

Some close games in Bolton senior hockey last week

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There were three more impressive matches last Wednesday in Bolton Senior Hockey League play.

The just keeps getting more and more exciting to watch. Dec. 2 saw a lot of close games and some wild finishes.

Oriana and 365 Integrated started things off, with 365 exploding in the third period to take this one 9-7. After the ice was cleaned, Niepage and Inside Out hit the ice for an intense contest. Inside Out came on top with a final score of 6-3. In the late game, St. Louis and Four Corners Bakery Eatery played a back-and-forth battle that resulted in a tie after three periods, so they headed to the shootout. St. Louis took the shootout and won the game 4-3.

365 Integrated 9, Oriana 7

The 365 Integrated crew lit the lamp first, scoring less than three minutes into the game.

Oriana's Eli Cohen answered quickly, as he took a slap shot that went top shelf passed 365's net minder Jason White. It was a quiet first period after the first two goals.

When the puck dropped for the second period, 365 Integrated was eager to re-take the lead. Fausto Della Rovere dished Darryl MacArthur a sweet saucer pass and he made no mistake, scoring five hole on Oriana's net minder Mike Lewis. But Oriana came right back, just like in the first. Walter Pursley set up Dave Brodie for a one timer straight into the back of the net. Brodie set up both Gary Hughes and Dave Wonfor the following shift, both scoring impressive goals. The Integrated team was able to stop the bleeding with less than a minute left in the second with the efforts from Frank Servello.

The game was 4-3 for Oriana heading into the third. Integrated's Team Rep Peter Greco (injured) took the intermission to re-group and rally his men. They exploded in the third, scoring a total of six goals in one period. Fab Iafano, Bob McHardy and Al Daniels scored the goals scored multiple goals. Oriana tried to respond on three of the goals. Brodie scored his second then completed the hat trick as well as adding an assist in the final frame. Despite Brodie's incredible efforts with three goals and three assists, it wasn't enough to earn his team the win.

Inside Out 6, Niepage 3

The two teams did a few laps around the rink and took some shots on their goalies before the ref blew the whistle to get this game going.

Niepage hit the back of the net first. Darryl Bailey fed Moritt a pass on a two-on-one, and Moritt tipped it in just over the pad of Inside Out's net minder. Only a few minutes later, Bailey decided to shoot and not pass this time, it was a smart decision as he slid one along the ice, putting his team up 2-0 midway through the first. With less than a minute left, Inside Out's Tom Hoy was determined to cut the lead in half as he carried the puck from blue line to blue line and let a shot go just inside the offensive zone. The puck whizzed over the shoulder of Niepage's net minder Mike Rocchi.

Less than a minute into the second period, Inside Out's speedy winger Nico Rotundo picked things up where his team left off, scoring on his backhand with a pass from Scott Andrews. Not much later, Hoy was able to grab the lead for his team as Inside Out was now up on the scoreboard. Niepage's Jan Olbrycht was able to notch things up late in the second.

This game was back and forth, and had the fans' hearts racing. Inside Out scored three unanswered goals in the third, resulting in a 6-3 win for them. Goals were scored by Steve Devins, Brad Vaughan and Glenn MacCauslin. Inside Out net minder Greg ?Harry? Harrison shut things down, playing his best game of the season so far. Niepage didn't have enough left in the tank to get back into the game.

It was a great effort from both teams.

St. Louis 4, Four Corners 3

Believe it or not, this was one of the lowest scoring games the BSHL has seen this year, with Four Corners Eatery holding down the high scoring St. Louis Bar and Grill team.

St. Louis started quickly, with Gus Koursousis giving Dennis Blackman a tape-to-tape pass and he roofed the puck upstairs to give his team the early lead. In the final minute of the period, Don Gillies tied things up on a breakaway. He faked the shot on his backhand, then brought the puck over to his forehand and was left with an empty net to shoot into.

St. Louis was determined to regain their lead in the second as Koursousis scored two quick goals. Four Corners' Gillies scored his second of the game to bring his team within one as they headed into the third period.

The St. Louis squad had the lead 3-2. Four Corners got together and were ready to get things tied up again. That's exactly what they did. BJ Wilks fed Dennis Hillier on a deep cross-ice pass, and Hillier took advantage of the open ice he had and moved in and fired the puck low blocker side on St. Louis net minder Tony Mila. The teams went back and forth for the rest of the period, but both

goaltenders played amazingly.

In the first round of the shoot out, neither player had scored. Four Corners missed their second attempt as well. St. Louis' Koursousis made a slick move and beat Four Corners' goalie five hole. It was now up to Gillies to keep his team alive. He squeezed the puck passed St. Louis goalie, but all St. Louis has to do is score another of their own. Bogdan Rapun scored a goal in the third round, picking the extra point up for his team.