

Mr. Handyman leading way among junior men

The season is only three-weeks-old, but the Mr. Handyman Moose are showing the early strength in the search for the Callaghan Cup, in the Sunday Night Junior Men's Hockey League.

The Moose were victorious in their first three outings to take top spot in the standings so far.

The St. Louis Bar & Grill Wings are on their heels in second with five points, followed closely by the We Are Creative Warriors with four.

Sept. 27

Warriors 5, Wild 4

In a see-saw battle that saw the teams switch leads back and forth, the Warriors potted a pair in the first while the Pommies Cider Co. Wild only managed one.

The Wild netted three in the second to the Warriors' none. The Warriors answered with three in the third to take the win.

Scoring for the Warriors were Daryl Bailey and Brandon Jones, each with a pair, and Lee Noseworthy with the single. Helpers came from Brent Spagnol, Andrew Kirk, Steve Conforti, Kevin Norris and Bogdan Rapan.

Wild haymakers were Jay Beech with the brace and Dan Shaw and Alex White with singles. Assists went to Mike Swan, White, Richard Archer, Craig Shaw and Peter Coghill.

Penguins 5, Blades 3

The Ken's Lawn Mower Repair Blades took off to a big start, chopping in three in the first for the early lead over the George's Arena Sports Penguins.

But the Penguins bounced back, potting a single in the first and a pair in each of the next two periods.

Blades choppers were Shawn Simpson from Mark Bauldry and Darren Levy, Darren Jones from Levy, and Jason Clark from Simpson and Steve Smith. Penguins paddlers were Corey Schittenhelm from Matt Dowdle, Jesse Thompson from Dowdle, and Mike Tarasco with three, assisted by Brandon Scott, Ron Toffin and goalie Rick DiPassio.

Wings 9, Predators 4

The Inside Out Family Chiropractic Predators came out of the gate gnashing the opposition and getting three off the bat, while the Wings could only manage one.

The second and third periods were all Wings, as they were able to find the back of the net eight more times to the Predators' one.

Taking flight for the Wings were Victor Ranieri (one goal and two assists), Mike D. (two assists), Daniel Hamlett (two goals), Brad Wigner (a goal), Bob McHardy (three goals and one assist), Chris Quayle (a goal and two assists), Shane DeLaronde (a goal), Sean Doner (an assist) and Rob Thibeault (an assist). Predator clawers were Colin Fyffe (unassisted), Ray Ilijasic from Howard Cantelon, Tim Vokey from John Hutchinson, and Fyffe from Cantelon.

Moose 5, Fire 2

The short-benched Moose were able to dig deep and pull out a win, even with the charging Ainsley Fire squad throwing everything at them in waves.

It was a two-man show for the Moose, with Brad Sztorc getting the hat-trick and Cam Coulter bagging a brace. Brendan Pace, Carlo Landolfi and Graham Bryson added assists for the Moose. Fire firers were Matthew Geiser from Ryan Wood and Mike Weeda from Shane Ainsley.

Sept. 13

Action in the league started Sept. 13.

Moose 2, Predators 0

In the first game of the season, the Moose were able to shake off the off season rust and bag a pair to take the win from the Predators.

Brett Weight stood tall and turned away all shots to earn the shutout while Pace from Coulter, and Marc de Abaitua from Chuck Hughes added the scoring punch.

Wings 4, Fire 4

The game saw neither team able to best the other, as the Fire and Wings battled to a draw.

The back-and-forth match had each team notch one in the first, one in the second and a pair in the third.

Fire go-to guys were James Kennedy from Steve Whitten, Rob Silvestri from Wood, Sandro Mignosa from Whitten, and Ainsley from Mike Horsley. The Wings net nabbers were Scott McCrimmon from Mike D, Quayle from Hamlett, Thibeault from Mike D, and Hamlett unassisted.

Warriors 7, Blades 3

Warriors showed no mercy in taking the game to the Blades.

After taking a two-goal lead in the first frame, the Warriors lived up to their name and never looked back. While the Blades did try cut into the lead by getting a pair in the second, it just wasn't enough this night.

Point getters for the Warriors were Giancarlo Tarsitano from Norris, Rapan from Conforti, Brent Spagnol (unassisted), Rapan from Spagnol and Conforti, Norris from Tarsitano, Rapan from Spagnol and potting his fourth of the night Rapan (unassisted). The Blades bin bulgers were Levy (unassisted), Clark from Shawn Simpson, and Bauldry from Greg Fuller.

Penguins 4, Wild 4

In a game that echoed the second game, again neither team could best the other. There was no scoring in the first period, with each side potting one in the second and three in the third frame.

The Penguins' lamp lighters were Scott from Alex Schittenhelm, Tarasco (unassisted), Tarasco from Cory Schittenhelm, and for the hat-trick Tarasco from Alex Schittenhelm. The Wild twine ticklers were Beech from Craig Shaw, Shaun Heron from Beech and White, Dan Shaw from James Sheridan and Swan, and Heron from Archer.

Sept. 20

The second week of play in the league had some big scores and great games.

Fire 6, Penguins 2

Ainsley Fire turned up the heat after the first week and showed some spark with a big win over the Penguins.

The Fire took the lead in the first and didn't slow down until the final buzzer.

Mark Andreoli scorched the opponents, bagging three with Geiser, Weeda and Dave DiMeo netting singles. Helpers were from the sticks of Mignosa, DiMeo, Geiser, Horsley, Ainsley, Wood and Andreoli. The Penguins' go-to guys were Alex Schittenhelm from Scott and Tarasco, and Toffin from Kevin Christie and Dowdle.

Wings 4, Wild 2

With balanced scoring throughout the game, the Wings were able to best the Wild and get their first win of the young season to go along with the tie from the first week.

Brad Wigner from Quayle and Doner got the scoring started in the first. The Wild answered back in the second when Archer from Heron and Mike Hamilton found the back of twine tent. The Wings regained the lead two minutes later with Hamlett from Thibeault and McCrimmon sniping. The Wings took it over in the third, netting a pair. They came from Austin Brown from Hamlett and Wigner, and Hamlett (unassisted). The Wild tried to come back late in the third with Dale Deleonardis potting one, but it was too little too late.

Moose 6, Blades 3

The Blades and the Moose played an even match heading into the third frame, knotted at a pair.

Then the Moose were able to net four to put the game out of reach and claim victory.

Bin bulgers for the Blades were Daryll Simpson from Shawn Simpson and Dave Payne, Daryll Simpson from Payne, and Silvio Muraca from Kevin Wigner and Clark. Moose mesh mashers were Coulter with the hat trick plus one for four, de Abaitua and Landolfi. Assists were from the sticks of Landolfi, Shane Marshall, Bryson, Greg Keenan, Pace and Steve Brown.

Predators 6, Warriors 2

The last game of the night saw the Predators take control early and carry it to the end, twisting and turning and getting the win over the Warriors.

Lighting the lamp for the Predators were Ryan Smith (a goal and two assists), Fab Iafano (an assist), Mike Arnold (a goal and assist), Mike Andreoli (two goals), Ilijasic (two assists), Fyffe (two goals), Steve Hutchins (an assist) and Hutchinson (an assist).

Warriors' whackers were Kirk from Jody Spagnol, and Rapan (unassisted).