

Bantam Jets off to Ontario finals

The Bierworth Read-Mix Bantam Jets kicked off their OMHA semi-final against Schomberg at home Friday night. After a scoreless first period, both teams came out firing in the second, but it was the Jets that were first on the scoreboard, thanks to Jack Kauffeldt, who deked out the goalie to score, assisted by Brodie Cooney and Ethan Glecoff. Midway through the period, a penalty cost the Jets the lead, as Schomberg scored to tie it up. With 2:41 left in the second, Brett Cooney put one top corner, assisted by Kauffeldt. It was 2-1 Jets after two. The third period was tense, but both teams shut each other down and the Jets won game one 2-1. Saturday, the Jets were in Schomberg for game two. The Jets penalty kill was put to the test in the first after taking a four minute penalty followed by a two minute, but they did a great job shutting down Schomberg. Riley Hunt scored late in period to make it 1-0 Jets heading into the second, assisted by Brodie Cooney and Chris Poste.

Just over four minutes into the second, Brett Cooney scored a shorthanded goal, assisted by Jared McCaskie and Carter Thrower. Schomberg answered back with a power play goal before the end of the period, so it was 2-1 Jets after the second. With under six minutes left on the clock, Schomberg cashed in on another power play to tie the game. And just as it was looking like they were headed to overtime, Brett Cooney sealed the game, scoring with thirty seven seconds left, assisted by Brandon Hudder, for a final score of 3-2 Jets.

Sunday, they were back at home for game three. The Jets took advantage of a power play early in the first, as Brett Cooney opened up the scoring for the Jets, assisted by Kauffeldt and Brodie Cooney, but they didn't keep the lead long as Schomberg answered back with a goal just seven seconds later. A couple of infractions found the Jets shorthanded for three minutes, including a one minute five-on-three situation, but they were able to kill off the penalties. With four and a half minutes left, it was the Jets on the power play and they capitalized with a goal tipped in by Kauffeldt, assisted by Ben Gaebel and Brodie Cooney.

But once again, Schomberg answered back to tie it up with 17 seconds left, so it was 2-2 after the first. Four minutes and twenty seven seconds into the second it was four-on-four and Brodie Cooney put one in the open corner, assisted by McCaskie and Thrower. Just over two minutes later, Schomberg tied it up again, but then the Jets took over. The Jets scored three unanswered goals late in the period. The first a power play goal riffled in from the point by Gaebel, assisted by Brodie Cooney and Hunt, the second scored by McCaskie, assisted by Riley Kreiger and Thrower, and the third by Poste who put one over the goalie, assisted by Kreiger and Brett Cooney. The Jets were up 6-3 heading into the third. Brett Cooney scored a shorthanded goal early in the period, unassisted, and then McCaskie wrapped up the scoring, with 1:55 left on the clock, as he put one top shelf, assisted by Jesse Mountney and Alana Jentas. The Jets took game three 8-3, to sweep Schomberg three straight.

Ethan Glecoff played great all weekend between the pipes for the Jets!

The Jets now await the winner of the Mitchell and Ilderton semi-final, who they will play against in the all Ontario CC finals.

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