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TOURNAMENT GAME 2: Hershey 1 - Detroit Little Caesars 3

Thursday February 21, 2013 4:30 PM - Arpidrome

Game summary coming soon...

EXHIBITION GAME 7: Hershey 1 - Anaheim 3

Wednesday, February 20, 2013 - Réjean Lemelin Arena

Game summary coming soon...

EXHIBITION GAME 6: Hershey 2 - France 0

Tuesday, February 19, 2013 - Galeries de la Capitale

Game summary coming soon...

EXHIBITION GAME 5: Hershey 1 - Dartmouth Whalers 2

Tuesday, February 19, 2013 - St. Gilles Arena

Tuesday is a two-game day. The team would travel about 25 miles southwest of Quebec City to small town nestled in between the moose crossing signs and the rural highway snow blowers. Our buses approached a dilapidated older looking barn-shaped building that easily could have been used for farming, opposed to housing a hockey rink. Upon entering, much to everyone's surprise, the facility had an interesting charm with ample spectator seating and a second floor loft that offered a wider variety of food than the much larger Colisee Pepsi.

The Dartmouth team traveled in from Nova Scotia to Quebec – but not to play in the Tournoi Pee-Wee. Unfortunately for them, the Whalers are only one team of the approximate 150 teams that apply to have their team entered, and are rejected for one reason or another. The opposing team wore yellow & blue sweaters while our Hershey Jr. Bears wore their Winter Classic jerseys.

Let's digress and take a moment to call out the players and their respective line assignments:

OFFENSE = (LW/C/RW)

Jake Carlson/ William Margel/ Sammy Steele

John Biechler/ Patrick Giles/ Jake Roberts

Sabby Iannarello / Ryan McKeever/ Adam Varga

Zach Martin/ Brady Bowman/ Zack Lechner

DEFENSE

Luca Pisani / Mac Wiseman / Ryan Boeck

Tyler Vokes/ Cullen Rush

Abraham Miller / Oscar Richardson

GOALIES

John-Paul Mella, Jared Cable & Ben Little

1st Period (12 minutes)

11:25- first stop in actions = FO.

11:15- Jared Cable in net makes his first save.

10:37- Icing Dartmouth.

10:08- Cullen Rush throws the puck back into the O-zone.

9:16- Cable freezes the puck – FO.

8:25- Zack Martin/Brady Bowman/ Zach Lechner worked the offense zone.

6:32- Bears playing on the heels of the paws.

6:00- John Biechler/ Patrick Giles/ Jake Roberts paired with Cullen Rush & Ty Vokes.

➤ Roberts drives O-zone and fires wide to Biechler

5:03- FO in N-zone

4:44- Sabby Iannarello/ Ryan McKeever/ Adam Varga paired with Mac Wiseman & Luca Pisani

➤ Icing Dartmouth

2:31- Cable sprawls on loose puck. FO D-zone

➤ Breaking Steele gets hit in the back of his skate at blue line

:25- Biechler keeps puck in zone – Roberts gets manhandled for puck

0-0 end of 1st period.

2nd Period (12 minutes)

11:53- Cable – glove save.

10:30- Giles with Steele – 2 on 1 – Giles gets jammed up.

10:00- Cable makes big save on rush coming his way.

9:09- Defensive breakdown. Bears go down a goal. 0-1

8:40- Ryan Boeck with Mac Wiseman on D-pairing

➤ Boeck with nice stop on half wall, then nice poke check by Wiseman

6:55- High stick Dartmouth = FO.

6:12- Pisani great shot from the point – goalie save.

5:52- Cable snuffs breakaway & flurry in crease.

3:50- Cable save = FO.

2:03- Sammy Steele to William Margel who wraps back of net & scores. HERSHEY ties the game 1-1.

1:12- Vokes shot from point – can't get through traffic.

29.9- Roberts sent to the box for tripping – Bears PK.

> Giles/ Steele with Pisani & Wiseman.

1-1 End of 2nd Period.

3rd Period (15 minutes)

14:23- Glove save by Cable – FO. (47 sec left on PK)

➤ Jake Carlson with John Biechler paired with Cullen Rush & Ty Vokes.

12:19- Glove save Cable.

11:45- Pisani outlet pass is intercepted to shot on net – Cable makes glove save & then puck rolls out for Dartmouth goal. Bears lose the lead 1-2.

10:46- Rush steps up to keep puck in O-zone.

10:30- Tripping on Dartmouth. Bears Power Play!

➤ William Margel/ Patrick Giles / Sammy Steele = no shots on goal.

8:13- FO – N-zone.

7:42- FO – D-zone.

7:04- Giles to Boeck for shot from point – missed wide.

6:46- Pisani shot – loose puck & rebound with Varga & Giles – can't find back of net.

4:29- Wiseman & #17 Dartmouth – offsetting roughing penalties.

4:03- Cable save = FO D-zone.

3:51- Boeck goes to the box for hooking. Bears PK.

- Biechler/ Carlson with Pisani & Rush – Carlson clears zone (twice)
- Steele / Giles = kill penalty off.

The Bears can't clear the D-zone in the last minute in order to pull Cable out of the net. Wiseman never gets back into the game (no stoppage for the last 4 minutes).

Phrase of the game...."Pressure"....heard it once, heard it 100 times from the Dartmouth bench.

TOURNAMENT GAME 1: Hershey 2 - Aigles Du Québec 4

Sunday, February 17, 2013 1:00 PM - Colisee Pepsi

Sunday was always to be the big day – it was SO in everyone's mind once the Quebec Tournoi schedule came to be. After juggling a few pairs of skates back and forth between the buses and skate sharpening time slots, all of the bags made their way to the Colisee' Pepsi. With hand bells & clappers in tow, the Bears chants reached a feverous pitch on the short jaunt from the hotel to the arena. The Hershey fans entered the building while maintaining the B-E-A-R-S chant and made their way to "their section" – the section that has been home for many many years.

And so the game hype of many months was ready to come to life – LIVE – in front of more than 9,000 fans of youth hockey!! It was a like a Pinocchio coming to life – or better yet - it was Hershey returning for the 53rd time in 54 years to the Greatest Hockey Tournament in the World!_

1st Period (10 min)

9:14- William Margel clears zone for a Hershey line change.

8:46- Goalie John-Paul Mella (Bear between the pipes) makes a huge save.

8:42- John Biechler goes on a breakaway the other direction but can't get off a shot.

8:09- Hershey Jr. Bears icing....FO.

7:43- Sabby Iannarello nearly misses Ryan McKeever on a stretch pass but it end up on net – no icing.

6:32- Quebec icing.....FO.

6:12- Patrick Giles can't finish opportunity from a Jake Roberts wraparound.

4:20- Holding on Quebec – Hershey goes on the first power play of the game.

William Margel/ Giles/ Sammy Steele with Mac Wiseman & Jake Carlson

- Giles fires a shot after a few cycles of working the puck around.

3:36- PP continues - John Biechler/ Adam Varga / Jake Roberts with Luca Pisani & Graham Miller.

2:42- (23 sec left on Bears PP)

1:19- Tyler Vokes is called for holding – Bears go on the PK.

Steele & Giles covered the high slot with Wiseman /Pisani covering the D-slot.

:39 sec- Play whistles dead – puck out of play.

0-0 after 1 period of play.

2nd Period (12 min)

* Bears are still on the PK to start the 2nd Period. Mella in net.

11:13- Even strength.

10:55- Steele 1 vs. 3...can't muster shot.

10:18- Jake Roberts called for cross-checking following a rush on net. (Bears fans were thinking maybe a penalty shot – or at very least a penalty on Quebec.

9:17- Biechler & Carlson covered the high slot with Cullen Rush & Ty Vokes covering the D-slot.

8:29- Steele clears zone – PP killed.

8:04- Roberts mugged in D-zone trying to breakout....Body check penalty against Quebec– Bears power play.

7:27- Roberts get Bears get on the scoreboard with a pass from Iannarello & Wiseman.

1-0 HERSHEY

5:38- Biechler tries back-hander – goalie save.

5:00- Soft dump by Steele to maintain offensive zone.

3:18- Mella freezes loose puck in crease.

2:40- Ryan McKeever nearly puts puck in Hershey net but gains control last second.

1:46- Hershey struggles to clear zone – player left alone in front scores.....

Tie score 1-1.

1:25- Offside Quebec – FO.

:30- Quebec never got out of the Bears zone for tag-up – offsides called.

1-1 end of 2 periods of play.

3st Period (15 min)

14:19- Steele fires on net and redirected by Quebec goalie out of play. FO.

13:48- Giles toe drags for shot – goes wide of net – then get puck in front with *SWEET* chance – goalie save. _

13:15- Nice McKeever & Varga give-n-go in front – shot just wide.

11:53- Great cover on loose puck by Mella.

11:43- Roberts has great run at net- tackled behind net – no call.

8:53- Quebec goalie plays puck that would have been icing – then Quebec player ices the puck. Nice turn of events for Bears!

8:11- Roberts pushed down by Quebec player (another no call).

7:35- FO. McKeever floats a saucer pass to Zach Martin in front – no shot.

5:01- Giles hits Roberts with hot pass in front – too hot to handle.

4:16- Quebec scores. Lead is lost 1-2.

4:05- Quebec scores. Bears are down by two. 1-3.

3:03- Quebec scores. Hershey 1.....Quebec 4.

2:50- Hershey gets man advantage –Power Play– get set-up once before QBC clears.

2:20- Steele behind the back pass to Margel to regain zone.

1:02- Bears go 5 on 3 after Quebec penalty for Obstruction on goalie.

:23- Hershey goal by Martin– Bears assist by Varga & Iannarello .

Final score :

HERSHEY 2

QUEBEC 4

So unlike most recent years, the Hershey Jr. Bears find themselves needing to fight back in order to play in front of huge crowds at the Colisee. Thursday afternoon they will be given the chance to redeem themselves and get one step closer to reclaiming the dream of repeating as world champions. We believe in the Chocolate & White – LET’S GO HERSHEY!!!!

EXHIBITION GAME 4: Hershey 5 - Gatineau 0

Saturday, February 16, 2013 - Galeries de la Capitale

Saturday morning sleep-in.....or at least it felt that way with us waiting until 9:40am before the player’s bags were loaded onto the bus. That’s 2 hours *more* sleep than the previous three mornings!! The Galeries De La Capitale (ie: shopping mall) is the rink destination and the Hershey Jr. Bears are set to play the Gatineau Olympiques, with all of the billet families in attendance.

Following warm-ups, the Bears team created a “player tunnel” formation and raised their sticks in unison – as the head of the Hershey billets – Francois Dussault’s six year old son took a skating leap to his belly and slid through the whole line bringing the crowd to a cheering frenzy. Both teams did a quick token exchange from the respective blue lines and prepared for the start of the game.

1st Period (15 min)

As of late, the first 120 seconds of the game have been more about feeling each out – than playing systems hockey.....and so it was true of this game as well.

13:40- Drop pass from Jake Roberts to Patrick Giles marks the first rush of productive offense.

12:50- John Biechler tipped in juicy rebound that was coughed up by a Roberts shot . Hershey Jr. Bears go on the board 1-0.

12:20- Ryan McKeever commits a tripping infraction and the Bears go the PK.

Sammy Steele/Patrick Giles covered the high slot & Cullen Rush /Tyler Vokes covered the D-slot.

10:32- Mac Wiseman almost steals the puck in the neutral zone.

9:50- Power play killed off by the Jr. Bears.

9:20- Adam Varga nearly scores on a bad percentage shot – followed by lots of offensive pressure.

8:20- Zack Lechner pulls off a slick steal in the neutral zone but can’t hold the O-line...offsides & FO ensues.

7:41- Fantastic Lechner pass to rushing Zach Martin for shot.

5:10- Oscar Richardson fires a shot from the point that bounces off the goalies chest.

4:15- William Margel goes coast to coast with the puck – finished with shot but not enough to beat the goalie.

3:35- Icing Vokes.

2:00- Bears try to stretch the ice long to Sabby Iannarello

1:50- Mac Wiseman wins a nice battle in the D-zone, carries for a 3-2 rush and gets spoiled around the crease.

1:10- Brady Bowman dekes a few players and manages a shot on net for a FO.

:20- Oscar Richardson tries to clear D-zone – puck hits netting & goes OB to signal the end of the first period. Hershey Jr. Bears lead 1-0.

2nd Period (15 min)

* Special mention for the period beginning with Bowman getting snagged on the boards trying to jump over (smiles all around ☺)

14:35- Jared Cables aggressively comes out of net to challenge and redirects the puck back around his own net.

14:05- Roberts challenges 1 vs 2 breakaway – can't get shot off.

11:20- McKeever catches up to bouncing puck and fires one on goal.

10:37- Bears icing – FO back in D-zone.

9:45- Luca Pisani hits Martin on a crossing outlet pass.

9:23- Zack Lechner scores a birthday goal tip-in from Zack Martin. Bears go up 2-0.

8:27- Roberts battles for puck – hits Biechler off back boards – goalie save.

8:00- Abraham Miller makes a sweet defensive play.

6:05- Nice wrister from Sammy Steele from a Margel drop pass – deflects high out of play.

5:02- Cables freezes puck in crease to force a FO.

4:30- Bears ice the puck for another FO.

3:40- Bowman called for cross-checking in the neutral zone.

PK = Giles/ Steele with Pisani & Wiseman

2:30- Wiseman called for head contact – 5 on 3 PK against the Bears.

PK = Biechler/ Roberts with Richardson & Miller

:30sec- Cable comes up with a huge save to end the period. Bears lead 2-0.

3rd Period (15 min)

Hershey starts the 3rd period even strength.

12:50- Adam Varga scores with assists from McKeever & Iannarello.

11:25- Vokes shot on net is just wide.

10:42- Wiseman displays some razzle dazzle with the puck.

10:05- Giles just misses on finish from Biechler.

9:15- Icing Hershey.

7:45- Cable sprawls out on loose puck to preserve 3-0 lead.

7:11- Ben Little gets in the game between pipes.

4:53- Hershey Jr. Bears go on first power play of the game.

Margel/ Giles/ Steele with Wiseman & Carlson.

3:53- Steele dekes and rings the post. No rebound to stuff home.

3:00- Luca Pisani scores on a tip from Iannarello. Bears 4-0.

2:08- Little makes a big save to preserve the shut-out.

The "running time clock" runs out of time and the Hershey Jr. Bears win 4-0 at the mall. What a great day for the Chocolate & White!

EXHIBITION GAME 3: Hershey 5 - Carolina 0

Friday, February 15, 2013 - Les Glaces 3

As the Hershey Jr. Bears team settles nicely into the accommodations of the Palace Royale Hotel, the weather outside has turned a bit colder and the snow has started falling.

It was a normal morning here in the heart of Quebec City; bags loaded on boys' bus, coolers packed for the road trip and we were off to a brand new rink smartly named Les Glaces (3 sheets of ice).

Today, the team from Hershey matches up in a familiar friendly scrimmage with the Carolina Jr. Hurricanes. Last years game was a very competitive one – with Hershey coming out on top 1-0. This year there is an interesting twist, 3 players from the Jr. Canes share their seasonal team with 6 Jr. Bears players – all playing for the Richmond Generals '00 AAA squad. So one might say that even though it was a "friendly" game, there was a bit more pride at stake for those particular players.

Following the pre-game warm-ups, the Jr. Bears chant was followed by the team's serpentine to the blue line for a token exchange of the pins

prior to the puck drop.

1st Period

The game begins with the "white line" consisting of forwards Jake Carlson/ William Margel / Sammy Steele and defensemen Cullen Rush & Tyler Vokes. From the opening faceoff, the Hurricanes put pressure on the Bears, and it was two minutes until an offside call allowed the Bears a moment to regroup.

12:50, Adam Varga fires over the crossbar, followed by Richardson doing the same.

12:25, John-Paul Mella in net, notices that posts were not moored.

9:25: Steele saucer pass to Carlson who puts the Bears on the board.
1-0 Hershey!

7:50: "Maroon Line": John Biechler/Patrick Giles/Jake Roberts w/ Luca Pisani and Mac Wiseman on D. – Jake Roberts fires high on a 2-on-1 rush. Excellent line pressure from start to end of shift.

6:45: Wiseman nice footwork, breaks to the net and misses far post.

5:49: Mella glove save for faceoff.

4:54: Ryan Boeck nice steal in D zone and takes it all the way to offensive zone.

3:50: Interference call on Brady Bowman. Bears on PK with Giles/Steele/Vokes/Rush. Steele clears D-zone for shift change and Bears kill off the PP. Mella makes several saves in tight.

0:35: Boeck slap shot from point and Sabby Iannarello buries loose puck before buzzer. Questionable high stick in front ... refs rule good goal. Bears lead 2-0 at end of first period!

2nd Period

13:35: Drop pass from Varga to Iannarello. Iannarello puts it on net and Ryan McKeever scores top shelf off the rebound. 3-0 Bears!

12:20: Canes try to stretch ice and go long ... called for icing.

11:10: Vokes good D along boards ... strong stickwork keeps them in the neutral zone.

9:46: Pairing of Zach Martin/ Brady Bowman and Biechler working their magic low in the offensive zone.

8:30: Zack Lechner hit hard into boards, regroups, good steal ... Lechner centering pass in front but nobody's home.

7:20: Abraham Miller good keep at blue line to keep offensive pressure going.

5:55: McKeever just misses wide on a nice shot.

4:50: Iannarello lays down to block slap shot. Excellent timing & great display of solid defense.

3:50: Giles fires just over net.

3:40: Great steal by Roberts, maneuvers but can't convert.

3:00: Steele calls for puck long, gets it, puts strong wrist shot on net, but saved by goalie.

2:25: Carlson cross to Margel for finish. Canes goalie makes a nice save.

0:25: Nice takeaway by Biechler, sets up a rush by Roberts who was snuffed at the net.

3-0 Bears after two periods.

3rd Period (20 minute)

19:11: Mella starts third, makes a great save on Canes best player.

18:00: Wiseman steals puck from a rushing Judd {matchup of seasonal teammates}

17:00: Mella gets a head hug from Oscar Richardson after a great glove save.

16:00: Boeck wraps behind net and hits Roberts on a nice outlet pass.

15:25: Tripping call on Boeck. Bears go on the PK. Steele/Giles/Rush/Vokes.

14:50: Mella makes a big save on wrister from point.

13:30: Giles clears down the ice. Bears kill PP.

13:10: Biechler nice break-away, appears to be tripped on rush to the net but NO call.

11:25: McKeever draws tripping penalty. Power play Bears.

10:05: Bears have good puck possession – control for almost two minutes -- but only muster one quality shot.

8:45: Miller great D ... stands up tall.

8:25: Hook on Canes' Weiss. PP Bears forwards Iannarello /Roberts/Biechler w/ defensemen Pisani and Miller. Canes kill of PP.

6:20: Steele tripped by Judd {another Richmond Generals matchup.}

5:00: Wiseman hooks Weiss, neutralizes Bears PP {the last of the seasonal teammate personal battles}.

4:10: Vokes wins strong battle against the boards. Puck goes over the glass.

3:15: Bears kill off penalty allowing only one shot.

2:35: Boeck rifles a shot from the top of the circles. That makes it 4-0 Bears!

1:35: Martin cleverly dumps puck back into offensive zone.

0:47: Canes boarding penalty vs. McKeever.

0:10: Rush throws last shot on net. Varga scores on a nice toe drag around the Canes goalie. 5-0 Hershey Jr. Bears as the clock runs out and the 3rd friendly game comes to an end.

Goalies Ben Little & Jared Cable offered great team support behind the bench.

EXHIBITION GAME 2: Hershey 1 - Detroit Honey Baked 7

Thursday, February 14, 2013 - Galeries de la Capitale

Game Summary coming soon!

EXHIBITION GAME 1: Hershey 6 - Montreal Trois-Lacs Aigles 3

Wednesday, February 13, 2013 - Trois-Lac

It's hard to imagine how excited we all were after learning that the Hershey Jr. Bears first "friendly" game would be played outside of the Montreal city limits while en route to Quebec. While the length of the bus ride was underestimated and our anticipated ETA was after the official game starting puck drop, the parent's bus skidded into the parking lot and unloaded in a flash as we raced inside to watch the game.

Albeit we were late, we were very grateful to be finally watching "our" Jr. Bears play some ice hockey in Canada. Within a few minutes of entering the building, our presence must have been felt because our Bears lite the lamp and went out to a 1-0 lead.

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Tyler Vokes/ Cullen Rush

Abraham Miller / Oscar Richardson

GOALIES

John-Paul Mella, Jared Cable & Ben Little

In their first game, here are some broad facts of the game:

- (6) players scored goals – Steele, Giles, Wiseman, Iannarello, Vokes & McKeever
 - Varga leads team in assists with 2
- Jr. Bears were 2 for 3 on Power Plays and outshot Montreal 39-25, and also scored a shorty
 - Cable & Mella shared time between the pipes (a period and a half each)
 - Cable gets the Jr. Bears first win



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