



Quebec Team 2003 Game Results

Tournament Game 5 – HERSHEY 1 CAP BRETON 2 (OT)

Sunday, February 24, 2008 @ 1:00 pm

Hershey loses final in sudden death overtime.

The opportunity to reflect on ten months of hard work and three periods to put it to use is upon us. The Hershey Jr. Bears should approach this match up against the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles with a great deal of confidence having beaten them 3 - 0 only six days earlier in the first round of the tournament. However, this is the finals, a second chance for an opponent apply what they have learned the first time, and this is the championship game at the Colisee` de Pepsi on Sunday. The noise is deafening as 10,000 plus inspired hockey fans come to cheer on the possible stars of tomorrow, and these are 12 year olds - for most, this is the largest athletic or otherwise stage they have ever participated. Nervous? The Bears faithful were.

It was evident from the on set this was the same Eagles team the Bears had faced prior. Play was fast paced in both directions and both goalies were tested early with the bears finding themselves in the unusual position of having been out shot in the first period of play 7 to 6. It was an unusual first period with some tentative play on both sides - clearly evidence of the enormous pressure being felt by both teams.

As the teams exchanged ends to commence the second period, play remained much like the first period. Both teams being slowed down through the neutral zone and unable to "get it going". Each team was given chances on the power play, however it was Cape Breton that capitalized first. A late penalty against the Bears lead to an odd man advantage down in the Bears end. A feed from low in the corner to the stick of DePuy was cycled to the blue line where the Eagles defensemen let loose a hard slap shot low and slightly off the ice. DePuy had moved out to reduce the angle and made the initial save with the left leg pad as the puck tracked the far side post. A rebound was directed towards the far face off circle where a Cape Breton forward was able to gather the puck uncontested and lift it in the back of the net over a diving DePuy with a mere 2.6 seconds remaining in the period. A bitter pill to swallow heading into the second period intermission.

As they had a number of times previously during the week, the Bears answered the call for the third with renewed determination, and it paid off quickly. Only twenty seconds into the period Sam Lafferty worked the puck into the corner from where he was able to find Andrew Romano set up along the far post. A fine tape to tape pass and a quick one timer later and the Bears had knotted the game 1 - 1. Now with 14:40 remaining the Bears were confident that the tide had finally swung in their direction. The Bears began to create significantly more opportunities than in the previous two stanzas. A post, a near miss but no pucks fell - while at the other end the Eagles continued to match the Bears nearly shot for shot through the remainder of regulation.

OVERTIME - the time when the pressure cooker is turned from low to high. Four on four hockey for ten minutes at which time the contest would be decided by a shootout. The Bears again came out attacking with a number of opportunities including the first of two questionable lack of calls. Following a Bears dump and change - Sam Lafferty streaked into the zone causing the Eagles defensemen who had received a pass from the goalie to turn the puck over. As the Cape Breton goalie scrambled desperately to make his way back to the net - Lafferty showed poise working his way towards the slot and a better angle. The

now diving goalie would never have been able reach the Lafferty backhand however the second Eagles defenseman was there to stop the shot and questionably cover the puck in the crease.

Following this play, the action remained very back and forth with both teams creating chances until 2:06 left in overtime. The Eagles were able keep the puck in the Bears end and in the corner. An innocent centering attempt was easily contained by DePuy to his left side and covered with his glove hand awaiting a whistle from the referee located behind the young goalie in the right face off circle. Approximately a second or more later a streaking Cape Breton forward following the play to the end aggressively struck DePuy's glove jarring the puck out and between his legs and into the net. At which time the referee pointed to the net to signal goal. DePuy leapt to his feet in protest of the lack of whistle. There would be no changing the decision and while the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles celebrated, the boys from Chocolate town faced the realization that ten months of hard work, dedication, and team work had come to an end.

For those of us that were in attendance it was a bitter pill to swallow. We had come together as a family over the past ten months and even more so over the past ten days. This fine group of young men had given us a lifetime of memories and perhaps even in defeat, a glimpse into their character as people.

Hats off to Dominc Brenza, Evan Williams, Craig Skudalski, Drew Lysakowski, Justin Stockdale, Sam Lafferty, Andrew Romano, Mario Benicky, Augustus Diana, Kace Winters, Reid Demyan, Stehl Taylor, Lake Miller, Jeff Alderfer, John Maniscalco, George Garris, Hunter Obeid, Zach Yingst, Adam Hrabovsky, Richie McCartney, Grant Dickinson and Andrew DePuy who comprised the 2007 - 2008 Hershey Quebec team. A special thanks to Ben Mariano and Brandon Hacken who were this years coaches assistants.

From the playful fun of the friendship games and shootouts, to the adrenaline of two amazing wins in the tournament to finally the sadness of a bid falling just short. Each and everyone involved is proud of your accomplishments and will forever cherish the memories of a truly incredible Quebec Experience.

Merci` Beaucoup!

Tournament Game 4 – HERSHEY 3 MONCTON 0

Saturday, February 23, 2008 @ 6:00 pm

HJB's Quebec Team advance to the PeeWee World Championship finals!

The semi-final victory earns Hershey the right to face a familiar foe, the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles again in the finals. Hershey sent Cap Breton to the losers bracket by defeating them in game one of the tournament. The team standing in the way of destiny were the Moncton Wildcats, who earlier in the day defeated the Atlanta Fire in their quarterfinal match up. The weekend play at the Colisee` brings larger and louder crowds - the excitement was immense and the Bears game was evidence of this as an estimated 7,500 filled the arena.

Grant Dickinson took the net on behalf of Hershey as Brenza, Stockdale, Taylor, Alderfer and Miller lined up around the center ice circle. Amid a loud and passionate chorus of "Go Bears Go"! The Bears immediately took the attack to the Wildcats getting the puck deep and testing the Moncton goalie early. As the Wildcats attempted to adjust to the speed of the Hershey skaters, we found ourselves the recipient of an early power play opportunity. The Bears took advantage of this Cats' mistake as Andrew Romano finished off two quick passes from Alderfer and Miller. Also on the ice were Mario Benicky and Justin Stockdale.

The first came to a close with Hershey leading 1-0. Shots on goal, Hershey 5 and Moncton 1.

The second period began much as the first period had closed with the Bears taking the attack to their opposition. The eye of the referee would turn against the Bears in the second stanza. Continued aggressive penalty killing by Winters and Lysakowski kept the Cats' outside giving them limited chances. Even short handed, the Bears pushed forward a Stockdale pass to a rushing Alderfer. This scoring opportunity was closed by Jeff ripping a hard wrist shot into the back of the twine setting off the spinning red lights. As the horn sounded, closing the second frame, the Bears found themselves in an unusual position of late - leading going into the break. Bears 2 Wildcats 0. Shots on goal Hershey 6 for a two period total of 11. Moncton 2 for a two period total of 3.

The Bears faithful hardly knew what to do with themselves as the Zamboni made its final cuts of the ice. Scared to be relaxed after the two previous evenings yet relaxed and confident in the solid play of the boys. Assisted in our cheers by our new found Canadian friends - the team was met with "Let's Go Hershey, Let's Go" as they entered the ice. Play was much more competitive in the third as the Cats' became more urgent to create scoring opportunities. A power play mid way through the third gave Hershey the chance it needed to add some insurance. Captain Brenza received a pass from Romano and Lafferty burying it in the back of net.

Specific recognition should be given to Evan Williams, John Maniscalco, Hunter Obeid and George Garris each whom played exceptional defense keeping the Wildcats outside much of the night and poke checking pucks from opponents sticks and limiting chances on the Hershey net. While forwards Augustus Diana, Reid Demyan and Craig Skudalski continued forechecking clogged the neutral zone for the Wildcats.

As the seconds ticked down, it was apparent that the finals await the boys from Chocolatetown. The freshman line of Yingst, McCartney and Hrabovsky already lined at the door waiting for the final buzzer to join in on the post game celebrations. The excitement of what is to come can be felt already and this contest is only recently finished - whooooo!

Final shots on net for Hershey - 20. Moncton - 8.

Championship Game Sunday February 24, 2008 @ 1pm

Tournament Game 3 – HERSHEY 2 SEACOAST 1

Friday, February 22, 2008 @ 7:15 pm

Hockey's version of the "Cardiac Kids" were on display tonight at the Colisee de' Pepsi, and they did not disappoint! Surviving a thrilling Overtime victory the night before, the Bears faithful, filed in and began cheering loudly from the onset.

Again taking the initial face off for the Bears were Brenza, Taylor, Stockdale, Miller and Alderfer, while Andrew DePuy took his position between the Bears pipes. It immediately became apparent that the referees were going to "let'm play" as hard physical play occurred on both sides of the puck. This in turn produced a number of penalty situations for both teams. Goaltending and defense was the call to order throughout the first stanza with Maniscalco, Obeid, and Garris all with blocked shots – refusing to let them through to their goalie. Those that did manage to make it through, DePuy stood tall to the task. Offensively, Romano, Lysakowski and Diana led the attack with each having scoring opportunities that were thwarted by exceptional plays by the Spartan's keeper. The scoreless see saw battle was even throughout as were the shots Bears 4 Spartans 4.

Those expecting a change with the commencement of the second period were disappointed as the see saw battle continued. There were a number of scoring chances for the Bears, including chances by Williams and Demyan, while Winters was again impressive on the penalty kill keeping the Seacoast attempt away from his keeper. The tension could be felt growing throughout the Colisee and at the close of the second period the score remained knotted at zero and shots were Hershey 5 and Seacoast 6.

The first two periods were certainly not a pre-cursor of the drama that was about to unfold in the third period. As the minutes and seconds ticked away the stakes began to rise – any miscue the later in the game could be hard to respond to. The Bears began to pound away at the Spartan defensive wall unloading shot upon shot at the Spartan net minder. Equally the Spartans made efforts to net that decisive goal, and their opportunity came in the form of a power play at the five minute mark of the third period. As the Bears fought, battled and dove in front of shots in an effort to keep the Spartans at bay the efforts could not be denied and almost simultaneous to the end of the penalty a Spartan forward entrenched behind the net to DePuy's left side found a teammate streaking down the slot – burying the one timer in the top left corner over top of DePuy's attempted blocker save with 3:07 remaining in the third period. Amid the cheering by the Seacoast Spartans could be felt the giant sigh of disbelief by the Bears faithful. While in the stands, parents began to resolve themselves that all could be over – Coach Yingst and Lewis put forth a challenge to the players to keep fighting on. A late face off in the Spartans zone with 1:47 gave Coach Yingst the opportunity to call time out and set forth his final strategy. DePuy took his position on the bench giving Hershey the needed extra attacker, and play recommenced. A face off win – the puck goes deep into the Spartan zone and the Bears attack with an aggressive fore check. The puck is won in the corner and worked towards the front of the net. A scrum follows in front of the net with Spartans players punishing any Bears player who attempted to place a stick on the loose puck...until Mario Benicky pushed the puck away from the Spartan goalie and unto the waiting stick of last night hero Sam Lafferty who slid it past the sprawling goalie as the fans of the Colisee erupted in celebration at 1:23 left! The loud cheering has hardly subsided when the Bears began to attack again – Jeff Alderfer pushed the puck forward from his defensive position to Craig Skudalski. Skudalski protected the puck well with his long reach entering the zone - pushing the puck towards the front of the net. If one maylay in front was enough two is better as again the Bears crashed the net. The puck bounced through one defenders legs and over another's stick before being corralled by Mario Benicky who shoved the biscuit in the basket as a Spartan draped over top of him. The sounds of the stands were deafening as Bears fans and hockey fans in general were equally wildly cheered, hugged and screamed for the go ahead tally at: 58 seconds remaining. Following a Spartan timeout the teams lined up again at center ice – the Bears won the face off sending the puck deep into the Spartan zone. An opportunistic penalty charged against Seacoast gave the Bears an advantage in the waning seconds. The Bears fans have begun to learn not expect anything – the following face off was won by the Spartans who promptly moved it into the Bears zone, pulling their goalie as the puck crossed center ice and evening the number of players at five aside. The puck became tied up along side the boards leading to the face off in the Bears end with just seven ticks remaining. Too much time for Bears fans, to little time for the Spartans? The puck dropped an squirted towards the net – sticks became tangled, players pushed and bodies fell all along DePuy remained steady and poised – one final push by Seacoast, one final save by Andrew and the horn rang and the celebration began once again!! All were involved on the ice including the Freshman Line of McCartney, Hrabovsky, Yingst, and the entire coaching staff...

Total shots for the game Bears 29 Spartans 17.

Without a doubt these young men are exceptional with their “never say die” attitude and should come with a warning label which reads “those with heart conditions should not take this ride”. The Bears find themselves in the semi-finals of the winner's bracket – next

opponent is yet to be determined as it will be either the Atlanta Fire or the Moncton Wildcats who play Saturday morning for the right to face our Cardiac Kids.

Tournament Game 2 – HERSHEY 3 CAROLINA 2 (OT)

Thursday, February 21, 2008 @ 3:30 pm

Hershey Jr Bears defeat the Carolina Jr Hurricanes 3 - 2 in sudden death "OT".

The apprehension and excitement of our second tournament game is upon us. Our opponent, a very good Carolina Jr Hurricanes team. Our objective as we enter the field of eight, win or go home.

The Colisee` de Pepsi had a large Crowd as the Bears faithful filled the stands. Coach Yingst sent out team captain Dominic Brenza, Justin Stockdale, Stehl Taylor, Lake Miller, and Jeff Alderfer to take the opening face off. Making his debut in the Colisee` was Grant Dickinson in net.

The first period was spirited as the Bears controlled the play for the better part of the first frame led by strong fore checking by Reid Demyan and Augustus Diana. The Bears registered the first goal of the contest as a hard slap shot from Craig Skudalski rimmed all the way around to the point where it was gathered by Evan Williams. Williams took two steps towards the net and let fly a shot that found its way through the five hole and into the twine. Also on the ice at the time of the goal were Drew Lysakowski, Mario Benicky, Craig Skudalski, and George Garris. The first stanza closed with that lone tally being the difference and shots standing at Bears 5 Hurricanes 0.

The Hurricanes were not kept down for long as the second period began with the Bears on a power play. However, the additional attacker was not enough as the Canes won a face off deep in their zone and streaked the length of the ice beating Dickinson with a deke. With momentum on their side, it did not take long for the Canes to strike again. The recipients` of a power play opportunity, the Canes capitalized when a shot from the slot was initially stopped by Dickinson, but the rebound lay along the post and was slammed home by a Carolina forward. The Bears found themselves at the close of the 2nd only 15 minutes from elimination and down 2-1 despite strong defensive play by Hunter Obeid and John Maniscalco. Shots on goal in the second were Bears 6 Canes 7.

While Coach Yingst and Lewis discussed strategy, the Bears fans contemplated the sad thought of leaving the beautiful city of Quebec. As the third period began, the Bears poured it on creating numerous scoring opportunities and solid defensive plays to limit scoring chances. Play was bogged down in the neutral zone much of the third period. Scoring chances were sporadic until 3 minutes remaining in the period when Alderfer dove to contain a puck in the Canes zone. Recovering from the dive, he pushed the puck forward and released a wicked wrist shot high into the twine that sent the Bears fans and 5,000 other hockey goers screaming in joy. The team wound down the third with each team knotted at two goals. The plot thickens. A poor call against Sam Lafferty for high sticking, with only six seconds remaining, meant the Bears would play the first two minutes of the extra stanza in a 4-3 penalty kill.

A phenomenal job at the top of penalty kill triangle by first Andrew Romano and secondly Kace Winters kept the number of shots on Dickinson largely outside and wide.

Bears fans kept one eye on the action and another on the penalty time. As the penalty clock expired, it happened. A loose puck along the boards in front of the Bears bench, Lafferty just rejoined the play and entered the fray stripping the puck from a Canes defender. The

next ten seconds will forever be burned into the Quebec team history as Sammy Lafferty skated, spin-a-rama in the neutral zone, working his way towards the Hurricane net. A final defender between him and the goalie, he skated left beating him wide. Lafferty shoots the puck and it hit high on the shoulder of the keeper and bounced high in the air confusing the young goalie. Canes' goalie finally found the puck as it landed on the goal line. Almost simultaneously a hard backing Canes defenseman struck the goalie sending both and the puck crashing into the net. The tomahawk hand point of the referee and the swirling red lights atop the glass confirmed - the Bears were going to the final four in the winner's bracket! As the team huddled in a pile up fashion the 3 freshman, Adam Hrabovsky, Richie McCartney, Zachary Yingst and 2 coaches assistants, Brandon Hacken and Ben Mariano joined in on the celebration.

Total shots for the game Bears 27 Hurricanes 14.

Next stop - Friday 7:15 pm @ the Colisee` versus the Seacoast Spartans.

EXHIBITION GAME 8 – HERSHEY 4 NIKE BAUER 3

Wednesday, February 20, 2008 @ 1:30 pm

The second contest of the day matched our Hershey Jr Bears against the Nike Bauer Swarm in a friendship game. The contest may be a precursor of things to come as both teams remain alive in the winners bracket of the tournament.

A fast paced game from the onset, the Bears leapt out to an early lead when Lake Miller fed a pass to Justin Stockdale who backhanded a shot that found its way through the pads of the goalie. Also on the ice at the time of the goal was Stehl Taylor, Jeff Alderfer, and Dominic Brenza. The Bears had a few calls not go their way and found themselves in a 5 on 3 penalty kill situation for 1 minute and 43 seconds. Hershey escaped the 5 on 3 situation by aggressively clearing the puck. The period ended with Hershey leading 1-0 having out shot the Swarm 9-2.

The action continued into the second period - with Swarm taking advantage of yet another power play and deflected a centering pass into the net and tied the score at one. The Swarm continued their attack when a rebound from a left point shot was slammed home without hesitation. Finding themselves behind for the first time in a numbers of games, the Bears responded with aggressive fore-checking by the lines of Kace Winters, Augustus Diana and Reid Demyan, who returned to ice within 24 hours of illness. The freshman line of Adam Hrabovsky, Richie McCartney and Zachary Yingst kept the forecheck strong. Following numerous whistles in both directions the Bears found themselves on the short end of a four on three. The trio of Brenza, Miller and Alderfer took advantage of the open ice as Brenza hit a streaking Alderfer who's break-a-way tally knotted the contest at two. The second closed deadlocked at two a piece with the Swarm holding a 10-5 advantage in shots for the period.

The coaching staff rallied the troops between periods and the Bears came out strong. Drew Lysakowski, Mario Benicky and Andrew Romano kept pressuring the opposition and nearly converted on a few occasions. That pressure helped create a turnover that Craig Skudalski picked up and carried the puck nicely through two players before lifting the puck up and over the goalie who was down. The see-saw battle went end to end for much of the third period - the Bears remaining defense held the blue line led by Hunter Obeid, Evan Williams, George Garris and John Maniscalco. Despite the strong defensive play, the Swarm registered a goal with two minutes remaining in the game off of a one timer from the slot that tricked in. Un-deterred, the Bears battled back and when presented with a power play of their own with one minute remaining, capitalized. A beautiful pass from Sam Lafferty to Skudalski in the slot, found the back of net with sixteen seconds remaining with

a hard wrist shot. Andrew DePuy remained very steady and confident in the net with counterpart Grant Dickenson leaning over the boards watching and waiting.

Final score 4-3 - shots on goal in the third for the Bears was 6 for a game total of 22 and for the Swarm 5 in the third for a game total of 17.

Next stop; the Colisee de' Pepsi versus the Carolina Jr Hurricanes.

EXHIBITION GAME 7 – HERSHEY 8 ARBY'S AVALANCHE 2

Wednesday, February 20, 2008 @ 12:00 pm

The Bears started today with a scrimmage that was added late yesterday. Plenty of teams looking for that last minute "game situation" experience prior to the fast approaching weekend play at the Pepsi Colisee`. Hershey played the Arby's Avalanche and initially got off to a slow start. At the end of the first period, Hershey was leading 2-1 on a late goal with four seconds left. The second period saw the flood gates begin to open as the Bears exploded for five unanswered goals. The third period continued with much of the same as the Bears added three more tallies to only one for the Avalanche.

Total shots for the game Bears 34 Avalanche 14.

EXHIBITION GAME 6 – HERSHEY 5 St. ANNE'S 0

Tuesday, February 19, 2008 @ 10:45 am

The Bears returned to Beauport Arena this morning to play a friendship exhibition game with host St. Anne's School. An up tempo contest, the Bears controlled the game and kept the opposition contained within their end much of the time.

Scoring for the game came from Stehl Taylor unassisted following a nice interception of a pass. The second tally was recorded by Lake Miller's hard five hole slapper from the point with helpers attributed to Andrew Romano and John Maniscalco. The second goal of the period and third of the game came from the freshman line as Adam Hrabovsky slammed home a rebound from an Evan Williams wrist shot at the top of the circle. Richie McCartney carried the puck down low to keep the offensive pressure alive. The third period started quickly as Craig Skudalski converted a Drew Lysakowski and Miller pass combination for a power play goal. Skudalski picked up his second of the game streaking down the slot and burying a pass from Romano with an additional helper by Sam Lafferty. The Bears completed their scoring with a late tally at the forty second mark in the game.

The rest of the roster was all in good standing with Justin Stockdale and Jeff Alderfer +2 for the game. Hunter Obied, George Garris, Dominic Brenza, Kace Winters, Augustus Diana, and Zachary Yingst were each +1 for the contest. Andrew DePuy and Grant Dickinson remained steady in net combining to stop 10 shots - while Hershey recorded 39. Reid Demyan was sidelined today for illness. His prognosis is good to get back into the line up for Thursday.

The players and parents spent the rest of the day at Villiage Vacances Valcartier snow tubing. The tracks were fast and the snow was plentiful with an additional 4 inches falling throughout the day.

The boys from Hershey will prepare for their 2nd Colisee Tournament game to be held Thursday February 21st at 3:30 pm versus the Carolina Hurricanes. Tomorrow they will have 2 exhibition games followed by a Parent / Team dinner later that afternoon. Losing on

Thursday is not an option as the boys from Chocolate town have prepared long and hard to make it to the main event on Sunday.

EXHIBITION GAME 5 – HERSHEY 3 COLORADO 0

Monday, February 18, 2008 @ 4:45 pm

Following a joyful start to the Pee Wee Carnival the Bears played a friendship exhibition game with the Colorado Avalanche in the afternoon. The Bears leapt out to an early lead with three tallies in the first frame and never looked back. The action was fast paced, and end to end throughout. Garris and Williams were once again very strong in defending the front of the net, while Brenza, Stehl, Stockdale, Romano and Lafferty were impressive in the puck movement and fore-checking.

Registering the first goal for the Bears was Augustus Diana with an assist to Hunter Obeid. Also hitting the back of the net was the freshman line when Richie McCartney scored from Adam Hrabovsky. The final goal came from a hard slap shot just over the blue line from Craig Skudalski with an assist from John Maniscalco. Adding to the plus column as well was Alderfer +2, while Demyan, Winters, Yingst, Miller, Benicky and Lysakowski each +1. Grant Dickinson recorded the shutout standing steadfast between the pipes.

Total Shots Bears 28 Avalanche 14

Tournament Game 1 – HERSHEY 3 CAPE BRETON 0

Monday, February 18, 2008 @ 10:20 am

Aaahhh Tournament Day - the tension and excitement could be felt from the moment the families loaded the bags in the morning. Parents arrived at the Colisee, transported the bags to the locker room and took their seats with many of the billet families in the assigned section. The boys took the ice with a chorus of cheers and horns – Alderfer, Miller, Taylor, Brenza, and Stockdale lined up - the puck dropped and the Bears came out fast paced with an aggressive fore-check. Jeff Alderfer got the Bears on the board first – pushing the puck from his defensive position on a penalty kill and firing a wicked wrist shot over the shoulder of Eagles goalie. The air was filled with Hershey candy raining into the lower seats to the very happy tournament goers. Andrew DePuy was tested early on the penalty kill turning back a hard shot from the point with nice left leg save through traffic. The first period closed with the Bears leading 1-0 having out shot the Eagles 8-2.

The Bears continued their pressure into the second period as Reid Demyan tipped an Evan Williams slapper from the point into the twine. The Bears had a number of nice power play opportunities during the second with the power play units of Brenza, Lafferty, Lysakowski, and Skudalski moving the puck well but unable to convert. The aggressive play of Obeid, Maniscalco and the rest of the defensive unit kept the Eagles to only 4 shots in the period as compared to 11 for the Bears.

Kace Winters added the final insurance tally with a wrister over the goalies blocker with Augustus Diana getting the assist. Shots on Goal Bears 10, Eagles 4 for game total of 30-9 in favor of the victorious Bears. Williams, Garris, Diana, Miller, Romano, Stockdale, and Benicky were all in the plus column. Andrew DePuy recorded the shutout for the Bears.

The freshman line of Adam Hrabovsky, Richie McCartney and Zachary Yingst were healthy scratches today as tournament rules will only allow for 19 players to be suited up and on the bench.

Next tournament game is Thursday February 21, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. at the Colisee.

EXHIBITION GAME 4 – HERSHEY 5 BEAUPORT 0

Sunday, February 17, 2008 @ 11:45 am

The Bears enjoyed a friendly contest with Beauport whom many of our new friends from our billet families play for. The head coach is a billet and is hosting 2 of our Hershey players. Hershey controlled the contest early and throughout the game with an aggressive fore-check, an unwavering penalty kill and continued steady play in goal. Total shots were indicative of the contest as the Bears out shot Beauport 54-6. Following play and in keeping in the spirit of the outreach through hockey the teams enjoyed a friendly shootout – where parents cheered equally for both the goals scored as well as the spectacular saves made by both teams goalies. It was a fitting ending when the final Hershey shooter shot on his billet host goalie. No goal.

A group team picture followed the hand shake.

EXHIBITION GAME 3 – HERSHEY 5 CHARLESBOURG 0

Saturday, February 16, 2008 @ 5:45 pm

Saturday afternoon's game against Charlesbourg started with Andrew DePuy in the net and Jeff Alderfer, Lake Miller, Dominic Brenza, Stehl Taylor and Justin Stockdale starting off with the initial drop of the puck. After last games initial lull, Hershey came out immediately applying a high pressure fore check. Jeff Alderfer pushed the puck from his defensive position going wide and placed a pass to Drew Lysakowski cutting through the slot for the first tally. Contributing to the rush was George Garris, Mario Benicky, and Craig Skudalski. A couple of early penalties had the Bears short handed but the penalty kill limited the opposition to only one shot. Working extra hard short handed, Kace Winters, and Sam Lafferty lead the charge. Hershey ultimately scored a short handed goal on a text book "two on one" game situation with Dominic Brenza to Sam Lafferty at 9:22. Andrew DePuy remained steady in net with the classic wrap of the goalie stick from post to post between whistles.

The first goal in the second period came when Jeff Alderfer's shot from the point deflected off one of Charlesbourgs' defenseman. Andrew Romano assisted on the goal. Evan Williams added another tally with a confident shot from the point while Reid Demyan, George Garris, Gus Diana and Kace Winters all huddled around Evan with accolades of praise. The Bears staved off a 1:39 five on three power play with Jeff Alderfer clearing the puck time and time again. The freshman line recorded their first goal in Quebec. Richie McCartney slammed home a bouncing puck from Adam Hrabovsky's rebounded shot with the second assist going to John Maniscalco who kept the puck in the zone creating the momentum. Zach Yingst and Hunter Obeid were keeping pace with the group moving the puck with confidence.

The third period began with a goalie change. Grant Dickenson is now minding the net for Hershey. Goal tending remained solid with Dickenson smothering a knuckler from the slot. Mario Benicky's sustained fore-check kept the pressure on for the remainder of the contest.

Hershey and Charlesbourg enjoyed a friendly shot out after the game all in the spirit of the 400th Anniversary of winter carnival.

Shots on goal Hershey 23 Charlesbourg 13.



EXHIBITION GAME 2 – HERSHEY 0 BARRIE 3

Saturday, February 16, 2008 @ 3:30 pm

This game was played at the Arpidrome De Charlesbourg where the action was the fastest pace that Hershey has seen all year. The Hershey Bears second exhibition game matched them against the very strong Barrie Colts team from Barrie Ontario. After coming out a little flat for the game, Hershey turned it around in the third and adjusted to Barrie's play by becoming more aggressive. Barrie jumped on Hershey with two early goals in the first period at 8:46 and 2:16. Hershey continued to battle, working very hard for the entire contest and pulled the goalie late in the third with hopes of getting one goal to give them momentum. As fate would have it, Barrie sealed the game with an empty netter in the final minute.

Hershey would spend 90 minutes re-hydrating and re-grouping preparing for the next game also at the Arpidrome.

Total shots on goal Barrie 19 Hershey 11.



EXHIBITION GAME 1 – HERSHEY 2 ATLANTA 1

Friday, February 15, 2008 @ 1:40 pm

Jr. Bears dominate play but run into a sizzling hot Atlanta goaltender.

The quest for the 2008 cup started at the Mega Park Arena with a friendly exhibition game against the Atlanta Fire. The Bears jumped out to an early lead when Mario Benicky slammed home a rebound goal assisted by Evan Williams aArpidrome De Charlesbourgnd Craig Skudalski. Although the Bears dominated the first period out shooting Atlanta eight to two, Atlanta did have its opportunities. Andrew DePuy turned away a nice right leg save from a shot through traffic. Hershey turned away the Atlanta power play limiting them to zero shots lead on the penalty by Justin Stockdale, Andrew Romano, Jeff Alderfer and Evan Williams. Shots on goal Bears 8 Atlanta 2.

Hershey continued their domination on Atlanta by out shooting their opponent 5 to 4 and a shot on goal. Reid Demyan shot a beautiful backhand goal while falling down, assisted by Lake Miller, also on the ice John Maniscalco, Gus Diana, Kace Winters. The three freshman players on this years team, Adam Hrabovsky, Richie McCartney, and Zach Yingst kept the pressure up while playing on the same line. With 3:44 remaining in the second Andrew DePuy was replaced by Grant Dickinson who immediately saw a two on one and turned away the centering pass with a nice poke check. The second period could be characterized as a see-saw battle with Atlanta pressuring in the closing minutes. Grant Dickinson made a number of strong saves with the assistance of his defensemen Hunter Obeid, and George Garris.

The Bears came out strong in the third with Dominic Brenza winning the face off stick handling through traffic and getting a good scoring opportunity with two short handed situations in the third. The Bears again continued their strong defensive play, Justin Stockdale and Kace Winters strong play down low created short hand scoring opportunity ultimately drawing a penalty against Atlanta. Atlanta used a two on one situation to score

their lone goal of the contest. The Bears answered back with their own two on one as Craig Skudalski fed a tape to tape pass to Drew Lysakowski for a scoring opportunity. In addition to the penalty kill the power play the Bears moved the puck well led by Dominic Brenza, Stehl Taylor and Sam Lafferty. The Bears played the entire game hard and hungry. Nearly adding a third tally as Reid Demyan's backhand in a scuffle lay on the goal line as Gus Diana and Kace Winters crashed the net.

Shots on goal in the third period Bears 13 Atlanta 5 for a game total of 26 to 11.



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