

Novice Jets win first of playoff games

On Saturday, Jan. 16, our Jan Woodlands Novice Jets hosted the Tweed Hawks for the first of Bancroft's playoff games. Bancroft players showed up to the arena ready to win the first game and set the tone for the rest of the playoff round robin play. The Tweed Hawks started the scoring with a goal midway through the first period with a deflected shot that made it through the five hole of the Bancroft goaltender Liam Gibson.

The Jets worked hard to get back the Hawks' goal and later in the 1st period, Brady O'Conner started a scoring chance by passing the puck to Ben Dynes who passed the puck through the crease where Hayden Landry redirected it past the Hawks goalie and across the goal line. At the end of the first period the score was 1-1.

By the second period, the Jets were starting to get the puck moving and controlling most of the play with some fantastic passing, shooting and really going after the puck! The second Jets' goal of the game was scored by Logan Toupin and assisted by Eliza Gaebel.

Just past the midway point of the third period Parker Ferguson took a tripping penalty and sat in the penalty box for his two minutes. Chomping at the bit to get on the ice, the penalty box door opened and Parker skated straight for the puck, gained control, and took off for a breakaway shot that found the back of the net past the Hawks' goalie.

Nearing the end of the second period, another goal was added to the scoreboard by Parker Ferguson and assisted by Carson Conlin. At the end of the second period the score was 4-1 Jets and the Hawks were finding it hard to find any room to get past the Jets defense.

The Jets put the pressure on the Hawks in the third period and with the team making great plays and scoring opportunities, Dynes, Ferguson and Dynes again added three more points to the scoreboard.

With Eliza Gaebel assisting in two of the goals so far, she was able to find the back of the Hawks' net with 26 seconds left on the clock.

With a final score of 8-1, the Jets clearly proved that they came to win! A fantastic demonstration of teamwork from the forwards, defence and goalkeeping made for a great game. Thanks for all those who attended the game to cheer on these young Novice players!

The next home game is this coming Saturday, Jan. 23, at 2 p.m. against Norwood.