

Bantam Jets fall short at Silver Stick

Friday night, the Bierworth Read-Mix Bantam Jets kicked off the tournament against the Frontenac Flyers. It was scoreless after the first and up until midway through the second, when Frontenac scored on the powerplay. The Jets answered right back, with a backhander from Riley Hunt, assisted by Jared McCaskie and Riley Krieger, to make it 1-1 after two. The Jets came out firing in the third. Four and a half minutes in, Brodie Cooney deked out the goalie to give the Jets the lead, unassisted. Brodie Cooney added another one less than a minute later, assisted by Jack Kauffeldt. With just over five minutes left, Frontenac scored another power play goal. The Jets quickly put Frontenac's hopes of a comeback to rest, as Brodie Cooney scored with a slap shot to complete his hat trick, unassisted. Final score was 4-2 Jets.

Saturday morning, it was the Jets vs South Stormont. There was no score heading into the second. South Stormont was first on the scoreboard late in the second, but with just fifteen seconds left, Brett Cooney turned over the puck to score a shorthanded goal and tie the game. It was all Jets in the third, as they added three more goals to win the game 4-1. Third period goals by Kauffeldt (assisted by Brodie Cooney), Brett Cooney (assisted by Kauffeldt and Ben Gaebel) and Brodie Cooney (assisted by Brett Cooney). Saturday afternoon, the Jets faced the hometown team, the Pembroke Kings. The Jets came out ahead 2-0 after a physical first period. Both the Jets goals were on the power play, the first by Kauffeldt, assisted by Brodie Cooney and Gaebel, and the second by Brett Cooney, assisted by Kauffeldt. A minute and twenty seven seconds into the second, Brodie Cooney cashed in on another power play, unassisted. Pembroke managed to get on the scoreboard late in the second and the Jets were up 3-1. Then everything fell apart for the Jets. A questionable call on the Jets, gave them a five minute major, which lead to two power play goals by Pembroke to tie the game. Just as the Jets killed off that penalty, another infraction cost them another power play goal and Pembroke took the lead. The Jets pulled the goalie in the final minute, but were unable to come back and Pembroke finished off the game with an empty netter, for a final score of 5-3 Kings.

The Jets advanced to the quarterfinals Sunday morning, where they met the Clarence Rockland Crush. The Jets gave up two unanswered goals in the first and a power play goal in the second, to make it 3-0 Crush heading into the third. Two minutes and ten seconds in, the Jets took advantage of a 5 on 3, with a power play goal by McCaskie, assisted by Hunt and Kauffeldt. Minutes later the Crush had a two man advantage and they scored to make it 4-1. With 3:23 left, the Jets were awarded a penalty shot, but were unable to beat the goalie. The Jets scored on the ensuing powerplay, as Chris Poste banged in a rebound, assisted by Carter Thrower. The Jets tried to rally back, but were unable to put the puck in the net and they lost the game 4-2, to end their tournament. The Jets next games are Saturday, Dec. 5 in Stirling at 5:15 and in Baltimore, Sunday, Dec. 6 at 6:30 p.m.

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