

# Quebec Team 2004 Games

## Tournament Game 4 World Pee Wee Championship Quarterfinals Austria 4 - Hershey Jr. Bears Quebec Team -3



In a reversal of fortune, Austria avenged last years 4-3 quarterfinal overtime loss to the 2003 Bears, by beating the 2004 Jr. Bears 4-3 with a goal scored in the last 35 seconds of play. The Bears winning streak ended this afternoon against Team Austria in a very emotional and hard fought game, losing 4-3 in front of 10,000 people. The game went back and forth throughout the entire three periods.

The Bears came out in the first period and controlled the action. Their efforts paid off with 24.8 seconds left to go in the first period when Brandon Trimback scored on the rebound of Dillan Fox's shot. The Bears ended the first period with momentum and the lead at 1-0.

Hershey started the second period with determination to win. At 2:15 into the period Ryan Tezak scored on a slap shot from the blue line. Assisting the goal was Tyler Hostetter. The game seemed to be leaning in Hershey's favor, but Austria would not go away quietly. Shortly after Hershey had their 2-0 lead, and was swarming the net on a power play, Austria scored a shorthanded goal to turn the game around. Then with 37 seconds left in the second, Austria scored again to tie the game at 2-2 and take back the momentum.

After the 2<sup>nd</sup> period intermission ice cut, and a pep talk in the locker room, the Bears came out firing on all cylinders in the 3<sup>rd</sup> period. However, four minutes and 41 seconds into the period Austria broke the tie with a goal that ricocheted off the crossbar, and went ahead 3-2. Hershey answered right back 27 seconds later with a goal from Ryan Stouffer. Assisting him in the goal was Ben Bauer and Foxy. The rest of the period was played with both teams going back and forth causing the crowd of 10,000 to hold their breath. The backbreaking goal was scored from Austria with just 35 seconds to go. The Bears tried valiantly to tie the score but were denied. Austria came out on top 4-3.

The team played hard and together throughout the entire tournament, leaving their fan-base and followers very proud. Hershey also received a new award from the Pee wee International Tournament Committee for having the Best Organization in the tournament. Captain Ryan Tezak and Coach Doug Yingst were presented with the award before the game against Austria. We would like to recognize the entire team for their strong performances throughout the year. The defense was led by: Ryan Tzak, Thane Heller, Jake Brightbill, Brandon Trimback, Danny Zagnoli and Gabe Colona. The offense was led by: Ryan Stouffer, Ben Bauer, Dillan Fox, Tyler Hostetter, D.J. Dinnison, Cody Ross, Nathan Beamenderfer, Ciccio Biundo, Brock Judd, Seric Kapp, Matt Haldeman, Ryan Smith, and Alex Machikas. Goalie efforts were put forth by: Andy Morlando, Tyler Billman and Kenny Wenk. Thanks to the Hershey Jr. Bears for a great year and good luck in your future playing years. Great job boys!

## **Bears Advance to the Quarterfinals**

### **Tournament Game #3 2/19/04**

### **Hershey Jr. Bears 4- Quebec Cartier 3**

The excitement at the Pepsi Colisee was at its highest point of the tournament this afternoon as the Hershey Jr. Bears took on **Quebec Cartier**, in front of 7,000 hometown fans. In dramatic fashion the Bears pulled out a 4-3 victory in the final seconds of the game enabling them to advance into the fourth round of the tournament.

As the Bears entered the ice they could feel the hometown fans behind the Quebec team but that didn't stop the Bears from scoring the first goal of the game. The goal was scored by Ryan Stouffer. The assist came from Dillan Fox and Brandon Trimback. **Quebec Cartier** countered with a goal of their own within seconds to tie the score at 1-1 and bring the Colisee crowd back to their feet. The 1-1 tie stood until the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> period.

In the second period the two teams traded goals with the Bears goal coming with .6 seconds left on the clock with the score tied at two to start the 3<sup>rd</sup> period, the Bears took a lead early on a face-off play from Tyler Hostetter to D.J. Dinnison who buried the puck in

the back of the net. With momentum on their side the Jr. Bears continued to hold on to the lead throughout the third period. With a little over one minute left **Quebec Cartier** pulled their goalie in an attempt to tie the game. The Bears capitalized on the opportunity as Dillan Fox scored an unassisted open netter at 1:02 left in the game. The game was far from over, Quebec answered 20 seconds later with a goal to make the score 4-3 Hershey. Off the next face-off the Bears turned the puck over in their own end, allowing the Quebec team a breakaway opportunity. Goalie Andy Morlando made the play of the game by aggressively coming out of the net and knocking the puck away while colliding with the Quebec player 15 feet in front of the net. The Bears ran out the last 20 seconds to preserve the victory.

The Bears will continue their quest for the Peewee World Championship by taking on Austria at the Pepsi Colisee on Saturday afternoon at 1:00 pm.



### Quebec Tournament Game 2

Bears Beat Ste-Foy 8-0

In front of a hostile crowd at the Pepsi Colisee, the Hershey Jr. Bears defeated a local team from Ste-Foy 8-0 to advance them to the third round in the tournament.

The game started out with Dillan Fox launching the puck into the back of the net. The goal was assisted by Ryan Stouffer, putting St. Foy behind by one. The scoring continued with Ben Bauer scoring an unassisted goal off a defenseman's skate. Cody Ross was on fire tonight scoring the third goal of the game receiving assists from D.J. Dinnison and Tyler Hostetter. This goal put St. Foy in the hole by three by the end of the first period.

The second period began and the hole was only dug deeper. The fourth goal was scored by Stouffer, who was "stouffing it" tonight. Helping out on the goal was the duo of Hostetter and Fox.

The excitement of the game was yet to come with four goals scored in the third period. With Seric Kapp in the penalty box for tripping, two shorthanded goals were scored. Stouffer had an unassisted goal just eight seconds into the penalty, with Bandon Trimback registering the next tally eleven seconds later. The scoring didn't stop there, the Bears brought noise to the rink again when Fox found the five hole to tuck it into the net. Hostetter had the assist on this amazing play. As if seven wasn't enough, the Bears scored their eighth and final goal, when Nathan Beamenderfer scored on a picture perfect pass from Ciccio Biundo and Brock Judd.

The Bears received another fine effort put forth by their goaltender Tyler Billman, who posted a shut out.

Ryan Stouffer received the honor of **Player of the Game** from the tournament committee. The Bears will play again tomorrow at the same time and same place under the same hostile environment. They will be facing off against another local team, Quebec Cartier.



### Exhibition Game 4

2/17/04 9:30 AM Hershey Jr. Bears -3 Beaupré - 2

The Hershey Jr. Bears continued their winning ways registering another victory beating Beaupré 3-2 in a very tightly contested exhibition game.

The scoring started off just fifty seconds into the game as the Bears' Dillan Fox drove one home with assists from Ryan Stouffer and Ben Bauer. Sixteen minutes later, Beaupré answered with a goal to tie the score at 1-1. Hershey regained the lead 2-1 when Ben Bauer scored a goal with assists from Ryan Tezak and Fox. A few minutes later Beaupré took advantage of a Hershey penalty and tied the score once again at two a piece. The Bears soon answered with the final and winning goal of the game from DJ Dinnison, with assists from Cody Ross and Tyler Hostetter. Final score Hershey 3, Beaupré 2.

Again Hershey received a fine goaltending effort as Tyler Billman was steady in the net, stopping 20 of 22 shots. Hershey registered 21 shots on the hometown net minder.

To celebrate the hard earned victory the team and parents visited a nearby tubing park and participated in an afternoon of snow tubing and fun.

The next game for the Bears will be a second round tournament game against local power Ste-Foy at the Pepsi Collisee` on Thursday at 3:30pm.



### **Quebec Tournament Game 1**

**Bears Beat Anaheim 3-1**

2/16/04 4:20 pm

This afternoon at 4:20 Hershey Kisses started flying through the air in the Pepsi Collisee as the Bears entered the ice. The boys were psyched to play in the first "real" game of the tournament. They faced off against the Anaheim Ducks.

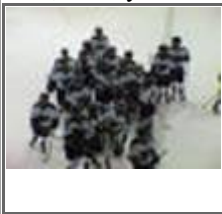
The game began as an even battle. Midway through the first period, the Ducks slipped one past Bears' goalie, Andy Morlando. Fortunately, this would be all they could muster against the stingy Bears' defense. From that point on Morlando and the rest of defensive team slammed the door on the drowning Anaheim Ducks. Hats off to the iron fisted defensive play of Ryan Tezak, Brandon Trimback, Thane Heller, Jake Brightbill, and Dan Zagnoli.

As the second period began, the Bears were determined to come out on top. With 8:59 left in the second, the aggressive play of DJ Dinnison challenged an over confident Ducks' goaltender as they collided at the top of the face-off circle battling for a loose puck. Thane Heller capitalized on this wounded duck and tucked the biscuit under his left pad. The enthusiastic crowd at the Collisee was once again showered with an array of Hershey's chocolates. With one goal under their belts, the Bears came out of hibernation. Just two minutes later, Brandon Trimback found a streaking Cody Ross and together they ruffled some more feathers as Ross fired what would eventually be the game winner. The final blast from the Bears' shotgun came with just 4.7 seconds left in the period, when Dillan Fox rifled an unassisted top shelf goal. The Hershey fans went wild!

The Bears' defensive play continued to hold strong throughout the third, to stalemate that period. Offensive play stayed strong as well, with the Bears' out shooting the Ducks for a game total of 31-11.

The boys demonstrated great team work throughout the game and operated as a well oiled machine. Each player brought his "A" game, and were determined to secure the lead until the end.

The Bears play again tomorrow at 9:30 am in an exhibition game. Their next tournament battle is Thursday at 3:30, as they take on Ste- Foy at the Pepsi Collisee.



### **Exhibition Game Two**

2/15/04 3:30 pm LA Kings

On Feb. 15, 2004 both the Bears and their fan-base showed up raring to go for the second hockey game of the trip.

Occasionally, things get lost in translation. The team went to their second exhibition game expecting to compete against Lac St. Jean, a Quebec team that traditionally plays at the Bears' level in the tournament, and one which the team beat in the quarterfinals last year. The coaching staff was astounded when they asked their French coordinators how Lac St. Jean has played, and they replied, "Why, you are playing Los Angeles!" In any event, the kids were up to the challenge of the Los Angeles AA team and responded well.

The first period started off on a good note when Ryan Smith scored the Bears' first goal with 10:21 left on the clock. Assisting the goal was Seric Kapp and Matt Haldeman. The clock wound down and the Bears remained on top. The parents were fired up, cheering with their loud voices and banging their thunder sticks together. The second period began and shortly after the Kings answered with a goal. As the end of the second neared, the score remained tied at one a piece.

Andy Morlando protected the Bears' zone for the first two periods allowing only one of 13 shots past his quick glove. Hershey hung tight with the Kings for the third period. The puck went back and forth down the ice, but no one dominated and the period ended in a 1-1 tie.

The game then headed into a 5 minute overtime period. The Bears dominated the period but couldn't seem to sneak the puck past the Kings' goalie. Bears' goalie Tyler Billman stopped four shots in the third and six in OT. After 55 minutes of play the game ended in a 1-1 tie.

The boys skated tremendously well and demonstrated excellent stick handling during the entire game. They proved themselves to be able to withstand with some of the better teams in the tournament. Great job Bears. (Monday's focus is obviously getting ready for our first tournament game in the Colisee against Anaheim. We have a pre-game skate at 10:00, followed by naps, and then the trip to the Colisee for the 4:10 game.)



### Exhibition Game

Game One 2/14/04 8:50 am

On the evening of Feb. 12, 2004, 43 parents and children along with 22 mighty fine hockey players, coaching staff, managers and coaches' assistants loaded two buses beginning at 10:00 pm. The buses departed from Hershey at 10:30 pm and headed north. Destination: Quebec City, Quebec for the 45<sup>th</sup> annual International Pee wee Championship. The bus ride went smoothly despite the three hour hold up along the border. The team and their fan-base arrived into Quebec City under the mist of light snow flakes. The team began their preparations with a practice on Friday and meeting French/Canadian billet families, with whom they will spend the week.

Hershey began their Quebec experience with a victory over the Columbus Blue Jackets in an early Saturday morning exhibition game. The Blue Jackets were coming off an early tournament win, and the boys from Hershey were facing their first match of the trip.

The first puck between the pipes came at 9:46 in the first period. Ryan Stouffer began the offensive attack with a pass from the defensive zone onto the stick of Cody Ross. Ross skated the puck in, released a shot on goal, with Tyler Hostetter there to knock it in off the deflection. The Bears' fans went crazy as the boys from Chocolate town scored their first goal over the border.

Columbus soon answered by scoring a goal with only 3:20 left in the first period, to end the period in a 1-1 tie. Five minutes into the second period, Hostetter fought his way through several Blue Jackets, ripping a backhand into the net.

When the clock read 10:30 in the third period Ryan Tezak contributed with an unassisted goal. The scoring went into full swing when Stouffer scored a power play goal with 8 minutes and 20 seconds left in the third, with assists from Hostetter and Brandon Trimback. Unassisted; Dillan Fox closed out the scoring with just 1:36 left in the game. With a promising 5-1 win under their belts, the boys left the arena with their heads held high leaving only the smell of chocolate behind them.

Andy Morlando's efforts throughout the first two periods were exceptional allowing only one of 10 shots through his shield. Following his talent was Tyler Billman who held the Blue Jackets scoreless for the remainder of the game.



