

Peewee Jets start their second series

The Vito's Pizzeria Peewee Jets started their second series against the Campbellford Colts on their home ice Wednesday, Jan. 27. The Colts opened the scoring with a clean break out play at the 10-minute mark of the first. The Jets answered back right away with a goal of their own scored by Ryker Huygens assisted by Desi Davies. The Jets and Phillip Cannon in net were able to contain the Colts for the rest of the period.

The Colts get their second goal with another clean break out from deep in their own end one minute into the period. It was back and forth hockey with chances at both ends. Period two ends 2-1 with Bancroft down by a goal.

The Jets were able to shake up the Colts goaltender with a clear shot from Owen Fergusson, unassisted, tying up the game. The puck finds Colson West's stick after solid fore-checking he beats their goalie unassisted putting us in the lead. Campbellford decides it is time to pull their goalie allowing Gavin Plunkett to put one in the back of their net assisted by Colson West and Desi Davies. Final score 4-2 for Bancroft.

The second game of the series Campbellford came to our house. They came out on the ice skating hard; ready to attack, but they were no match for the determined Bancroft Peewee team.

Desi Davies pumps up the Jets with a goal two minutes into the period assisted by Keegan Anderson. Colson Jenkins slams one into the back of the Colts' net with a few minutes on the clock assisted by Keegan Anderson and Owen Fergusson. The Colts finally manage to sneak in the puck past Phillip Cannon in net, leaving the Jets with a one-goal lead.

Defence Connor Sobry starts it off for the Jets bringing the puck end to end effortlessly and fires it into the net, unassisted. Desi strikes again putting in Bancroft's fourth goal assisted by Ryker Huygens and Jonathon Young. Desi puts in Bancroft's fifth and last goal of the period assisted by Jonathon Young.

The third period was action at both ends of the ice; Phillip Cannon kept out shot after shot for the team. With less than two minutes left on the clock Desi Davies strikes again putting in the Jets sixth goal, assisted by Jonathon Young. With less than a minute on the clock Gavin Plunkett puts in Bancroft's final goal making it a 7-1 win for the Jets.

The Peewee team travels to Campbellford Friday, Feb. 5 at 7:30 for the third game in this series.

Submitted by Norm McDowell and Candy West

Midget B Bancroft Jets lose exhibition game

The Bancroft I.D.A/Canadian Tire Midget B Girls Jets played an exhibition game against the Ancaster Avalanche on Saturday afternoon in Minden. The Jets (15-3-4) hosted the Avalanche (11-6-5) from the South Central loop to keep their game focus during their first round bye in league play-offs. The Jets will play the winner between the Cold Creek Comets and the Lindsay Lynx sometime after the Feb. 21 first round deadline.

On Saturday, Bancroft jumped out to an early 1-0 lead on the first shift of the game. Kenndal Marsden surprised the Ancaster net-minder with a quick snap shot from the high slot that went off the blocker-side post.

Midway through the first period Katie Funk gave Bancroft the dreaded 2-0 lead. Sydney Feir's pass sprung Funk on a neutral zone breakaway where she let go a bar down rocket wristed beating the Avalanche tender cleanly.

The Avs continued to pressure the Jets and netted their first goal late in the third period tucking home a rebound to get on the scoreboard.

Ancaster tied the game at 2-2 on the first shift of the second period when they finished off a breakaway from a nice breakout pass to get their play started. The Jets went down 3-2 with less than a minute left in the second period when a defensive zone breakdown led to a third unanswered goal. Kenndal Marsden had a chance midway through the third period to tie the game up on a penalty shot after being tripped up on a breakaway but the Avs tender stopped the deke attempt.

Try to stay game ready Jets and practice with focus as you await your second round league play-off competition. Continue to work on your neutral zone puck management, limit your defensive zone breakdowns and use your offensive zone puck possession to create and capitalize on your scoring chances ... a key component to steal the tight games. Your second half of the season will need your focused efforts to win the tough league play-off and provincial play-down challenges to extend your post season. Good luck the rest of the way Jets!

Submitted by Dan Marsden