Tight race so far in junior men?s league

A pair of ties Oct. 4 prevented the leaders in the Sunday Night Junior Men's Hockey League from gaining much ground. The Mr. Handyman Moose are still enjoying a slight lead over the St. Louis Bar & Grill Red Wings. But the Ken's Lawn Mower Blades picked up their first point in the standings.

The teams were on the road for the evening at Lloyd Wilson arena in Inglewood.

Blades 6, Wings 6

The first game on the road saw Ken's Blades and the Wings battle to a draw with the Wings potting one in the first, four in the second and one in the third, while the Blades put in two in the second and four in the third.

Net nabbers for the Blades were Daryll Simpson with the hat trick, and Mark Bauldry, Darren Levy and Kevin Wigner with singles. Helpers went to Steve Smith, Levy, Darren Jones, Bauldry, Simpson and Wigner. Wings flyers were Daniel Hamlett with the hat trick, Victor Ranieri with the brace and Sean Doner with the single. Assists were from Shane DeLaronde, Bob McHardy, Austin Brown and Hamlett.

Fire 5, Warriors 3

Ainsley Fire Protection came out firing on all cylinders and took it to the We Are Creative Warriors from the puck drop. The result had them leapfrogging over their foes for third place in the standings.

The first period had the Fire net two with Sandro Mignosa scoring from Matthew Geiser and Ryan Wood, and David DiMeo connecting unassisted.

The second period saw the Warriors gain one back with Steve Conforti scoring from Dave Chambers. But the Fire potted two more when Eamon Harper scored from Geiser, and Geiser from Mignosa.

The third frame saw the Warriors net a pair from Giancarlo Tarsitano (unassisted) and Brandon Jones assisted by Bogdan Rapan. But the Fire weren't done as they added an insurance marker as Shane Ainsley found the back of the twine tent.

Moose 4, Wild 4

The Moose jumped out to an early lead over the Pommies Cider Co. Wild, but the opponents slowly ate away at their lead and earned the tie

Moose markers came from Chuck Hughes from Brendan Pace and Brad Sztorc, Sztorc (unassisted), Graham Bryson (unassisted), and Hughes from Bryson and Sztorc. Wild whippers were Jay Beech (unassisted), Dale Deleonardis from Beech and Shaun Heron, Peter Coghill from James Sheridan and Heron, and Dan Shaw from Beech and Alex White.

Predators 6, Penguins 4

The last game of the night saw the Inside Out Family Chiropractic Predators take a bite out of the George's Arena Sports Penguins and get the win.

Bin bulgers for the Predators were Fab Iafano (one goal and one assist), John Hutchinson (an assist), Steve Hutchins (two goals), Tim Vokey (a goal), Mark Metcalfe (two goals), Mike Andreoli (an assist), Howard Cantelon (an assist) and Larry Richardson (an assist). Penguins flippers were Brandon Scott (goal and assist), Kevin Christie (an assist), Dale McLean (on goal), Alex Schittenhelm (two goals) and Cory Schittenhelm (assist).

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