

Promising start to Beaver for Winterhawks

Hosts win six of eight games on tourney's first day

Hosts for a host team championship — or two — looked fairly promising after day one of the AA Beaver Tournament.

The Winterhawks won a collective six of their eight games at Milton Sports Centre (MSC) Sunday, with the minor atoms and tykes each going 2-0.

The tykes closed out the day in convincing fashion, toppling the Flamborough Sabres 5-2 to lift their perfect season record to 19-0.

Three third-period goals sealed the deal for the Winterhawks.

Owen Scisizzi tallied twice, while Ryan O'Donnell, Dayton Price and Jason Robinson all contributed a goal and an assist.

Zachary Tarr delivered a solid follow-up to his flawless performance in round one, in which his teammates killed a late penalty to edge Alliston's TNT Tornados 1-0.

Josh Struthers was the lone marksman, with assists going to Taylor Lemaire and Chase Strychaluk.

Milton's minor atoms won both day-one games by the narrowest of margins, beginning with their own 1-0 whitewash of their neighbouring rivals, the Georgetown Raiders.

Mitchell Hewitson scored less than a minute into the contest — set up by Andrew Christie and Ben Smith — and Kyle Droge stood tall in net to preserve the lead.

The Winterhawks would need some rock-solid cage work from Brayden Wesseling and a late goal by Camdin Kingsbury to eke out a 2-1 decision over Flamborough a couple of hours later.

Also denting the twine was Michael Scarfone, while assisting on both goals was Nicholas Bergin.

Two of the other three host teams kicked off their tournament run on the right note.

A two-goal, one-assist effort from Jack Price powered the six-year-old mites to a 4-0 victory over the Brampton Battalion.

Sharing the spotlight with a strong showing between the pipes was Scott Coulson.

Also standing out with a goal and an assist was Lucas Tucker, while Brett Cowen put Milton on the scoreboard midway through the second period with a nifty breakaway deposit.

Milton's minor peewees had trouble maintaining a lead against the Caledon Hawks, but persevered to eventually prevail 4-2.

Jonathan Vaca and Jacob Wickware scored in the third period to put Caledon away, while also lighting the lamp were Bailey Brown and Nicholas Zorzi.

Colin Foster provided strong netminding in the hard-fought win.

Meanwhile, the novice Winterhawks had a tough start, losing 6-2 to Centre Wellington and 3-2 to the Pickering Panthers.

Dylan Labelle scored in both games, while Michael Markac and Jordyn Mughal added the other markers.

The tournament continued yesterday, with championship play slated for this afternoon. All games are at MSC.



BUSY BEAVERS: At right, Winterhawk Jason Robinson (left) battles with Ben Mitchell of Alliston for possession in tyke play Sunday. Above, Milton's Nathan Bradshaw (left) clears the puck from in front of goalie Zac Tarr.

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