

# Amherst 'AAA' Pee Wee Minor wins tournament

The "AAA" Pee Wee Minor Team returned home from The Silver Skates Tournament in Detroit, Mich. with the championship trophy.

Amherst beat the Blue Jackets, 4-1, in the finals. Connor Schutte kept his scoring streak going with two beautiful goals fed from Eric Benschadle and Eric Lipa. Jake Smith had a goal set up from Steven Skinner and Tyler Larwood. Larwood scored again, assisted by Dennis Gilbert and Max Kreuz.

In the semifinals, Amherst goalie Adam Dentico shut the door on the Cyclones with a 4-0 win. Dentico played outstanding throughout the tournament, making one great save after another.

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The Amherst "AAA" Pee Wee Minor hockey team beat the Blue Jackets, 4-1, to win the Silver Skates Tournament in Detroit, Mich. Members of the team, pictured from left, are: first row - Connor Schutte, Max Kreuz, Zach Stamates, Tyler Larwood, Eric Lipa, Ben

wood. Kreuz got the rebound from Smith and Benschadle. Lipa

Sharf; middle row - Mike Keenehan, Patrick Haynes, Jake Smith, Steven Skinner, AJ Mancuso, Dennis Gilbert, Eric Benschadle, John Schmitt, Adam Dentico; third row - team manager Dave Schutte and head coach Dan Mancuso.

got goal number four with a beautiful goal set up by Schutte and Mike Keenehan.

In their second game, Amherst

beat the Racers, 6-2. Schutte opened the scoring early, assisted by Benschadle and Lipa.

Benschadle got two goals assisted by Gilbert and Schutte and Zach Stamates. Larwood had a goal assisted by Keenehan. Kreuz had one assist by Larwood and Sharf. Schutte finished up for Amherst this time from a great pass from Skinner.

Amherst's first game against the Blue Jackets ended in a 5-4 win. Larwood got Amherst on the board late in the first period with a beautiful goal assisted by Ben Sharf and Smith. Schutte had the second goal assisted by Gilbert and Smith.

Benschadle scored next off a nice feed from Lipa. Larwood tied it up off the rebound from Kreuz from a hard shot from the point from Gilbert. Schutte went top shelf for the game winner from Lipa and Benschadle.

## Penberthy's six points leads Pee Wee Rangers over Sharks

Tyler Penberthy registered three goals and three assists to lead the Pee Wee Rangers to an 8-2 playoff win over the Sharks.

Nick Cuomo added the first and last goals of the game on his way to a career-high four.

David Hnat added a marker in the second while assists were earned by Trevor Browning (two), Greg Sibick, John Huyler, Justin Bystrak, Andrew Kean and Joseph Bennett.

Goalie Michael Heyden flashed his lightning quick glove hand, frustrating numerous Shark chances.

Also contributing to the Ranger effort were Lucas Kindron, Blake Michael, Noah Basehart, Jamie Spiller, John Tomczak and Connor Koester.

### Pee Wee Rangers double up Devils

Tight checking and defensive hockey punctuated the Pee Wee Rangers to a 4-2 playoff victory over the Devils.

Goaltender Michael Heyden again starred, thwarting numerous Devil chances. Suffocating defense was played by Andrew Kean, Greg Sibick, John Tomczak, Justin

Bystrak and Tyler Penberthy.

Ranger goals were scored by Jamie Spiller, Penberthy, David Hnat and John Huyler.

Assists were earned by Noah Basehart (two), Kean, Trevor Browning, Nick Cuomo and Penberthy.

Offensive pressure was applied by Connor Koester, Blake Michael and Joseph Bennett.

The Devils were led by outstanding goaltender Bryan Cowing and goal scorers James Bassett and Matthew Soos.

## Black Sabres come back, beat Flyers

Jason Raimondi scored a short-handed goal, his second goal of the game, as the Black Sabres overcame a two-goal deficit to defeat the Flyers, 3-2, in an Amherst Hockey Association Pee Wee playoff game.

Flyer Max Fenter scored an unassisted short-handed goal late in the first period. They

upped the lead to 2-0 on Mickey Evans' goal.

Black Sabres goaltender Joe Picone stopped a Flyers' breakaway to ignite the comeback.

They tied the game on goals from Brendan Mazurek, who converted a Matt Deeb pass and Raimondi, who fired home the rebound on a Mazurek shot.

### Micron division

## Blue Sabres defeat Black, 6-1, in postseason opener

The Micron Blue Sabres opened the playoffs with a 6-1 victory over the Black Sabres at the Pepsi Center.

The Blue Sabres were led by Jeffrey Cummins (three goals) and goaltender Timmy Jones, who turned away several tough scoring chances by the Black team.

Also scoring for the Blue Sabres were Otto Bergmann,

Mathew Barralli and Michael DeMarco. Strong defensive efforts were turned in by Patrick Brady, Gunar Weppner and Kevin McGraw.

The Black team was led by Tommy Peers, who scored their only goal, goalie Sammy Latore, and Brian Cannon, Alex Stanley and Joseph Indelcato.

## Blue, Red Sabres skate to 4-4 playoff tie

The Micron Blue and Micron Red Sabres skated to a 4-4 tie in Sunday's playoff game.

Blue Sabre Patrick Brady scored twice in the first period. Red Sabre

Paul Cartone scored in the second but Gunnar Weppner put the Blue up by two.

Jeffery Cummins made it 4-1 with a shot inside the far post. Red Sabre

Ryan Curtin scored to keep it close.

Red Sabre Emily Matthew opened the third with a goal. Play went end-to-end until the final minute when Paul Cartone flipped a pass high in the air into the slot and Will Redding tied the game.

## Diver

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Lin also swam a time of 48.56 in the 100 freestyle for 14th in the Federation and 16th among public schools.

Senior Mike Burns tied for 31st in the 100 breast in 1:03.05.

Williamsville East junior Matt Geiger placed 15th in the 100 back in the Federation and public school. He also went 2:04.60 in the 200 IM but did not qualify for finals.

Senior Kane Hsieh finished 47th in the 100 breast in 1:04.26.

## Stars hand Bruins first playoff loss

Pee Wee Star defensemen Ethan Sokolowski and Austin Maciok both scored with hard slap shots from the blue line to help the Stars defeat the Bruins, 3-1, in Sunday's playoff game.

Right winger Mark Christy added an insurance goal. All three Stars goals came in the second period.

The Bruins struck first 16 second into the first period to take the lead.

The Stars maintained their poise and played an all-around team game and fought back to win.

Star goalie Alec Jackson was solid between the pipes and center Trevor Shaw played an inspired game.

## Squirt Flyers rally late, earn win

The Squirt Flyers scored four unanswered goals in the third period to come back and defeat the Blue Sabres, 4-2.

After a scoreless first period, Blue Sabres Benjamin Wald and Maxwell McArthur scored unassisted goals.

The Flyers' hard work eventually paid off as Brian Wiktorowski, Matt Mirand, and Kyle Conover (one unassisted, one assisted by Mirand) all scored in the third.

Flyers' goalie Alex Streng earned the game puck for making numerous saves and covering up the puck.

The Flyers' stars were given to Kyle Conover, Matthew Boccio and Brian Wiktorowski. Honorable mention was given to Hudson Milligan.

## Union downs St. Lawrence

The first playoff game for the Amherst Girls Development League was played last Thursday, with Union College winning 5-2 over St. Lawrence.

Union's Miranda Podlas (Paige Pautler) scored first. St. Lawrence's Nell Meosky put one by Union goalie Abbey Posner on a breakaway. Union's Emily Beauchamp scored unassisted.

Union's Sarah O'Brien (Em-

ma Hubert, Emily Keable) made it 3-1.

St. Lawrence's Nell Meosky would score another but Union's Miranda Podlas (Emma Hubert, Mackenzie Pautler) would score twice more for the hat trick. The third goal was assisted by Alicia Oswald.

St. Lawrence's Alex Colling and Erika Dombrowski played strong.



**SECOND** — Eggertsville's Katie Uba earned a second place finish (8.90) on the balance beam at the Patriot's Cup meet hosted by Stumpf's Gymnastics Center. Uba is a Level 6 gymnast at Stumpf's and a student at Christ the King School.