



TOURNAMENT GAME 2: (SO) Blainville-Boisbriand Armada 3 – Hershey 2

February 15, 2018 - Quebec City, Quebec – Videotron Centre

Jr. Bear's End Quebec Run

The Hershey Jr. Bears Quebec Team took to the Videotron Centre ice for Game Two of the 59th annual Quebec International Pee-Wee Hockey Tournament on Thursday afternoon against Blainville-Boisbriand Armada. As has been typical of the Bears tournament and exhibition games north of the border, the Chocolatetown charges built momentum as the game progressed, but on this day could not find the final marker and were downed in a shootout, 3-2. The loss ends the 2017-18 Hershey Quebec run.

The Bears were victims of an early deficit, as the provincial natives capitalized on a wraparound chance just 59 seconds into the game. It was one of seven first period shots on Hershey goaltender Cameron Dammann.

The good guys managed five first period shots on the Armada net, with Daniel Johnson finding the twine at 3:06. Nathan Ruzzi set the play in motion with a headman pass to Danny Tirendi. Tirendi found himself on a two-on-one with Johnson and dished the puck to his left. The Bears swingman made no mistake for the even strength marker.

The Armada scored the lone goal of the second, as a behind the net feed was finished at the 11:02 mark. But again, Hershey responded with a Johnson. This time Casey Johnson carved his way through the Armada defense in the third and knotted the affair with eight minutes showing on the center ice scoreboard. It was again Ruzzi that put the offense on the rush, leading Johnson with a well weighted pass.

The curtain came down on regulation just after Hershey Center Riley Schmidt nearly ended the game in the dying seconds, but unfortunately hit it off the crossbar. That “ping” was to be the first of many pipes setting the stage in the three on three overtime, but a power play promptly gave the Bears a four on three, man advantage. Rory Booth welcomed the PP by ringing the crossbar. Not long after, Riley Mullen hit the left post. The Bears found iron five times in the game and peppered the Armada goaltended with seven shots in OT and 25 total. But they could not solve the Armada tandem for a third.

In the best of three shootout, the Armada shot first and went 2-3. The Bears were stymied on both of their chances ending the ambitious ride.

In all the Bears outshot the Armada 25-18.

Congrats to the entire Hershey-Quebec Team for an amazing run!

FORWARDS

Nick Jarmain - Brody Bess - Daniel Johnson - Elliott Lingle - Casey Johnson - Riley Schmidt (A) - Will Pries
Tre Jefferis - Justin Stupka (A) - Danny Tirendi - Liam Kansler

DEFENSE

Dylan Margel - Rory Booth (C) - Henry Thornton - Nathan Ruzzi - Joey Pavone - Riley Mullen

GOALIES

Ryan Harris - Caden Rhyder - Cameron Dammann

Coaches Assistant – Jake Kloss



EXHIBITION GAME 6: Hershey 4 – Syracuse Stars 1

Quebec City, Quebec – 3 Glaces Complexe

February 14, 2018

HERSHEY Delivers on Valentine's Day

Quebec City, Quebec – 3 Glaces Complexe – On the heels of a 1-0 OT Sunday win, their first game of the 59th annual Quebec International Pee-Wee Hockey Tournament, the Hershey Jr. Bears Quebec Team took to the ice for a Valentine's Day exhibition against the Syracuse Stars. Nick Jarmain led Hershey's goal scoring charge, as the Bears erased an early deficit to capture a 4-1 win.

Hershey had some splendid early chances, with forwards Riley Schmidt, Elliot Lingle, Daniel Johnson, Danny Tirendi, Tre Jefferis and Liam Kansler buzzing in the Syracuse zone. It was the Stars, however, who were able to notch the first goal. With nine minutes gone in the first, the Empire Staters freed the puck at the Hershey blue line and sliced it to the front of the net for what ended up being the only Syracuse goal of the game.

The 1-0 lead stood until Jarmain tabbed his first of the afternoon, the lone lamplighter of the middle period. After receiving a pass from Justin Stupka, Jarmain dashed from the left wing boards and into the slot for the finish. Nathan Ruzzi was also credited with an assist on the play.

Stupka made it 2-1 midway through the third on the power play. Parked at the inside hash marks of the right wing circle, the celebrated scorer from Sunday, cashed in on a behind the net feed from Casey Johnson.

Two minutes later, Jarmain nabbed his second from close range, cleaning up a Tirendi try. Will Pries also logged an assist.

The final goal came in the final minute of regulation. Riley Mullen blasted a shot from the point that Brody Bess neatly redirected by the Stars tendie for the 4-1 final.

With solid defense in front of them from the likes of Captain Rory Booth, Joey Pavone and Dylan Margel goaltenders Ryan Harris, Kaden Rhyder and Cameron Dammann stopped a combined 23 shots. The Bears put 24 shots on the Syracuse goalies.

The Bears will take on the Blainville-Boisbriand Armada at 2:15 EST on Thursday in Game 2 of the Tournament.



TOURNAMENT GAME 1: (OT) Hershey 1 – New York Islanders 0

Quebec City, Quebec – Videotron Centre

February 11, 2018

Bears WIN in OT!

The Hershey Jr. Bears Quebec Team won their first game of the 59th annual Quebec International Pee-Wee Hockey Tournament, 1-0. In a fixture that marked Hershey's 58th consecutive appearance in the Pee-Wee World Championships, the longest consecutive attendance streak of any team or organization in the world, the Bears appropriately needed overtime to beat the New York Islanders.

The first three periods were littered with stellar defense and great offensive chances from the Bears, building momentum as the game progressed. Danny Tirendi and Justin Stupka even found iron in the final period of regulation, while Casey Johnson, Brody Bess, Will Pries and the rest of Coach Doug Yingst's charges pressed the Isles goaltending tandem from the opening puck drop.

The three on three overtime, however, is where the Bears were able to send the traveling faithful happily into the brisk Quebec night. With time winding down, Stupka won a faceoff in his own zone to Dylan Margel. The defenseman went tape-to-tape with Henry Thornton who rushed ahead on the left wing to neutral ice. Thornton then spotted and connected with Stupka in full gallop. With surgical precision and only 28 seconds remaining in OT, Stupka sent a 15 foot backhand by the outstretched left leg of the New York goalie and into the net.

Cameron Dammann stood tall between the pipes for Hershey, earning the shutout with 14 saves. It included chances against on three NY power plays. The Bears were not granted an opportunity with the extra skater, but managed 28 shots on goal.

The Bears are now off until Thursday when they face the Blainville-Boisbriand Armada at 2:15 EST.



EXHIBITION GAME 5: Hershey 2 – Campus/DPR Noroits 0

Quebec City, Quebec – 3 Glaces Complexe

February 10, 2018

Bears Blank Locals

Just one day before Sunday's opening game of the 59th annual Quebec International Pee-Wee Hockey Tournament, the Hershey Jr. Bears Quebec Team topped local side Campus/DPR Noroits, 2-0. All three Bear backstops combined for a 16 save shutout.

After a scoreless first period, Casey Johnson opened the scoring early in the second. The smooth skating forward took a headman pass at neutral ice, dashed into the Noroits' zone and cut by the defender. The only thing that remained was the twine finding finish. Elliott Lingle and Liam Kansler were credited with assists on the play that put HJB on top 1-0.

The final goal of the affair came with 3:30 left in the middle period as Tre Jefferis set the table for Justin Stupka. Riley Schmidt sent the puck in the alley behind the Noroits' net to Jefferis, who spied Stupka at the top of the goalmouth. The centering pass was one-timed home.

Ryan Harris, Kaden Rhyder and Cameron Dammann evenly tended the Hershey net, stopping 16 shots. The Bears, meanwhile, put 30 shots on the hometown goalies.

The Bears, who are 4-1 in the Quebec-based exhibitions, are eagerly anticipating their first game of the tournament on Sunday at 4:45 EST against the New York Islanders.



EXHIBITION GAME 4: Hershey 4 – San Jose Sharks 2

Charlebourg, Quebec – Rejean Lemelin Arena

February 9, 2018

To ready themselves for Sunday's opening game of the 59th annual Quebec International Pee-Wee Hockey Tournament, the Hershey Jr. Bears Quebec Team took to the ice on Friday for an exhibition tilt against the San Jose Sharks. Justin Stupka led the scoring charge, as the Bears capped a four goal third period and beat the Sharks 4-2.

After a scoreless opening frame, the Sharks found the back of the Hershey cage twice in a minute of clock time. And it appeared they were on the brink of adding to their 2-0 lead with two Bears in the penalty box. Hershey was able to kill the late San Jose advantage, and it appeared to give them momentum heading into the third.

Stupka's first of the game came 2:32 into the stanza, as a lunch pail effort from Tre Jefferis freed the puck from behind the net. He then centered it to the awaiting Stupka who made no mistake, beating the Sharks' goaltender to the glove side. Nathan Ruzzi also earned an assist on the play.

Just 65 seconds later, the Bears evened the score. Nick Jarman was the trigger man as Danny Tirendi sent him the puck directly between the circles.

The ice continued to be tilted in the Bears favor and they would get the eventual game winner with 6:15 to play. From the right point, defenseman Dylan Margel snapped a shot through traffic that the San Jose backstop managed to get a pad on. The rebound popped out to the left circle and Margel's partner Henry Thornton pounced. Thornton cracked home an ice level finish for his first of the exhibition campaign.

Stupka put bookends on the scoring with an empty net goal, securing the Bears a 4-2 win and a 3-1 record in the Quebec based pre-tournament slate.

Kaden Rhyder, Cameron Dammann and Ryan Harris split the game evenly and saw a total of 15 shots. The Bears, meanwhile, put 36 shots on the San Jose tandem, with 20 coming in the third.

The Bears are scheduled for one final exhibition game tomorrow, as they eye their first game of the tournament on Sunday at 4:45 EST against the New York Islanders.

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EXHIBITION GAME 3: Hershey 3 – Pointe-Levy Corsaires 2

Quebec City, Quebec – Complexe Sportif Wendake

Bears Split Exhibition Double Dip

February 7, 2018

In advance of their first game in the 59th annual Quebec International Pee-Wee Hockey Tournament, the Hershey Jr. Bears Quebec Team took to the ice on Wednesday for a pair of tune-ups. In the first game of the double dip, the Bears fell 4-1 to the local Quebec Remparts, while the second game saw them defeat the nearby native Pointe-Levy Corsaires, 3-2.

The Remparts built an early lead in Game One, getting on the board twice in the opening period. The first was netted just 30 seconds into the frame, while the second came with 5:15 remaining.

A slick passing play earned the Remparts a 3-0 lead midway through regulation, but this time the tally was countered by the surging Bears. On the power play, defenseman Henry Thornton kept a clearing effort in at the blueline. He then slid the puck to the top of the right circle for Justin Stupka, who promptly closed and then blasted an effort towards the net. Daniel Johnson tipped the puck down and through the five-hole of the Ramparts' goalie, getting the Bears on the board.

Hershey continued to pressure, including in the closing moments, but it was the locals that found an empty net for the 4-1 final.

Shots on goal told the story, as the Bears had just four shots in the first, 10 in the second and 17 in the third, outshooting the home team 31-28. The Bears went 1-4 on the power play while Quebec was 0-2.

Kaden Rhyder started in net for the Bears and allowed two goals on 14 shots. Cameron Dammann closed out the second half of the game with 13 saves on 14 shots.

In Game Two, Hershey conceded the game's first goal midway through the second. It only took them one minute to respond. Riley Schmidt was on the doorstep to tuck home a rebound from a shot that originated off the stick of blueliner Nathan Ruzzi. Casey Johnson also registered an assist on the play.

With just 30 seconds remaining in the middle period, forwards Daniel Tirendi and Justin Stupka rushed into the zone on a two-on-one. Tirendi saucered a nifty backhand past the defender and Stupka batted it out of the air. It leaked through the goaltender and into the cage for the 2-1 Hershey lead.

While the persistent Corsaires were able to knot the game at two with nine minutes remaining in regulation, it was Hershey that made the game's final statement. With time winding down, Casey Johnson cushioned a perfect pass off the right wing wall. The unrelated Daniel Johnson picked up the puck at the attacking blueline and dashed in on net. With 17 seconds left on the clock, he beat the opposing goaltender with a smooth finish, securing a 3-2 Bears win.

Ryan Harris and Cameron Dammann each yielded a goal in the win and combined for 17 saves. The Bears sent 36 shots on the Pointe-Levy tandem.

The Bears are now 2-1 in exhibition play, as they build their way towards their first game of the tournament, which is scheduled for Sunday, at 4:45 EST against the New York Islanders.



EXHIBITION GAME 2: Quebec Remparts 4 - Hershey 1

Game Summary Above

EXHIBITION GAME 1: Hershey 4 – Montreal 3

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Hershey Jr Bears opened up their trip by playing Montreal on their way to Quebec City. In a tightly played game the Bears were victorious by winning 4-3. Goal scorers were Rory Booth, Casey Johnson, Riley Mullen and Will Pries.

Riley Schmidt, Daniel Tirendi and Casey Johnson enjoyed two point games. Ryan Harris and Cameron Dammom backstopped the club to its opening victory.