

Atom Jets battle hard at Liftlock

The Bancroft Auto Body Atom Jets participated in the Peterborough Atom Liftlock Tournament Jan. 8 to 10. In their opening game Friday they took on the Stouffville Clippers. The first period was good back and forth hockey with saves being made by both goalies and no goals being scored. The second period was a different story when James Armstrong opened up the scoring for the Jets, assisted by Gordie Garrett. Before the period concluded James scored another, assisted by Tyler McMann. That fired the Jets up and they came out strong in the third period adding three more goals, scored by Garrett, James and Brady Hunt with the assists going to James, Megan Jenkins, Owen Plunkett, Dylan Brownlee and Justin Toupin. Cameron Wood recorded his first shutout of the year and a very well deserved win.

The Jets faced Barrie Colts on Saturday at 10 a.m. in Bewdley and picked up where they left off. Ethan Wilkes was the first to find the back of the net for the Jets with the assists going to Peyton Armstrong and James. With the score 1-0 going into the second period Brownlee, quickly off the face off, scored to increase the lead by two with the assist to Hunt. James potted another goal, unassisted but the Colts were not going to hand the Jets the game. They squeezed one by Wood to end his shutout streak at 53 minutes in the tournament. The Jets answered right back with a goal by Peyton, assisted by Wilkes and James. The scores was 4-1 going into the third and the Colts sniped another to cut the lead in half. With great action in both ends the Jets finished the scoring when Hunt capitalized on a great opportunity, assisted by Brownlee.

Later that day the Jets took on Innisfil Winter Hawks with what proved to be a high scoring fast paced game. Innisfil opened the scoring but the Jets answered back 13 seconds later with a goal by Hunt, assisted by Jenkins and Garrett. The second period started with a tie and ended with a 2-2 tie with a goal by Brownlee, assisted by James and Hailey Hudder. The third period showed both teams wanted to come out victorious but the Jets prevailed and scored five more to Innisfil's two. Two goals were scored by Hunt, two goals by Toupin and the final goal scored by Jenkins. The assists were credited to Garrett, Hudder, James (2) and Brownlee. With the 7-4 win over Innisfil that put the Jets into the semi-finals Sunday morning at 7:15 a.m. against Clarington Toros.

With the early start to the day it took awhile for the Jets to wake their legs up against Clarington. The Toros were on the scoreboard with a goal half way through the first. The Jets answered back before the period ended with a goal by Hunt assisted by Hunter Dafoe. The second period saw much of the same end to end action with the Toros potting two more and the Jets answered back with one by Wilkes, assisted by James and Peyton. The third period brought on the best hockey played all weekend when each team pushed to the next level to be the winners. The Jets came up shy at the end with a final score of 7-4. The last two goals in the third were scored by Hunt and Wilkes with the assists going to Brownlee, James and Peyton. The Atom Jets played some excellent hockey and the coaches and parents were very proud with what they saw. All the momentum can now be put forward as the Atoms enter the first round of the playoffs against Campbellford this coming weekend. Come cheer them on in their home game Sunday, Jan. 17 at 3 p.m. Go Jets Go.

Submitted by Melissa Armstrong