

Bierworth Read-Mix Bantam Jets Win Game 1

The Bierwoth Read-Mix Bantam Jets started their playoffs this weekend against Loyalist. The Jets were at home Sunday, Jan. 10, for game one. After an intense first period, Loyalist was up 1-0 with a power play goal late in the first. A minute and 70 seconds into the second, Bancroft answered back with a power play goal of their own, as Brett Cooney put home the loose puck, unassisted. It was end to end hockey for the rest of the period, but both goaltenders denied any more goals, so it was 1-1 heading into the third. The third period kept the fans on the edge of their seats, as both teams battled it out. With 4:24 left on the clock, Brett Cooney took the lead for Bancroft, with a one timer that riffled past the goalie, assisted by Jack Kauffeldt and Ben Gaebel. Just over a minute later, Kauffeldt put one in the back of the net during another power play, assisted by Carter Thrower. Loyalist pulled their goalie in the final minutes for the extra attacker, and with 53 seconds left, they scored to make it a one goal game. There were some scary moments in the final seconds, as Ethan Gleocoff, in net for the Jets, had to stretch out to make a great save just as the time ran out. The Bancroft Jets held on for the 3-2 win, to take game one.

The Bancroft Jets will head down to Loyalist for game two, Friday, Jan. 16 at 8 p.m. and then return home, Saturday, Jan. 16 for game three at 6:15.

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