

Few surprises as post-season starts in Sunday night league

The top teams picked up pretty much where they left off when the Sunday Night Junior Men's Hockey League started its round-robin series.

The Inside Out Family Chiropractic Predators and Mr. Handyman Moose, who ended the regular season tied for the lead in the standings, both notched lopsided wins the opening night, while the third-place St. Louis Bar and Grill Red Wings and fourth-place We Are Creative Warriors won their opening matches as well.

Predators 9, Fire 1

The first game of the night saw the Predators extinguish the Ainsley Fire Protection Fire.

The Predators netted three each frame to take all five points in the game, (the round robin play awards a point for winning a period, two for winning the game, and tied periods are split). Net nabbers for the Predators were Mike Andreoli (with two goals and an assist), Fab Iafano (two goals), Ryan Smith (an assist), Colin Fyffe (three goals and an assist), Tim Vokey (a goal and three assists), Howard Cantelon (three assists), Larry Richardson (one assist), Mike Arnold (one assist) and Mark Metcalfe (a goal and two assists). Fire's lone flame was Eamon Harper from Mike Weeda.

Wings 4, Blades 1

The Wings flew over the Ken's Lawn Mower Repairs Blades and took 4.5 points.

Flying high for the wings were Brad Wigner from Victor Ranieri, Ranieri from Daniel Hamlett, Mike DeFrancesco from Chris Quayle, and Mike Blackwood (unassisted). The Blades sharp shooter was Darren Levy from Dan Maggio.

Moose 7, Wild 0

Brett Weight once again showed why he was the top goalie in the league, getting the goose-egg for the Moose and earning them all five points over the Pommies Cider Co. Wild.

Stomping over the goal line for the Moose were Brad Sztorc from Brendan Pace and Steve Brown, Pace from Marc de Abaitua, Cam Coulter from Justin de Abaitua, Sztorc from M. de Abaitua and Brown, Sztorc from M. de Abaitua, Graham Bryson (unassisted), and M. de Abaitua from Coulter.

Warriors 6, Penguins 3

To round out the night, the Warriors were able to gain 4.5 points over the George's Arena Sports Penguins to keep the race at the top tight.

Warriors weapons were Kevin Norris (unassisted), Jody Spagnol from Bogdan Rapan and Gus Kourousis, Spagnol from Lee Noseworthy, Brent Spagnol from Giancarlo Tarsitano and Dave Chambers, Norris from Rapan and Tarsitano, and J. Spagnol from Kourousis and B. Spagnol. Penguin marchers were Ron Toffin from Dave Matheson and Mike Tarasco, Matt Dowdle from Alex Schittenhelm, and Dowdle from Matheson.

The regular season came to an end with a tie for first place.

The Predators and the Moose both ended the campaign with 25 points, but the Predators were given the nod on the basis of 12 wins, as opposed to 11 for the Moose.

Moose 3, Penguins 0

Brett Weight stood tall and earned the goose-egg to end the season the way he started it for the Moose, as they blanked the Penguins. Lighting the lamp for the Moose were Carlo Landolfi from Coulter, Bryson from Eric Cirone and Coulter, and Sztorc from Shane Marshall and Brian Dunn.

Predators 5, Blades 3

The Predators earned first spot over-all in the regular season with the win over the Blades.

Net nabbers for the Predators were Fyffe with a pair, and Mike Andreoli, Ray Ilijasic, Iafano with singles. Help came from the sticks of John Hutchinson, Vokey, Arnold, Ryan Smith and Richardson.

Blades bashers were Silvio Muraca, Steve Smith and Clark Chung, with assists going to Kevin Wigner and Levy.

Wild 3, Fire 3

In a nail biter, neither team could best the other as the Wild and Fire Protection Fire skated to a draw.

Fire flammers were Mike Horsley and Robert Silvestri with a goal and assist each, Sean Mazurkiewicz with a goal, and Mark Andreoli and Sandro Mignosa with an assist each. Wild whippers were Jay Beech and Eric Webster with a marker and helper each, Craig Shaw with a single, and Matt Temple, Alex White and Richard Archer each with an assist.

Wings 1, Warriors 0

In the final match of the night the Wings went out with style, taking the win with less than a minute left in the third frame over the

Warriors.

The win also broke the tie the two teams had for third place, with the wings finishing with 22 points.

The Wings' hero was Shane DeLaronde from Derek Cleary.