

Bears sending Kings up a tree

Peter Dubeau is really beginning to hate the Bracebridge Bears. With a passion.

Three times this season the Bears have met the Penetanguishene Kings. And three times the Kings have lost. The latest was a 10-7 shootout Sunday in Bracebridge.

It was only the third season loss of the season for the Kings, who were

hoping to shake loose of a first-place deadlock with local rival Midland Centennials.

"We're going to beat them (the Bears) at least once this year," said Kings manager Dubeau. "You mark my words. They're a good club, and I'd sure hate to go into the playoffs without beating them at least once. So you watch. We'll do it."

The Kings might have

done it Sunday, storming back from a 10-4 deficit midway through the final period to pressure the Bears' defence for three more goals -- but only three.

Most of the game, however, it was the Bears doing all the pressuring, firing a total of 62 shots at Kings goalie Jeff Hogg while his teammates managed only 36 at the other end.

Kings' marksmen were Carl Cowan and Doug Gillespie, with two each, Dave Robillard, Glen Lesperance and Phil Cinq-Mars.

Cowan, the Georgian Bay Junior C loop's scoring leader with an average of more than four points a game, scored three times and assisted on two others to power the Kings to a 7-3 home-ice victory over

the Oro 77's Friday.

Other Penetanguishene goal-getters were team captain Frank Hall, with two, Dave Robillard and Brian McReynolds.

The Kings fired 45 shots at the Oro netminder while Kevin Steele faced only 25.

Friday's game was a chippy affair, with the Kings amassing 26 minutes in minor penalties and the 77's

receiving 36 minutes -- half for them by one player, Roger McCuaig.

McCuaig was perhaps the most valuable player to the Kings that night, leaving his team shorthanded on four Kings goals.

Next outing for the Kings is slated for Friday, at home, against the Haliburton Huskies. Game time is 8:30 p.m.



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