

Below is the Results from the 2001-2002 Quebec Team

HERSHEY ELIMINATED BY SYRACUSE AVALANCHE

Jr. Bears lose 5 - 4 after leading late in third period.

Quebec City - [February 22, 2002] - Hockey is an amazing game. Like life, you can be on top of the world one moment, and in the very next moment you can be watching everything slip away. The 2002 Hershey Jr. Bears Quebec Tournament Team had their dreams slip away today just as they were about to taste victory, by a spirited and skilled team from Syracuse, NY.

Hershey dominated play in the first period which ended with the Jr. Bears enjoying a 1 - 0 lead on a goal by Nick Chiavetta, assisted by Patrick Lewis and Trey Milstead. The second period saw the play advantage go to the Avalanche, and both teams headed to the locker rooms between the second and third periods with the game tied at one goal apiece.

The third period did not begin well for the team from Chocolatetown USA, with Syracuse scoring two goals forty-five seconds apart for a seemingly insurmountable 3 - 1 lead. But the Jr. Bears refused to lie down and came storming back with three unanswered goals in less than four minutes. Zack Brown, Ryan King and Shane Allen scored for Hershey, with Chris Pronchik and Trent Derr assisting on Brown's goal; and Eric Steinour assisting on King's and Allen's goals. With just over four minutes remaining in the game, Hershey was leading 4 - 3 and momentum was clearly on the side of the Jr. Bears.

But momentum swings, and it surely swung in the direction of the Avalanche! Syracuse stunned the Jr. Bears with two goals in the final ninety seconds to steal the win 5 - 4.

Hockey is an amazing game indeed, and it can also be a very cruel game.

Soon, when the pain of this game fades, the twenty magnificent young men from Hershey will realize all that they have learned and accomplished. They have learned to deal with triumph and with tragedy, and they have learned to care deeply about the other players on their team. And it's that experience that truly defines team sports. They have learned so much more than just how to play a game. And they have made all of us that have been lucky enough to share their dreams very proud.

VIVE LES PEEWEES DES QUEBEC!

HERSHEY COMEBACK TIE AGAINST BLUEJACKETS

Jr. Bears dominate play but run into a sizzling hot Columbus goaltender; earn 2 - 2 tie in final Exhibition match.

Quebec City - [February 21, 2002] - The playful banter on the Hershey Jr. Bears Quebec team has been mostly about when defenseman Chris Fetrow would finally score a goal. Today he did - for Columbus!

With 2:34 remaining in a fast paced and hard fought first period, the BlueJackets Chris Brinkley centered a pass from behind the Hershey net that Chris Fetrow never saw, and unfortunately neither did Hershey goaltender Max Orenstein. The puck bounced off the back of Fetrow's leg as he tied up his man and into the open side of the net to give Columbus a 1 - 0 lead. The Jr. Bears Zack Brown evened the game at 10:44 of the second period on a perfect pass from Chris Fetrow. Columbus retook the lead at the start of the third period. However, with just less than six minutes remaining in the game, Eric Steinour scored on a pass from Ryan King while on the power play. Hershey was again on the power play for the final two minutes of the game, but could not beat the Columbus net minder. Hershey out shot the Bluejackets 37 - 12 in the contest.

Hershey will return to Colisee ice tomorrow for their third round match against the Avalanche from Syracuse, NY.

HERSHEY NETS TWO MORE EXHIBITION WINS!

Jr. Bears pound the Jr. Carolina Hurricanes 6 - 1, then pull out a win over the Quebec Frontenac Peewees 3 - 1.

Quebec City - [February 20, 2002] - After an early morning light practice skate, the Hershey Jr. Bears squared off against the Jr. Carolina Hurricanes at the Galleria Mall. With a roller coaster roaring overhead and a carousel in the background, the Jr. Bears ignored the distractions while netting 6 goals.

Trey Milstead broke in alone on the right side to tally the only score in the first period that Hershey dominated, out shooting the Hurricanes 10 - 1. In the second period, the Hurricanes tied the game at one each, but Hershey responded immediately with goals by Nick Chiavetta and two goals by Ryan King. Hershey ended the period with a 4 - 1 lead. The Jr. Bears again dominated play, out shooting the 'Caines 9 - 4. The last period saw Hershey again control the play, out shooting the team from Carolina 10 - 3, and adding two more goals, one each from Trey Milstead and Ryan King added one more for his hat trick.

Later in the day, the Jr. Bears squared off against the local peewee team sponsored by the Hotel Frontenac. Frontenac scored first while on the power play during the first period. But Hershey responded early in the second period on a point shot from David Garrabrant off passes from Chris Fetrow and Patrick Lewis. The game remained knotted at one each until four minutes remained in the third period. Trent Derr, Eric Steinour and Ryan King all crashed the net poking at a live puck.

Derr was awarded the goal which he later told officials belonged to King. Regardless, the result was a 2 - 1 Hershey lead with little time remaining. Eric Steinour added a third goal into an open net with :19 seconds remaining.

Following the game with the Frontenac Peewees, both teams participated in a round robin shoot-out contest just for fun and for the delight of the coaches and fans. The goaltending star of the shoot-out was Connor Brogan for the Hershey Jr. Bears!

The Hershey Jr. Bears will play another exhibition game tomorrow before returning to tournament play on Friday against "Arby's Avalanche of Syracuse, NY.

HERSHEY COMES UP SHORT AGAINST ANAHEIM

Jr. Bears lose Exhibition match 2 - 1 on disputed goal.

Quebec City - [February 19, 2002] - The Hershey Jr. Bears turned in a great effort against Anaheim this morning, but it started just a bit too late. After falling behind 2 - 0 after the first two periods, Hershey mounted a spirited effort in the third period. Ryan King slammed home a rebound of Shane Allen's shot to pull the Jr. Bears to within one goal of a tie. And with less than a minute remaining in a game shortened by a running time clock, Hershey thought they had tied the game on a wrap around shot stuffed home by Eric Steinour from Ryan King's pass. The referee however saw it differently and waved off the goal and the celebration. A videotape replay following the game clearly showed the puck across the goal line, but the buzzer ended and the team's lined up for the traditional handshake. Anaheim won.

Anaheim out shot Hershey 22 -16 in the contest, however the Jr. Bears owned the advantage in the third period 7 - 4.

Hershey will play an exhibition game tomorrow against the Carolina Jr. Hurricanes.

HERSHEY PASSES SECOND ROUND TEST

Jr. Bears defeat Shermont, Quebec 3 - 1 to advance to final preliminary round on Friday.

Quebec City – [February 18, 2002] – Sixteen seconds after the opening face-off David Foucher of the Shermont Peewees dumped the puck into the Hershey zone and headed for the bench for a line change. The puck bounced in front of Hershey goaltender Kris Kullman, then hit the edge of his goal stick, bounced into the air and over his shoulder and rolled into the net! That was the last good thing that happened for Shermont. From that moment on "Kullie" was perfect.

Hershey tied the game at one each at 4:01 of the first period when Trey Milstead lifted the puck over a sprawled Shermont goaltender after passes from Patrick Lewis and Nick Chiavetta. The Jr. Bears clearly controlled the tempo of the game, and out shot the Quebec team 9 - 6 in the period.

The second period saw Hershey pull ahead to stay with Shane Allen netting the eventual game winning goal while on the power play. Danny Lassik received the lone assist as the Jr. Bears began to dominate sending 13 shots during the period. Shermont managed 3 shots on goal in the second period.

The final period of the game was fast paced even as both teams tightened their neutral zone checking. Captain Trey Milstead put the game away scoring a shorthanded goal at 8:24 to give the Jr. Bears

a 3 - 1 lead. Chris Fetrow assisted on the goal. Hershey had to kill off two additional penalties before ousting the Quebec team from the tournament. Third period shots on goal were 8 for Hershey and 2 for Shermont.

The Jr. Bears next tournament game will be Friday. Tomorrow morning the Jr. Bears will play an exhibition game against the team from Anaheim, California.

JR. BEARS DOWN LOCAL QUEBEC TEAM

Hershey turns it on for impressive 3rd period win over Beauport Harfangs.

Quebec City – [February 17, 2002] – In an early morning Exhibition game between two tournament participants, Hershey came alive in the third period to soundly defeat Beauport 5 -2.

The game was evenly played until Hershey opened the scoring with 3:42 remaining in the first period when Danny Lassik blasted a shot from the right point past the screened Harfangs goaltender. Lassik's goal was assisted by Shane Allen and Eric Steinour. Hershey out shot Beauport 10 - 4 in the period.

The second period saw Beauport turn on the pressure by out shooting the Jr. Bears 15 -11. The 15 shots on goal by the Harfangs represented the most shots in one period by any team this year against the Jr. Bears. Kris Kullman played outstanding goal, but let one Beauport shot get by as the Harfangs tied the game at one each. Hershey's Nick Chiavetta returned the lead to Hershey three minutes later slamming home a rebound in front from a shot by Trent Derr. The goal was assisted by David Garrabrant. Hershey took a 2 - 1 lead into the locker room for the break between periods.

The Beauport Harfangs opened the final period with a goal directly off the center ice face-off, tying the game at 2 each just six seconds into the period. But Hershey's game was just hitting it's stride, and the Jr. Bears responded by scoring three goals in sixty-eight seconds to break the back of the locals. Eric Steinour scored first, assisted by Ryan King and Trey Milstead. Then Patrick Lewis scored twice within thirty seconds; first assisted by Chiavetta and Milstead, and then by Milstead alone. Both teams registered eight shots on goal in the final period, with Hershey posting the 5 - 2 win.

After the game, the two teams joined at center ice for a ceremonial picture. The Beauport Harfangs lost in their opening round game of the Pee wee World Championships to Slovenia and will attempt to stay alive against Anaheim next Thursday. Hershey's second round game is scheduled for tomorrow against Shermont, Quebec.

In other development's at the Pee wee World Championship's; Patrick Roy's son lost in his debut with Team Colorado to the Syracuse, NY Avalanche. The NHL's most famous goaltender was on the bench as an assistant coach for his son's peewee team in lieu of participating as Team Canada's #1 goaltender in the Salt Lake City Winter Olympics. Also, Canada's most famous female goaltender, Manon Rheaume and the first woman to play with an NHL team coached her all girl California Pee wee Team "Mission Betty" to a first round victory against "Puebla Azteque," one of Mexico's two peewee ice hockey teams.

HERSHEY JR. BEARS WIN TOURNAMENT OPENER

Hershey stuns Repentigny Canadians with 2 - 0 win.

Quebec City – [February 15, 2002] – After 41 years in the International C division of the Quebec Pee wee Tournament, Hershey parlayed their longest participation streak of any team in the world into a successful debut in the International B division with a 2 - 0 win

over Repentigny. The team from the Montreal suburbs carried into the game the #6 ranking of all peewee teams in the province of Quebec.

The opening period saw Hershey enjoy a territorial advantage, and shot advantage over the bigger Canadian team. But at 8:25 of the first period, Patrick Lewis broke in alone on the right wing and beat the goaltender hip high on the short side post to give Hershey a 1-0 lead. Lewis' goal was assisted by Team Captain Trey Milstead and defenseman Stephen Frey.

The second period was a carbon copy of the first, again Hershey outshot Regentigny, and then Chris Pronchik blasted a shot from the right face off circle on passes from Trent Derr and Zack Brown to give Hershey a 2 - 0 advantage.

The third period was evenly played, but remained scoreless with Hershey Goaltender Max Orenstein turning in an incredible performance. Total shots on goal during the game for Hershey was 28, and for the Canadians 12.

Hershey's next tournament game will be Monday at noon.

HERSHEY JR. BEARS COMPLETE SUCCESSFUL

HOME EXHIBITION SEASON

Jr. Bears make final preparations for departure to the PeeWee World Championships in Quebec City

Hershey, Pa. – [February 10, 2002] – The Hershey Jr. Bears Quebec 2002 Tournament Team completed their home exhibition season tonight at the fabled HERSHEY PARK ARENA. The Jr. Bears, along with their pro team counterparts, the American Hockey League (AHL) HERSHEY BEARS will move into a new Hershey Arena, the GIANT CENTER for the 2002 – 2003 season.

But tonight, the old HERSHEY PARK ARENA was host to one more Jr. Bears victory. Even though the game was shortened because of the late running Pennsylvania High School Wrestling team Tournament, the Jr. Bears still managed an impressive 4 – 0 win over the older and bigger Bantam-A team from York, Pa.

Forward **Trent Derr** opened the scoring with a goal less than three minutes into the game off assists from **Chris Pronchik** and defenseman **Chris Fetrow**. Two minutes later, **David Garrabrandt** blasted a shot from the blue line off a pass from **Patrick Lewis** while on the power play. Captain **Trey Milstead** added a goal a ninety seconds later from a pass by line mate **Nick Chiavetta**. **Milstead** returned the favor just nine seconds later, feeding **Nick Chiavetta** for the final goal of the game. All three Hershey net minders, **Max Orenstein**, **Kris Kullman** and **Conor Brogan** participated in the shut-out, which was the team's third of the exhibition season.

The victory completed a 10 – 0 – 1 home exhibition season for the Quebec bound team. During the exhibition season, every Jr. Bears player contributed toward the team scoring totals, while the Jr. Bears outscored their opponents by an incredible margin of 84 – 16 goals!

The players solid performance was made even more special when the AHL Hershey Bear's coaching staff visited the young player's locker room after the game. Hershey Bears Head Coach and NHL veteran Mike Foligno delivered an inspiring talk to the team, reminding the players to make the most of an opportunity that they will remember for the rest of their lives.

The Jr. Bears Quebec 2002 team will depart late Tuesday night for Quebec City and the 43rd edition of the "Quebec Peewee World Hockey Championships."