be an exciting game. All ERA players are invited to come and watch. Immediately after the game, the AAA team will stay to help out during the house league practice, offering pointers and instruction to the players. A great opportunity to learn from some great ringette players.

## Game Times

Since moving to three teams in the Novice division, game time management has become important, to ensure we can complete four games between 6:00 pm and 9:15 pm.

We ask the co-operation of players and parents to be at the rink at least 20 minutes before game time (30 minutes if you are the goalie) to ensure that your player is ready to go. Coaches and referees will be starting games on time, whether all the

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## Novice Stinger Christmas raffle winners

The Novice Stingers Rep team is pleased to announce the winners of the recent raffle:

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize** - Two Toronto Maple Leaf tickets Winner: Terry McCullough

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize** - Four tickets for the Toronto Roadrunners Winner: Dion Belvin

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize** - Gift Basket Winner: Ricky Oats

**4<sup>th</sup> Prize** - Second Cup gift basket Winner: Jessica Byrne

**5<sup>th</sup> Prize** - \$50 certificate at Ruth's Chris Steakhouse. Winner: Carolyn Campbell

**6<sup>th</sup> Prize** - \$50 certificate for Nami Restaurant on Adelaide Winner: Danny Crespi

**7<sup>th</sup> Prize** - Golf Club Winner: Jeannine Campbell

**8<sup>th</sup> Prize** - Bottle of Liquor Winner: Glenn Tapley

**9<sup>th</sup> Prize** - Bottle of Wine Winner: Paul Eckel

**10<sup>th</sup> Prize** - Famous Players Night Out Winner: Samantha Allen-Hanna

The players did a great job selling tickets and the raffle was a huge success. A big thank you goes to everybody who donated prizes, bought tickets and supported the Novice Stingers!



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## Stinger Games and Practices

### Novice

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Coach:

Laura Ann Montreuil (416-616-6665)

**Sunday, Dec. 21**, Practice 2:45 pm at Long Branch

**Monday, Dec. 22**, Practice 5:30 pm at Long Branch

### Petite

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Coach:

Dan Davies (416-626-8855)

**Sunday, Dec. 21**, 7:00 pm at Hamilton Tween B Minor

**Monday, Dec. 22**, 7:00 pm at Long Branch vs Cambridge

**Sunday, Dec. 28**, 1:45 pm at Long Branch vs Mississauga

**Friday, Jan. 2**, 8:30 pm at Jordan Tween B Minor

**Sunday, Jan. 4**, 2:45 pm at Long Branch vs Hamilton Tween B Minor

The Petite Stingers will participate in the Burlington Bur-Bear Tournament January 16-18, 2004.

### Tween

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Coach: Samantha

Allen-Hanna (416-521-9540)

**Saturday, Dec. 20**, 5:15 pm at Mississauga

### Belle A

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Coach:

John Hibbit (416-259-2940)

**Sunday, Dec. 21**, 1:50 pm at Long Branch vs Richmond Hill

**Monday, Dec. 22**, Practice 6:15 pm at Long Branch

**Sunday, Dec. 28**, 2:50 pm at Long Branch vs Hamilton

### Open A

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Coach: Samantha

Allen-Hanna (416-521-9540)

**Saturday, Dec. 20**, 9:15 pm at Centennial vs Waterloo Belle AA

**Sunday, Dec. 21**, 5:15 pm at Mississauga

**Sunday, Dec. 28**, Practice 3:50 pm at Long Branch

The Open Stingers play in the Cambridge Tournament January 2-4, 2004.

The Stinger schedules for January are not finalized in time for the newsletter. Up-to-date schedules are always available on the web at:

[www.etobicoke-ringette.com](http://www.etobicoke-ringette.com)

## House League

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players are present or not.

If you are unable to attend a game, your coach and team mates would appreciate it if you can provide notice. This allows the coach to plan ahead and recruit fill-in players if necessary.

The full house league schedule is posted on the ERA web site. The second half schedule will be posted shortly. Visit [www.etobicoke-ringette.com](http://www.etobicoke-ringette.com). While you are there, check out all the other interesting information about ringette!

### Picture Day

**House league, rep team and individual player pictures will be taken before house league games on Saturday February 21, 2004.**

Contact John Campbell at 416-236-5357 or [vphouseleague@etobicoke-ringette.com](mailto:vphouseleague@etobicoke-ringette.com) with your questions or suggestions about the house league.