

Lost of action in Bolton Senior Hockey League

By Eric Jay

December saw several Wednesday nights of solid hockey action in the Bolton Senior Hockey League.

One such evening did not see many closely matched contests, however they did see a highly explosive night for one side. They put up the most goals for a team in one game that has been seen this season.

St. Louis faced off against Inside Out. St. Louis dominated throughout the whole game as they reached a season high of 14 goals. They took this one 14-5.

There was a complete change in the second game as 365 Integrated was in a back and forth battle with Niepage. Niepage came out on top as they won 5-3. As for the late game, there was another uneven battle when Oriana took control in the second to defeat Four Corners Bakery Eatery with a final score of 7-2.

St. Louis 14, Inside Out 5

St. Louis got things going right out of the gate as Gus Koursousis scored 35 seconds into the game with the assist going to Dennis Blackman.

The boys kept the pressure on, as Donny Baldassarra scored two minutes later, with Koursousis scoring again two minutes after that. St. Louis was already up 3-0 and weren't even five minutes into the first.

Inside Out's Mark Jay was able to stop the bleeding for his team with a quick snap shot from the deep slot past St. Louis' Tony Melia, who came off a shut out the previous week. St. Louis answered that goal with three more of their own from Jody Spagnol, Baldassarra and Steve Westergard.

The horn sounded for the end of the first and the guys lined up at center for the next period, St. Louis up 6-1.

Inside Out knocked in two quick ones early on, thanks to Glenn MacCauslin and Nick Morra. The lead was now cut in half, but that's when St. Louis grabbed control again. They scored five unanswered goals in the second. Baldassarra got two more to add to his already multi-scoring night. Jeff Mehlenbacher, Blackman and Bogdan Rapan scored other goals.

The guys picked up in the third right where they left off. Blackman scored two more, completing the hat trick. Inside Out's Tom Hoy scored five-hole on St. Louis to try and slow down the momentum. Then, Baldassarra found the back of the net for the fifth time of the game. Inside Out's Jeff Collard snuck in a last-second goal with three seconds remaining in the third, but it was no use.

365 Integrated 3, Niepage 5

This was a highly-anticipated match.

Both teams have been playing well and are very evenly matched.

It was a back and forth first period, and the goaltending was exceptional, and the frame ended 0-0.

Then almost immediately in the second, 365 started to fill up the score sheet. Darryl Simpson fed Craig McCart a slick pass to string him on a breakaway and he made no mistake on the shot. It went low, glove side, past Niepage net minder Mike Rocchi. Less than two minutes later, 365's Frank Servello let a shot go as he entered the offensive zone. It went off the right post and in. Darryl MacArthur kept things going for his team as he deflected a point shot and fooled Niepage's net minder as the puck bounced into the back of the net. Niepage's Smales was able to stop the bleeding as he finally scored his team's first goal of the night. Less than two minutes later, Steve Canderan got in on the scoring action as he cut the lead down to one with a goal of his own. The buzzer went off to end the second period with 365 up 3-2, but it was clear the Niepage had grabbed the momentum late in the period.

Canderan picked things up where his team left off as he scored his second of the game early in the third. They scored again later in the period giving them their first lead of the game. Darryl Bailey was able to pop in the empty netter for his team, as Niepage completed the five-goal comeback to win 5-3.

Oriana 7,

Four Corners Bakery Eatery 2

Dennis Hillier was able to grab the lead early in the first for Four Corners on a one timer, as Tom Mathieson fed him a beautiful pass on a two on one break.

Not long after, Oriana's Eli Cohen knotted the game up with a goal of his own. They added one more before the period ended to take a 2-1 lead.

Oriana was very consistent this game, as they scored two more in the second, with goals by Gary Hughes and Jim Macdonald. Four Corners was not able to score any in the period, as Oriana's Mike Lewis stood on his head in the second as he stopped every shot he faced.

Late in the third, Four Corners' Craig Smith cut the lead in half, as he sniped the puck past Lewis. They now had a chance to tie this

game again. However, their plans were ruined as Oriana's star forward Walter Pursley got two quick goals past Four Corners' Rockin' Ronnie Miller late in the period. Wonfor added to his team's lead with a little more than two minutes left to extend his team's lead to five.

The previous week provided three entertaining games.

There was only one close match, and the league saw it's first shutout of the season, as well as three hat tricks.

The first game saw Four Corners face off against Niepage, who won with a goal with just more than 10 seconds left. In the second game, St. Louis goaltender Melia shut things down against Oriana to help his team win this one 4-0. The final match of the evening saw 365 Integrated playing against the skillful Inside Out. Inside Out exploded in the second period, and with the help of good goaltending they were able to take this one 5-2.

Four Corners 7, Niepage 8

Roland Barbazza started things off for Four Corners, scoring early in the first with an assist by Brad Frail.

Niepage's Sal Iozzo answered quickly for his team as he knotted things up again with a beautiful shot past the glove of the Four Corner's net minder. Rob Figliano kept things going for Niepage after Darryl Bond set him up on a nice two on one. Four Corners responded with three more goals of their own, from Smith, Frail, who received a perfect saucer pass from Mathieson, and Barbazza, who scored his second of the contest.

Niepage took off in the second, as they scored four goals in the period and Four Corners was only able to respond on two of their own. Niepage's goals were scored by Bond, Iozzo, and two by Figliano, who completed the hat trick. Smith scored two more for his team, giving him a hat trick as well, and this was only in the second.

The score was tied at six as the puck dropped for the third period. Bond scored his second of the match on an individual effort. Now Niepage was up 7-6, with less than a minute to go. Four Corners pulled their goalie and it paid off. The guys applied pressure in the offensive zone, then all of a sudden, Hillier dished a pass to a wide-open Simon Thomas, as he connected with the back of the net, knotting this game up for the fifth time.

Four Corners thought that they had survived and would be able to take the game to extra minutes, but they were wrong. The star of the game, Rob Figliano, sent a blistering pass across the ice to Rick Magliaro, who took advantage of the open ice, walked in and popped it top shelf on his back hand with a little more than 10 seconds left in the game.

St. Louis 4, Oriana 0

Things got off to a slow start for the second match.

St. Louis' Milo Naccarato finally lit the lamp late in the first, as he deflected Rapan's shot, going five-hole past Oriana's net minder Lewis.

Things were back and forth for the majority of the second period until Rapan earned his second assist of the night as he set up d-man Paul Parete for a one timer late in the period.

John Pitsadiotis added to his team's lead early in the third as he snapped the puck low blocker side past Lewis. Oriana continued to pour shots on St. Louis' goaltender Melia, but he made numerous incredible saves to bring his team to victory. Shawn Kehoe added one late in the third, throwing a little salt on the wound.

365 Integrated 2, Inside Out 5

This game was very evenly matched in the first period, with no scoring.

Things changed in the second as 365's Sammy Sarris collected the loose puck and headed down the ice on a break away. He faked his backhand and went forehand as he popped the puck over the pad of Inside Out's net minder Greg 'Harry' Harrison. Not long after, Jay was looking to tie things up for his team. He let go a massive slap shot from the point, and 365's goaltender White was able to get a pad in front of it. But he left a big rebound for Jim Pitre to capitalize on. The 365 squad came right back with a goal scored by MacArthur. Inside Out took over from there, scoring four unanswered goals. Morra scored three in the second earning him a hat trick. One of his goals was assisted by his goalie Harrison, who sauced the puck down the ice right to him and he sniped it top shelf into the back of the net. Greg Frangakis knocked in the empty-netter late in the third to boost his team's lead to three.