

Tournament GAME 2:



EXHIBITION GAME 6: Hershey 3 – Swiss Selects Elite 2

Tuesday, February 14, 2017 @ 11:00AM – Les 3 Glaces

The Hershey Jr. Bears took on the Swiss Selects Elite this morning in an exhibition game. It was another hard-fought game that had plenty of skilled offensive pressure, and great defensive play. This game was a very entertaining match between these two strong teams.

Collin Kerrigan and Primo Baldassarre split time in goal today for the Bears. Both goalies made plenty of key saves that kept the Bears in the game until the very end.

The Swiss came out fast from the very start of the first period. They swarmed the Bears zone and were able to put one in at 3:04 of the opening period.

The Bears did their best to match the Swiss intensity. The game was evened at 1-1 when Jake Kloss put in some good work behind the net and was able to get free of his defender. He fed a great pass to Toby Kauffman to the left of the goaltender who then lifted a shot off the crossbar and in at the 4:18 mark!

The tie didn't last long as the Swiss again put good pressure on the Bears and were able to put one in at the 4:33 mark of the first period.

The first period ended with the Swiss on top 2-1.

The second period featured one goal...a great passing play on an offensive rush by the Bears. The new line combination of Frankie Hipp, Billy Batten, and Toby Kauffman generated plenty of speed through the neutral zone. After a few crisp passes, Batten was able to fire a puck on net. The Swiss goaltender made the initial save, but Hipp swept in slammed the puck into the net to knot the game at 2-2 at the 9:07 mark!

The second period ended with game all knotted up at 2-2.

The third period also featured one goal...again by your Hershey Bears! Dominic Mascieri and Teegan Moleski teamed up for a great play on a goal mouth scramble. Mascieri found Moleski on the doorstep and fed him a great pass across the crease. Moleski made no mistake and rifled the puck home for a 3-2 lead at the 8:38 mark of the third period!

The game ended with the Bears on top 3-2. The Bears finished strong after falling behind early. They showed great resiliency and stuck to the game plan to finish with a hard-fought win!

EXHIBITION GAME 5: Hershey 1 – Zurich Lions 1

Monday, February 13, 2017 @ 08:40AM – Les 3 Glaces

The Hershey Jr. Bears took on the Zurich Lions this morning in an exhibition game at Les 3 Glaces Arena. It was a well-played game that featured plenty of skilled players and strong defensive play. This game was very evenly matched between these two powerhouse teams.

Primo Baldassarre was in goal today for the Bears. Collin Kerrigan took a rest after his strong performance in the 4-2 win over the Arizona Bobcats earlier this week. Baldassarre played the entire game making plenty of key saves, including a sprawling save down low during a goal mouth scramble as he stretched across the goal line making the save with his blocker. The highlight-reel save fired up his team and the crowd!

Once again the defense was anchored by the solid play of Dylan Shane, Gracie Dwyer, Luke Janac, Luke Panepresso, Dimitri Donovan, and Rory Booth. This solid group kept the Lions attack to the outside, and allowed them very few quality scoring chances.

The forwards remained the same as well. They were led by Teegan Moleski, Ryder Wicken, Toby Kauffman, Billy Batten, Jeffrey Hammond, Riley Schmidt, Frankie Hipp, David Vergules, Jake Kloss, Jake Moshang, Dominic Mascieri, and Kade Kohler. They moved with quickness all game, generating multiple good scoring chances and plenty of offensive zone time.

The first period was fast-paced, but went scoreless and featured only one minor penalty.

The second period also featured good pace and skilled plays with two minor penalties. The Bears finally broke the scoreless tie with some excellent teamwork down low. After a strong cycle and slick passing, Dominic Mascieri found Dimitri Donovan wide open in the high slot. Donovan skated in and fired the puck through heavy traffic, picking the top-shelf corner over the goalie's right shoulder for the 1-0 lead at the 13:43 mark!

The Lions turned up the pressure later in the second period and managed to sneak one by Baldassarre at the 4:48 mark.

Both teams played a spirited third period that featured two minor penalties, but neither the Bears or Lions could manage to get another goal.

The game ended in a 1-1 tie. The crowd was appreciative of the strong play and gave both teams a great ovation!

EXHIBITION GAME 4: Hershey 1 – California Jr. Kings 0

Saturday, February 11, 2017 @ 08:40AM – Les 3 Glaces

The Hershey Jr. Bears took on the Arizona Bobcats this morning in an exhibition game at Les 3 Glaces Arena. It was a fast-paced game that featured plenty of physical play and involved 11 minor penalties. This game will surely give both teams a great experience as they prepare for their next tournament game.

Collin Kerrigan was in goal today for the Bears. Primo Baldassarre took a rest after his phenomenal performance in the Game 1 shootout victory yesterday. Kerrigan played the entire game getting some great action as Arizona peppered him with plenty of shots. His steady play and timely saves were key as his team was also shorthanded 5 times.

The defense was anchored by the solid play of Dylan Shane, Gracie Dwyer, Luke Janac, Luke Panepresso, Dimitri Donovan, and Rory Booth. This corps of defensemen really kept the Bobcats from getting quality scoring chances, and matched their physical style of play.

The forwards were led by Teegan Moleski, Ryder Wicken, Toby Kauffman, Billy Batten, Jeffrey Hammond, Riley Schmidt, Frankie Hipp, David Vergules, Jake Kloss, Jake Moshang, Dominic Mascieri, and Kade Kohler. The synergy between this group is becoming more evident with each game played. Crisp tape-to-tape passes and plenty of shots on goal are becoming the norm from this group.

The Bears got off to a quick lead at the 9:55 mark as Jake Kloss got the Bears on the board with some strong play down low. After some nice cycling, Billy Batten was able to fire a shot on goal. The Bobcats goalie made the initial stop but couldn't handle the rebound. Kloss swept in and chipped the puck in from close range for a 1-0 lead!

The lead was short-lived however as the Bobcats stormed back and managed to sneak one in the net at 8:18 of the first period to tie the game.

The Bears turned up the intensity before the first period ended and managed to take a 2-1 lead on a slick passing play at 3:08. A beautiful cycle and some hard work behind the net lead to a slick pass from Jake Kloss to Ryder Wicken. Wicken then fired a perfect cross-ice pass to Jeffrey Hammond who rifled it into the net!

The Bears came out with a passionate start to the second period. Teegan Moleski fed a great pass to Dominic Mascieri, who then turned and fed Dimitri Donovan for the 3-1 lead! The goal definitely fired up the team and the crowd as you could really see the Bears coming together as one cohesive unit.

Tournament GAME 1: Hershey 3 (SO) – Antoine Girouard Gaulois 2

Friday, February 10, 2017 @ 10:30AM – Centre Videotron

It was a sunny Friday morning when the Hershey Bears Quebec Team arrived at the Videotron for their first official tournament game. Friends and family packed the stands hoping to throw the chocolate in celebration of a Bears victory. The Bears squared off against a home town

Quebec favorite Antoine Girouard Gaulois and even a local elementary school came to cheer them on. But once the Hershey boys took the ice and started throwing their Hershey bars into the stands, the local fan's allegiance quickly changed and became Hershey fans.

Under the bright lights of the packed arena, the Bears came out a little jittery and quickly found themselves shorthanded at 1:03 into the first period. With good hustle and hard work by Jake Moshang and Jake Kloss upfront and defensive support by the defense of Luke Panepresso and Dmitri Donovan, the Bears killed off the penalty. However, shortly after the penalty expired the Antoine Girouard Gaulois scored on a fluke goal to put the Bears down 0-1. Less than a minute later, the Bears found themselves shorthanded again. Thanks to another strong performance by our penalty kill units including extra hard work by Jeff Hammond and Luke Janic, the momentum slowly shifted back to the Bears. The Bears carried the play for the rest of the first period as Dom Masceri, David Vergules and Ryder Wicken kept the Antoine Girouard Gaulois pinned in their zone. At the end of the first period, the Bears were still down 0-1.

The Bears came out strong in the second period and at 4:32 their hard work was rewarded with a spectacular top shelf goal by Toby Kauffman assisted by Kloss. Chocolate filled the air as the Bears tied the game 1-1. The Bears continued to carry the play for the remainder of the second period with strong defensive play by Rory Booth and fierce forechecking and back checking by Kade Kohler. The Antoine Girouard Gaulois team did manage a few quality chances but Primo Baldassarre denied them every time. At the end of second period, the score remained 1-1.

At the start of the third period, the Bears kept the pressure as Billy Batten drove through the slot firing the puck towards the top left corner. Batten just missed, but was able to get the puck to Dwyer who took the shot from the point. The goalie made the save but Kloss was there to put in the rebound, giving the Bears the 2-1 lead at 3:26 in the third. The Bears lead was short lived as two minutes late Antoine Girouard Gaulois tied the game at 2-2 in the third. The Bears turned the pressure back up after the goal and their hard work was rewarded when Kauffman drew a penalty at 6:26 to put the Bears on the power play. Despite numerous opportunities, the Antoine Girouard Gaulois goalie came up big and kept the score tied. Bears kept pressure up and a hard backcheck by Hipp was able to take the puck away drawing a penalty to put the Bears back on the power play. Strong blue line play by Shane kept the play in the offensive zone and resulted in several more strong chances for the Bears to break the deadlock, but the Antoine Girouard Gaulois goalie was up to the task. The 2nd period ended with the score tied at 2.

Overtime was a 5 minute 3 on 3 match-up dominated by the Bears who just couldn't find the back of the net, taking the game to a shootout.

Antoine Girouard Gaulois selected to shoot first and scored on a beautiful shot of the left post and into the net. Batten came out next for the Bears and was stopped after making a nice far side move. Baldassarre made a nice save on Antoine Girouard Gaulois second shooter to keep the Bears down 1 in the shoot-out. Kauffman was up next for the Bears, but his hard top shelf shot rung off the crossbar. Antoine Girouard Gaulois third shooter had a chance to win the game but was denied by a beautiful glove save by Baldassarre. The Bears next shooter, Donovan came down from the right side and fired a low hard shot through the five-hole for the tying shootout goal, keeping the Bears alive!! The shoot-out went to a sudden death and the next Antoine Girouard Gaulois shooter missed the net. Bears captain Dylan Shane had the

opportunity to win the game but was stopped on a nice save by the opposing goalie. The next Antoine Girouard Gaulois shooter came up and was able to find the back of the net after a sweet deke. The pressure was placed back on the Bears . Teegan Moleski responded with a beautiful backhand deke to keep Hershey alive. Antoine Girouard Gaulois came back and put the Bears fan hearts in their throats as their next shooter hit the cross bar, keeping the puck out of the net. Frankie Hipp, who had several great chances during the game was denied by a strong save. The seventh shooter for Antoine Girouard Gaulois came down hard but missed the net. Once again, the Bears had the opportunity to win. Next up was defenseman Gracie Dwyer who moved gradually down the ice. Her awesome forehand to backhand move left the opposing goalie stranded, giving her all the room to put the game winner home for the Bears. As chocolate rained down from the stands, the kids piled on top of each other at center ice. The Bears win, the Bears win, The BEARS W-I-N 3-2.

EXHIBITION GAME 3: Hershey 1 – California Jr. Kings 0 Thursday, February 9, 2017 @ 2:20PM - Galeries de le Capitale

Game 2 of the doubleheader saw the Bears right back on the ice playing the California Jr. Kings. Despite having played just before, the Bears carried play but were unable to put the puck into the net for the entire first period. Strong defensive work, backchecking, and stellar play by Colin Kerrigan in goal kept the Kings off the scoreboard. As a result, the first period ended in 0-0 tie.

The Bears finally broke the deadlock at 6:00 into the 2d period when Ryder Wicken got the puck to Jake Kloss, who moved it over to Dimitri Donovan, who then ripped a shot into the back of the net. End of the 2d period, 1-0 Bears.

The third period saw numerous penalties, resulting in several special teams opportunities for the Bears. The Bears penalty kill units remained perfect, and the power play moved the puck very well, resulting in some great opportunities. As a result, the Kings were never able to provide any serious offensive threats. With Kerrigan's big saves and strong defensive play by our forwards and defensemen, the game ended with a 1-0 Bears victory.

EXHIBITION GAME 2: Hershey 4 – LSA Swiss Selects 1

Thursday, February 9, 2017 @ 11:20AM - Galeries de le Capitale

The Bears returned to the mall and the bright lights of the ferris wheel for a pair of early morning back to back exhibition games. This time, however, they were joined by a raucous cheering section of fans both around and directly above the rink (a catwalk bridge goes over the ice). The family and friends of the players had finally arrived in Quebec to cheer for the team.

In game 1, the Bears squared off against the LSA Swiss Selects. Energized by the fans, the Bears got off to a quick start with Toby Kauffman scoring a beauty off a nice assist from Jake Kloss 1:35 into the game. Throughout the rest of the first period, Primo Baldessarre made several key saves and strong defensive play by Luke Janac, Rory Booth and Dimitri Donovan kept the Swiss off the scoreboard. Despite forwards David Vergulas, Teegen Moleski and Ryder Wicken each making some nice plays in the offensive zone to provide quality scoring chances, the score remained 1-0 Bears at the end of the first.

The Bears dominated in the 2d, with some great work down low by Billy Batten and Dominic Mascieri. The Bears finally extended their lead when Frankie Hipp came in unassisted and put it past the Swiss netminder giving the Bears a 2-0 lead at 5:30 into the 2d. The score would remain that way until late in the 2d, when the Swiss were able to get one in which closed the gap to 2-1 in favor of the Bears at 13:08 in the 2d. The 2d period would end with some strong defensive work by Luke Panepresso and Gracie Dwyer, and the period ended 2-1 Bears.

The 3d period started with Hershey keeping up the offensive pressure, resulting in a pretty goal by Dylan Shane with the assist by Riley Schmidt at 5:30 into the 3d period. The Bears then iced the game when Jeff Hammond fed the puck to Kade Kohler, who took a hard shot, resulting in a rebound which Jake Moshang hammered into the back of the net to put the Bears up 4-1. A few more saves by Primo, including a beauty on a breakaway, and the game ended with a 4-1 Bears victory.

EXHIBITION GAME 1: Hershey 1 – Boisbriand Selects 2

Wednesday, February 8, 2017 @ 11:20AM - Galeries de le Capitale

The Hershey Bears arrived in Quebec and started their quest for a title with an exhibition game versus the Blanville Boisbriand Selects at the Gallerie Capitale. It is a unique venue, with the rink located inside a mall, surrounded by a working roller coaster, and the player benches situated directly beneath a ferris wheel. Perhaps it was the effects of the previous day's travel, or the bright flashing lights of the arcade and the carousel, but the Bears quickly found themselves down 0-1 at 2:11 in the first period. However, after getting used to the screams from the patrons riding the roller coaster, the Bears were able to cause some of their own

when Toby Kauffman scored a beauty with the assist by Billy Batten and Gracie Dwyer. The period ended tied at one apiece.

The Bears continued to carry play throughout most of the 2d period, with some strong opportunities by forwards Teegan Moleski, Jake Moshang, Ryder Wicken and Frankie Hipp. Likewise, strong defensive play by Luke Panepresso, Dimitri Donovan and Luke Janac limited the Selects from mounting any serious offensive threat. Unfortunately, and despite being outplayed, the Selects were able to get one by at 10:12 in the 2d to put the Bears behind 1-2, which is how the period ended.

In the third period, the Bears maintained their offensive pressure with some great play by forwards Jeffrey Hammond, Riley Schmidt, David Vergulas, Jake Kloss, Dominic Mascieri and Kade Kohler. However, the Selects goaltender was up to the task and kept the Bears off the scoreboard. The Bears tight defensive play of defensemen Rory Booth and Dylan Shane, and strong goaltending by Colin Kerrigan repeatedly shut down the Selects offense. Final Score 2-1 Boisbriand Selects.