

Busy, successful weekend for Atoms

The Bancroft Auto Body Atoms took to the ice Saturday afternoon against the Sterling AE team. The first part of the period saw lots of back and forth hockey while each team was sizing up their competition's strengths and weaknesses. Sterling managed to get the first goal on the board but the Jets quickly answered with a goal of their own scored by Dylan Brownlee, assisted by Brady Hunt and Jake Coulas. The second period started out with a 1-1 tie and it did not take long for Hunt, unassisted, to snipe one past the goalie to increase the Jets lead. Sterling answered back with under 5 mins left in the 2nd to tie the game back up. Just seconds after James Armstrong put the Jets ahead with another great goal, assisted by Hunt. With the Jets leading by a goal going into the third Sterling was coming hard trying to get the equalizer but the Jets goalie Cameron Wood was not having any of it stopping shot after shot. Before the game ended the Jets got a two on one and with a shot from the face off circle to the right of the goalie by Peyton Armstrong the Sterling goalie gave off a rebound and Caleb Grant charging the net with his stick on the ice quickly put the puck in the back of the net on an awesome one timer. The crowd erupted and the Jets finished the game with a 4-2 win over the Blues.

Sunday saw the Jets heading to Baltimore. With a very short bench for the Jets and lines mates changed up the Jets came out hard. Baltimore opened the scoring with two goals in the first but with a nice goal by James Armstrong, assisted by Tyler McMann and Ethan Simpson the Jets cut the lead in half. Baltimore expanded on their lead with another goal in the second only to have the Jets answer right back by an unassisted goal by Brownlee. With the score 3-2 for Baltimore going into the third the games intensity increased and made for some great hockey. Cameron Wood stood on his head stopping plenty of shots and keeping the Jets within a goal. Before the third ended Baltimore scored another goal to make the final 4-2 for Baltimore.

Monday the Jets travelled through some snowy windy conditions to take on the Sterling AE team again for the second time in two days. Wanted to capitalize on their previous win against Sterling the Jets came out flying and never looked back. The final score was 12-3 for the Jets with multiple goals scored by Hunt, J. Armstrong, Ethan Wilkes and a goal each for Coulas and Brownlee. Assists for the games went to Coulas, Wilkes, P. Armstrong, Hunt, Brownlee, Simpson and Hailey Hudder. The Jets played a great weekend of hockey.

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