

Bantam Jets all Ontario finalists

The Bierworth Read-Mix Bantam Jets were on the road Saturday for game three of their series against the Mitchell Meteors. Being down two games to none and facing the chance of being eliminated, the Jets came out firing. A penalty kill just 31 seconds in, tested the Jets right off the start and they did a great job killing it off. Just over four minutes in, it was Mitchell who was first on the scoreboard. Both teams battled back and forth throughout the first.

Late in the period, a roughing penalty for the Meteors gave the Jets a power play and 12 seconds into it, Riley Hunt put one past the Mitchell goaltender to tie the game, assisted by Carter Thrower.

Mitchell regained the lead before the end of the first and they led 2-1 heading into the second. The Jets had two power plays in the first half of the second and despite having multiple chances, the Meteors' goalie kept them from putting the puck in the net. Mitchell added another goal with just under six and a half minutes left. The Jets never let up and with two minutes and 40 seconds left on the clock, Brett Cooney found the back of the net, assisted by Jared McCaskie and Chris Poste.

Then 15 seconds later, Brodie Cooney blasted one past the goalie to tie things up, assisted by Jack Kauffeldt. The second ended in a 3-3 draw. The third period was action-packed and kept everyone on the edge of their seats. Five minutes in, Mitchell scored to take the lead.

The Jets pressured back, but once again found themselves unable to beat the Meteors' goalie. The Jets pulled their goalie for the last minute and half, but despite some great chances, the Jets just couldn't come back and they lost the game 4-3.

It was a disappointing end to their season, but they should be proud of great regular season, an impressive playoff run and ultimately, finishing as all Ontario finalists. Awesome job Jets!

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