

Great season finale for Bancroft Midget B Girls

The Bancroft IDA/Canadian Tire Midget B Girls Jets travelled to Keene Tuesday night to continue their LLFHL East loop final against the Wolverines.

The Jets and Keene were tied at one point each in the third game, first to four-points winner advancing to the LLFHL League Championship weekend in April.

Both teams battled to gain control in the pivotal Game 2 to take an advantageous lead in the race to four points. The Jets had some key scoring opportunities but could not find the twine, and the score remained tied at 0-0 after two scoreless periods.

Early in the third period, Keene jumped out to a 1-0 lead when a Wolverine fired a quick wrister through traffic after a drop pass in the high slot. The Jets tried to even the score but ran into some penalty trouble. Keene capitalized on a five-on-three power play when a point shot was deflected in off a rebound from the end boards that found its way into the net. Keene kept the Jets off the scoreboard the rest of the game and secured the 2 - 0 win and a three-to-one series lead in points.

The Jets hosted Keene in Wilberforce the following night ? needing a win to force an over-time to decide the series winner. On the first shift of the game, with Jamie Little moved up to the wing, the Jets jumped out to a 1-0 lead. Hard work by Little and Danielle Sunstrum forced a turnover that Kenndal Marsden fired top blocker past the Wolverine tender putting Keene on their heels in this do-or-die game. Midway through the first, Sydney Feir blocked a point shot at the blue line while killing a penalty.

Feir picked up the loose puck and went the length of the remaining ice to make the score 2-0 with a backhand ? forehand five-hole dangle. Neither team could change the 2-0 score as the scoreless second and third period gave the Jets the win ? and two points forcing a sudden death overtime to decide the series winner with a fourth point.

Keene capitalized at the 3:41 mark of the 10-minute sudden death overtime to give the Wolverines the win and advance into the LLFHL League Championship weekend.

A tough loss girls after such a spirited effort to force the overtime in Game three of the series.

Use the experiences gained this year (Oshawa Tourney win and first place in the regular season) to fuel your passion for next year's season. A great season Jets!

Use the off-season to gear up and focus for another run at the play-off opportunities.

Special ?thanks? to our team sponsors ? Bancroft IDA/Canadian Tire, our coaching and support staff, including our parent volunteers, parents and especially our fans that cheered us on throughout the season.

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