



Lansing Wolves Jr. A Hockey Club

GAME RECAP

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LANSING WOLVES WEEKEND RECAP: DEC 21st

The Lansing Wolves made the yearly trek to the NA3HL Blaine Showcase this past week. The results were mixed but mostly successful. The games were all played at the legendary Schwans Super Rink featuring 8 full sheets of ice under 1 roof. The Wolves opened play against the Rochester Ice Hawks of the always tough West Division. Playing a strong forceful style the Wolves simply dominated the opponents from Rochester by a 5-0 count. The keys to the victory were smothering the Ice Hawks by a 42-24 shot count. Leading the charge was Lansing's Noah Pipper in solid 1 goal 3 assist effort, playing his best game to date was Las Vegas alum Cameron Zucker in potting a goal along with 2 assists. Other goals came from the sticks of Clio's Brendan Smith, Lansing's Michael Schramm and Cummins Georgia's Bear Ross. Adding to the point totals with assists were Clio's Michael Forman, Schramm, Ross and last but not least Milford's Michael Osiski. Stopping 24 shots on goal for the shutout was Novi's Sean Finstrom. The unsung player of the game was from one of the young guns Paw Paw's Carter Stenslund playing a terrific game on the backend.

The next test along the way was from the East Coast in the form of the Maine Wild. The Biddeford Maine squad played mostly on the defense as the Wolves outshot their foe by a 42-16 count in the 4-2 win. The Wild were kept in the game from a marvelous effort by their goalie. The Wolves prevailed in no small part because of the play from Saginaw's Brandon Ashley with a 1 goal and 1 assist contribution (including a fantastic effort on the winning goal), the defense was lead by the 1 goals and 1 assist effort of Dimondale's Ryan Weaver, adding other timely goals came from Macomb's Jake Deratany and Marshal's Mason Fitch. Making plays came from the assists of Schramm, Smith, South Lyon's Garret Weyh, Riga Latvia's Devids Jureninocks, Las Vegas's Brendan Fehlig And Caledonia's Brenden Eichlbarger. Manning the pipes in a solid workmanlike effort was Byron Centers Will Ignatovich stopping 16 shots. The unsung player was from the defensive end in Clarkston's Mac Diver with smart heady play.

The finale proved to be the toughest matchup as the Wolves encountered the hottest team in the league in the form of the Alexandria Blizzard from Minnesota. The Blizzard made it very clear why they have been on a 12-0 win streak. The Blizzard prevailed by a 6-2 score in setting a temporary damper on the Wolves. The Wolves goal scorers came off the sticks of Parma Ohio's Justin Sill and Weyh. Assisting were Ross, Pipper, Smith and Osiski. Stopping 30 shots was Finstrom. The unsung player was the efforts from the always energetic Fitch with his hard working style.

The Wolves now take a well-earned sabbatical until after the New Year in getting back to work against the Toledo Cherokee on Sunday January 7 at 12:30 at the Summit. The Wolves have come back from the abyss at 1 time being as low as 6th in our division to currently being in 3rd place. The Wolves made up some extreme real estate by gaining 19 of the possible 22 point in the last 11 tilts.

With the holidays fast approaching and all the boys going home for the holiday season. From the Management of the Wolves we wish a tremendous Christmas and New Year for the staff at our hockey home with The Summit, our hockey families, our players and most notably our hardworking coaching staff. Until next year as always GO WOLVES

Wolves Record: 14-11-1-2