

In The News

Beavers Complete Best Season In Program History

The 2005 – 2006 Varsity Hockey team completed the best season in Creek Hockey history with an overall record of 23 – 9 – 1 and a Southwest Ohio High School Hockey League (SWOHSHL) record of 7 – 5 – 0. The Beavers' season ended no differently than that of 77 other teams participating in District and State Tournament play; however, the players, manager, and coaches can be justifiably proud of this year's accomplishments. In addition to winning Creek's first-ever SWOHSHL championship, the Beavers also captured three other tournament titles as well as one tournament runner-up finish. This year's team also set 32 new individual and team records, many of which will never be broken. The 2005 – 2006 Beavers have set the standard against which all future Creek hockey teams will be measured. On behalf of all the fans that witnessed the play of this year's squad, thanks for the wonderful memories.

Summer On-Ice Conditioner Dates For 2006

Summer on-ice conditioners for Varsity and Bantam players will be conducted at South Metro on June 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, and 29, 2006. All are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 PM. Please mark your calendars now so that summer vacation plans and job schedules can be planned around these dates as much as possible.

Two Varsity Beavers Reach Milestone

Senior center Judd Steele and Sophomore winger Lee McClure both eclipsed the 100-point mark for their varsity careers on Friday night, January 6, against the Centerville Elks at the Kettering Recreation Center. It marks the first time in the 9-year history of Beaver Creek Varsity Hockey that any player has reached the century mark in points scored (combination of goals and assists). It was especially remarkable that Steele and McClure assisted on each other's record-breaking goals.

We Are the Champions!!!

The Battling Beavers won the SWOHSHL Championship with a win over the St. Xavier Bombers on Sunday, February 12th. The entire game was very exciting, physical, and exceptionally well-played by both teams. When the final buzzer sounded, the crowd erupted, players from both teams shook hands after an exceptional championship game, and the huge SWOHSHL trophy was brought onto the ice and presented to the SWOHSHL Champion Beaver Creek Battling Beavers. For the entire recap, go to the Varsity Team Game Recap page. Many thanks to the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Beaver Creek for hosting a fantastic victory celebration, and congratulations, Beavers!!

Beavers Repeat as Ehrnfelt Memorial Tournament Champs!!

The Battling Beavers successfully defended their Suburban Press Division Championship in the 3rd Annual Ehrnfelt Memorial Tournament in Strongsville, Ohio. The tournament, held from January 13-16, ended with the Beavers defeating the Hamilton Southeast Royals 6-1 in the final game.

Beavers are McDowell Invitational Champs!!

The Battling Beavers won the Varsity AA Championship Game at the McDowell High School Tri-State Invitational Tournament in Erie, PA on Sunday, December 11th. The Beavers won all four games they played in the tournament and Sophomore forward Lee McClure was named tournament MVP.

Beavers Frozen Creek Champions!!

For the first time in the 9 years of the tournament's history, the Battling Beavers are Frozen Creek Champions!! In an emotionally charged tournament championship contest, the Beavers defeated the Clay Eagles 4-3.

Many Thanks to Mrs. Weideling

The entire Beaver Creek Varsity Hockey Family would like to extend our sincere thanks to Josh's grandmother, Mrs. Terry Weideling, for opening up her home to us for a team pasta dinner on Sunday, January 15. The hospitality, great cooking, and ability to stretch out and relax away from the hotel and ice rink were very appreciated. Thanks so much, Mrs. Weideling! Kindness like yours is not often encountered, but remembered forever!

2005 – 2006 Varsity Team Named

Tryouts for the Varsity Hockey Team were conducted on Saturday, November 5 at the Kettering Recreation Center. The Varsity Coaching Staff evaluated prospective team members on their hockey skills as well as their physical conditioning during this session. A large contingent of players tried out for the squad and 21 players (19 roster players and 2 developmental players) as well as 1 Team Manager were ultimately selected for the team.

Coach and Polly Sandness Doing Well

Jennifer Green, Treasurer of the Booster Club, received a letter during the week of November 14 from Pete and Polly Sandness that contained a generous donation to the Creek Hockey program. Pete, a long-time Varsity Assistant Coach in charge of defensive play, and Polly moved to Virginia to continue their careers in the Air Force after the 2003-2004 season. Pete and Polly report that they are doing well and that they have a new addition to the family, a dog named "Gracie." For those new to the Creek Hockey program, in honor of Pete's contributions to our program and the positive impact he had on our players' lives, the Defensive Player of the Year Trophy awarded at the season-ending Awards Banquet is named the "Pete Sandness Trophy." We want to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for all that Pete and Polly continue to contribute to our program's success and we wish them the best in all that they undertake in the future.

Senior Night Set for January 21st

Before the game against the Alter Knights on Saturday, January 21, at the Kettering Recreation Center, the Battling Beavers will honor their graduating seniors and their families for their dedication and contributions to the team. Game time is 5:40 PM, so come out to recognize our four seniors and cheer the Beavers on to victory!

Joey Ross Spirit Day at Beef O'Brady's

From 6 AM until 11 PM on Monday, November 28th, a percentage of the day's proceeds at Beef O'Brady's in the Stein Mart Shopping Center in Centerville will be donated to the Joey Ross Recovery Fund. Joey Ross, a standout Centerville hockey player, was severely injured in a game in Bloomington, Indiana earlier this year. He has since been moved to Cincinnati Children's Hospital, and is making steady progress in a very tough rehabilitation regimen. Come out to Beef O'Brady's on Monday and show your support for Joey, the Ross family, and the area youth hockey family.

Cub Foods Fundraiser Held

The annual Varsity team fundraiser at Cub Foods was held on Sunday, November 6. Each player and manager on the Varsity team worked a 3-hour shift bagging groceries to raise money to support the Varsity program. Our thanks to the management of Cub Foods in making this fund raising opportunity available to our program.

Pre-Season Game Recaps

Creek Wins First Scrimmage of Season

In the first scrimmage game of the '05 - '06 season, the Battling Beavers dominated the Irish from Toledo Central Catholic 9-2 at the Kettering Recreation Center on Friday, November 11th. After a miscue that led to an Irish goal just seven seconds into the game, Creek got in the driver's seat and powered through the remainder of the game. After the Irish were called for tripping, Creek scored a power play goal 1:52 into the 1st period when defenseman Dustin Seeger sent a shot from the point, and Lee McClure captured the rebound and scored. Creek scored another power play goal just over 3 ½ minutes later when Spencer Hoene lifted a rebound off another Dustin Seeger shot over the Irish goalie's shoulder. Junior Michael Murphy scored high stick side 11:46 into the initial period after missing on a wraparound attempt. With just over 12 seconds left in the 1st period, Sophomore McClure scored his second goal of the game, lifting the puck over the sprawled Irish net-minder. The Beavers opened up the 2nd period with a power play goal just 42 seconds into the stanza when Mitchel Green beat the goalie high glove side off a pass from Lee McClure. Two shorthanded goals were next on the Beavers' agenda; the first when Jason Boswell followed up his own shot as it trickled through the Irish goalie's five hole, and the second on a beautiful backhand by Lee McClure for the Hat Trick. The Irish scored their second goal of the evening on a power play 4:23 into the third stanza. Creek answered with two more goals, the first when Aaron Huber dug the puck out from a melee in front of the Irish net and scored, and the second when Spencer Hoene took a high pass from freshman Sean Denny and shot across the net to beat the battered Irish goalie high glove side. Sophomore goalies Anthony Dann and Matt Martin both had standout performances between the pipes.

Game Summary

| | 1 st Period | 2 nd Period | 3 rd Period | Total |
|---------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------|
| Beavers | 4 | 3 | 2 | 9 |
| Irish | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

| Period | Goal | 1 st Assist | 2 nd Assist |
|--------|---------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | McClure | Seeger | Hoene |
| 1 | Hoene | Seeger | Steele |
| 1 | Murphy | Harshberger | |
| 1 | McClure | Bird | Steinhauer |
| 2 | Green | McClure | Seeger |
| 2 | Boswell | | |
| 2 | McClure | Steele | |
| 3 | Huber | Harshberger | Murphy |
| 3 | Hoene | Denny | |

Goaltending Summary

| | SOG | Saves | Save % |
|--------|-----|-------|--------|
| Dann | 12 | 11 | 91.6 |
| Martin | 13 | 12 | 92.3 |
| Irish | 39 | 30 | 76.9 |

Beavers and Cougars Draw

The Battling Beavers settled for a 3-3 tie in their second scrimmage of the pre-season on Saturday, November 12 at Tam O'Shanter in Southview. The Southview Cougars were called for hooking less than a minute into the contest and Junior defenseman Mitchel Green made them pay on a zinger of a shot from the point during the power play. In what would become a familiar play, Southview evened the score when a pass from behind the Creek net found an open Cougar in the low slot at 7:20 of the 1st period. Creek took back the lead when Senior center Judd Steele beat the Cougars' net-minder low stick side with 41 seconds left in the initial period. Steele came on strong again late in the 2nd period. With Creek on the power play, Steele won the face-off in the Cougars' end, put a shot on goal, then buried his own rebound into the back of the net. Southview scored their second goal of the game on another pass from behind the net with just two seconds left in the 2nd period. The 3rd period saw many more penalties on both sides, but no goals until Southview scored on a 6-on-4 man advantage by pulling their goalie while on a power play with just 25 seconds left in the game. Sophomore goalie Anthony Dann had a great period and a half in net, and Sophomore goalie Eddie Davis turned in a strong performance in his first game as a Beaver.

Game Summary

| | 1st Period | 2nd Period | 3rd Period | Total |
|---------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Beavers | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| Cougars | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

| Period | Goal | 1st Assist | 2nd Assist |
|---------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | Green | Steele | Hoene |
| 1 | Steele | McClure | Hoene |
| 2 | Steele | | |

Goaltending Summary

| | SOG | Saves | Save % |
|---------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| Dann | 24 | 23 | 95.8 |
| Davis | 15 | 13 | 86.7 |
| Cougars | 35 | 32 | 91.4 |

Beavers Beat Cardinals

Beavercreek downed the St. Charles Cardinals from Columbus, Ohio, 4-1 in their third pre-season scrimmage game at Kettering Recreation Center on Saturday, November 19th. Beavercreek's penalty kill was strong all afternoon, and they got their first opportunity just 30 seconds into the contest when Senior Judd Steele was sent to the sin bin for elbowing. Overall on the night, the Beavers' penalty kill was a perfect five-for-five. Creek's first goal of the game came at 3:08 in the 1st period when Sophomore Forward Spencer Hoene took the puck the length of the ice and fired a beautiful pass across the slot to Lee McClure, who buried the puck in the net. The penalty kill unit continued their good work through the remainder of the 1st period with strong defense in the slot and good puck control clearing the zone. Eighteen seconds into the 2nd period, the Beavers lit the lamp again. This time the defense got all the points, when Junior Dustin Seeger passed point-to-point to Mitchel Green, who fired a laser from the left point into the top left corner of the net. The second Creek goal of the period came at the 6:23 mark when Lee McClure skated the length of the ice with the puck and dumped it to Judd Steele, who buried the biscuit. With 6:42 elapsed in the final stanza, with a furball in front of the Creek net, Sophomore Goalie Matt Martin blocked the first Cardinal shot and the first rebound, but couldn't catch up with the second rebound, and St. Charles had their only goal of the contest. The Beavers were awarded a penalty shot at 7:51 when a Cardinal player covered the puck in their crease. Defenseman Mitchel Green took the shot for Creek, but couldn't get it in the net. Creek came back strong and scored again a minute and a half later, when Dustin Seeger fired a zinger from point that was deflected in by Lee McClure. Though the Cardinals outshot the Beavers 32-23, Creek's goaltending was more than up to the challenge. Sophomore Goalie Anthony Dann played a period and a half of perfect goaltending, blocking all 16 shots he faced, and Matt Martin had an impressive 93.8% save percentage in his half between the pipes.

Game Summary

| | 1st Period | 2nd Period | 3rd Period | Total |
|-----------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Beavers | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| Cardinals | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

| Period | Goal | 1st Assist | 2nd Assist |
|---------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | McClure | Hoene | Steele |
| 2 | Green | Seeger | |
| 2 | Steele | McClure | Hoene |
| 3 | McClure | Seeger | |

Goaltending Summary

| | SOG | Saves | Save % |
|-----------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| Dann | 16 | 16 | 100 |
| Martin | 16 | 15 | 93.8 |
| Cardinals | 23 | 19 | 82.6 |

Golden Bears Outpace Battling Beavers

The Battling Beavers were defeated by the Upper Arlington Golden Bears 4-1 at the South Metro Ice Rink on Sunday, November 20th. The loss brings the Beavers' pre-game scrimmage record to 2-1-1. Creek's special teams never seemed to quite find their stride, with the power play 0-for-3 in the contest and Creek's goalies working hard to block shots when the Beavers were shorthanded. Sophomore Goalie Eddie Davis started between the pipes and put in a fantastic performance, saving 14 of the 15 shots he faced. Anthony Dann came in midway through the second period and faced a continuing deluge of Golden Bear shots on goal, finishing with a very respectable 85.7% save percentage. The game opened up very quickly in the first period, with a frenzy of action up and down the ice. Though UA outshot Creek 8-5 in the period, it ended scoreless. UA scored their first goal at 6:31 in the 2nd period on a breakaway. Creek's Eddie Davis blocked the initial shot, but UA picked up the rebound and found the net. The Bears built momentum and scored three more times in the final period before Creek answered with a shorthanded goal at 8:05. Junior Forward Aaron Huber intercepted a Golden Bear pass in the neutral zone and raced into the Bears' zone. His breakaway shot was blocked, but he scored on the rebound. Senior Forward Mike Harshberger earned the assist. The Battling Beavers open their regular season on Friday, 25 November at 7:10AM against SWOHSHL North Division newcomer Alter in the opening game of the 9th Annual Frozen Creek Tournament at the Kettering Recreation Center.

Game Summary

| | 1st Period | 2nd Period | 3rd Period | Total |
|--------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Beavers | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Golden Bears | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 |

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

| Period | Goal | 1st Assist | 2nd Assist |
|---------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 3 | Huber | Harshberger | |

Goaltending Summary

| | SOG | Saves | Save % |
|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| Davis | 15 | 14 | 93.3 |
| Dann | 21 | 18 | 85.7 |
| Golden Bears | 17 | 16 | 94.1 |

Regular Season Game Recaps

Beavers Rout Knights

The Battling Beavers opened up the '05 - '06 season with a 9-3 win over SWOHSHL newcomer Alter Knights in the opening contest of the 9th Annual Frozen Creek Tournament on November 25 at the Kettering Recreation Center. Creek opened up the scoring at 2:12 in the first stanza when Junior forward Aaron Huber intercepted a pass behind the Alter net and passed it forward to Senior Assistant Captain Mike Harshberger who buried the biscuit. Alter countered seven seconds later, but Creek regained the lead for good at 3:14 when Sophomore defenseman Adam Baldwin fired a shot from the point that was deflected in by a perfectly positioned Lee McClure. Creek's penalty kill was super strong all morning, with good offensive pressure throughout, and ending up a perfect 5-for-5 for the game. Creek scored two goals in the 2nd period, the first by Michael Murphy unassisted on a hard shot from the high slot. The second Beavers' score came off another great shot by Adam Baldwin on the left point, this time deflected in by Aaron Huber. Alter scored again to make the score 4-2 before the end of the period. Creek Coach Matt Tramonte must have found the right words in the locker room during the second intermission because the Battling Beavers came out on fire. Mike Harshberger lit the lamp again at 2:16, burying a rebound from Michael Murphy. Four minutes later, Sophomore forward Spencer Hoene took a pass from Lee McClure, skated across the crease, and buried a sweet backhand. Alter scored their last goal just nine seconds later, then Aaron Huber scored his second of the game, going top shelf stick side to beat the beleaguered Knights netminder. Freshman forward Maverick Bird scored his first goal as a Varsity Beaver at 8:16 in the third. After putting a beautiful deke that sprawled the Knights' goalie, Bird swept a backhand into the now gaping left side of the net. Michael Murphy finished things off with a shorthanded goal with 37 seconds left in the game on a perfect one-timer from Mike Harshberger. Sophomore goalie Eddy Davis earned his first win with a solid performance in net.

Game Summary

| | 1 st Period | 2 nd Period | 3 rd Period | Total |
|---------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------|
| Beavers | 2 | 2 | 5 | 9 |
| Knights | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

| Period | Goal | 1 st Assist | 2 nd Assist |
|--------|-------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | Harshberger | Huber | |
| 1 | McClure | Baldwin | Hoene |
| 2 | Murphy | | |
| 2 | Huber | Baldwin | Denny |
| 3 | Harshberger | Murphy | Huber |
| 3 | Hoene | McClure | Baldwin |
| 3 | Huber | Murphy | |
| 3 | Bird | Boswell | |
| 3 | Murphy | Harshberger | Slater |

Goaltending Summary

| | SOG | Saves | Save % |
|---------|-----|-------|--------|
| Davis | 19 | 16 | 84.2 |
| Knights | 42 | 33 | 78.6 |

Springboro Falls To Creek

The Beavercreek Battling Beavers earned their second victory in the Frozen Creek Tournament with a 2-1 victory over the Springboro Panthers on Friday evening, November 25th, at the Kettering Recreation Center. The game opened up early, with both teams moving the puck the length of the rink, but not really setting up much offense. The first shot on goal didn't come until nearly three minutes into the contest. Creek drew first blood shorthanded at 5:57 in the 1st period when Lee McClure took a beauty of a pass from Spencer Hoene, who was behind the Panthers' net, and beat the Springboro netminder for the score. In the 2nd period, Aaron Huber skated the puck into the offensive zone and got a shot off that beat the Panthers goalie, but not before he was fouled by a Springboro defender and awarded a penalty shot as a result. On the whistle, Huber skated the puck in, deked right well enough to sprawl the 'boro keeper, and scored easily high stick side to make it 2-0 Creek. Springboro scored their lone goal at 1:12 in the final stanza, and pulled their goalie with 20 seconds left in the period to give themselves an extra attacker, but Creek held on for the win. Creek's forechecking was particularly effective, and they dominated possession and control of the puck throughout the contest as a result.

Game Summary

| | 1st Period | 2nd Period | 3rd Period | Total |
|----------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Beavers | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Panthers | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

| Period | Goal | 1st Assist | 2nd Assist |
|---------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | McClure | Hoene | Steele |
| 2 | Huber | | |

Goaltending Summary

| | SOG | Saves | Save % |
|----------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| Dann | 30 | 29 | 96.7 |
| Panthers | 29 | 27 | 93.1 |

Whitmer Panthers and Beavers Draw

The Beavercreek Battling Beavers secured a berth in the championship game of the 9th Annual Frozen Creek Tournament at the Kettering Recreation Center with a tie against the Whitmer Panthers on Saturday, November 26. With one point required to make the championship game, the Beavers earned two-and-a-half points, splitting the points evenly with the visiting Panthers. Outshooting Creek 11-3 in the first period, Whitmer ended up with a 2-1 lead at the first intermission. Creek's goal came at 11:57 when Spencer Hoene fed the puck to Team Captain Judd Steele, who beat the Whitmer goalkeeper. The Beavers tied the score at 1:40 in the second stanza. Hustling out of the penalty box, Lee McClure took a perfect pass from Mitchel Green and deked left, then beat the sprawled Panthers goalie low glove side. The Beavers took the lead at 9:15 in the period, when Spencer Hoene lifted the rebound from a Lee McClure shot over the Panthers' keeper high stick side, but Whitmer knotted the score again two minutes later. Creek appeared to regain the lead at the end of the 2nd period when Lee McClure put the puck in the empty Panthers net, but the referee ruled that Creek's shorthanded clear of the puck that setup the goal was actually icing. The Beavers did regain the lead 9:31 into the 3rd period. Mitchel Green intercepted a Whitmer pass and zinged the puck to Judd Steele, who fed it to Spencer Hoene for his second goal of the game. Whitmer knotted the score for good when a Panther lifted a rebound over Creek goalie Matt Martin and the Panther who was sprawled in the crease behind him. Creek's penalty kill got plenty of work, as the Beavers spent a total of 24 minutes in the box, but only allowed the Panthers to convert for one powerplay goal in five opportunities. Whitmer outshot the Beavers 29-16, but Sophomore goalie Matt Martin was able to stop 25 for the tie in his first start of the season.

Game Summary

| | 1st Period | 2nd Period | 3rd Period | Total |
|----------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Beavers | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| Panthers | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 |

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

| Period | Goal | 1st Assist | 2nd Assist |
|---------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | Steele | Hoene | McClure |
| 2 | McClure | Green | |
| 2 | Hoene | McClure | |
| 3 | Hoene | Steele | Green |

Goaltending Summary

| | SOG | Saves | Save % |
|----------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| Martin | 29 | 25 | 86.2 |
| Panthers | 16 | 12 | 75.0 |

Battling Beavers Are Frozen Creek Champions!!

For the first time in the nine year history of the Frozen Creek Tournament, the Battling Beavers of Beaver Creek High School have earned the right to be called Frozen Creek Champions. By finishing first in points in the North Division round-robin tournament play, the Beavers earned a spot in the championship game against the Oregon Clay Eagles, who finished first in the South Division. The championship game proved to be an emotionally charged one, with both teams moving quickly back and forth down the ice in the opening minutes. After a great penalty kill by Beaver Creek midway through the period, Aaron Huber intercepted an Eagle pass in the neutral zone, and raced in for a shot on the Clay keeper. Freshman Maverick Bird lifted the rebound high glove side for the first goal of the game. Thirty three seconds later, Clay evened the score after a well-executed 3 on 2 offensive drive. After taking a hit on the boards, Eagle player Shane Luce remained immobile on the ice, and was eventually taken from the ice on a stretcher. Everyone in the arena was extremely relieved to later hear that Luce only sustained minor injuries, and was well enough to return to the arena before the end of the game. After a 20+ minute stoppage of play, the game got underway with emotions on both sides of the ice running even higher. Creek's penalty kill unit came up big again at 2:35 in the 2nd period when Aaron Huber grabbed another Eagle pass in the neutral zone, this time beating two Clay defenders and the goalie by burying the rebound off his first shot. Clay took advantage of Beaver Creek penalties to light the lamp once in the 2nd period and again early in the 3rd period, this time on a 5-on-3 powerplay advantage. Shorthanded once again, Lee McClure grabbed the puck, outskated the frenzied Eagle defenders, and scored a beautiful shorthanded breakaway goal to re-tie the game at three goals apiece. Because of the long stoppage in play due to the Luce injury, game officials, after conferring with the referees, were forced to run the clock for the last 6:54 of the game. Both teams battled furiously in the closing minutes for possession and scoring chances, but it was Beaver Creek Sophomore forward Spencer Hoene who came up big with the game winning goal with 5 minutes remaining in the contest. Defenseman Mitchel Green took the puck deep in the Beaver Creek defensive zone, and passed it forward to Lee McClure. Lee fired the puck across to Hoene, who skated it into the Clay zone and fired a laser from the left point that the Eagles' netminder couldn't hold on to. The crowd erupted in cheers as the puck came out of his catcher and into the net, and Beaver Creek held on for the Frozen Creek Championship win. Creek goalie Anthony Dann put in another spectacular performance in net during an especially difficult game, given all the lengthy stoppages of play. Beavers forward Spencer Hoene's outstanding play throughout the tournament was recognized when he was named tournament Most Valuable Player, along with Oregon Clay player Shane Luce. Hoene was red hot throughout the weekend. In addition to being the catalyst for several key turning-point plays, he amassed 4 goals and 3 assists including the game tying goal against Whitmer and the game-winning goal in the championship game.

Game Summary

| | 1 st Period | 2 nd Period | 3 rd Period | Total |
|---------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------|
| Beavers | 2 | 0 | 2 | 4 |
| Eagles | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |

Beaver Creek Scoring Summary

| Period | Goal | 1 st Assist | 2 nd Assist |
|--------|---------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | Bird | Huber | |
| 1 | Huber | | |
| 3 | McClure | | |
| 3 | Hoene | McClure | Green |

Goaltending Summary

| | SOG | Saves | Save % |
|--------|-----|-------|--------|
| Dann | 26 | 23 | 88.5 |
| Eagles | 33 | 29 | 87.9 |

Beavers Beat Aves In SWOHSHL Opener

In their first Southwest Ohio High School Hockey League game of the season, the Battling Beavers defeated the Sycamore Aviators 8-2 at the Kettering Recreation Center on Friday, December 2. Though the Aves scored first, Beaver Creek evened it up 20 seconds later when Lee McClure buried a nice backhand 1:31 into the first stanza. Creek's penalty kill performed well, not allowing a single shot on goal during the Aves' first powerplay. However, Beaver Creek never really got their offense set up on their first one-man advantage of the game, and so the first period ended with the score knotted at one goal apiece. The second period belonged to Creek offensively, with Spencer Hoene opening things up at 1:58 with a hard shot that hit the Aves' goalie in the left shoulder and then bounced into the net. Freshman Josh Hill got his first goal as a Varsity Battling Beaver at 7:10. Fighting off the defenders in the low slot, Josh took a feed from Mitchel Green and beat the Aves net-minder for the score. Creek scored again a minute and a half later when Aaron Huber took control of the puck and passed it forward to Spencer Hoene. Hoene and Lee McClure raced into the Aves' zone on a 2 on 2, and Hoene served up a beautiful pass from the left face-off circle which McClure shot into the back of the net. McClure got his hat-trick goal when this same threesome combined for another goal 2:25 into the third period. Less than two and a half minutes later, Creek scored on the powerplay. This time, defenseman Mitchel Green fired a hard shot from the point that Lee McClure deflected up and over the Aves' net-minder for the goal. Senior Assistant Captain Jason Boswell lit the lamp at 5:51 after Senior Assistant Captain Mike Harshberger skated the puck in and dished it to Maverick Bird, who passed it across the crease to Boswell. The Aves scored again at 10:59, but the Battling Beavers got the last goal of the game when Lee McClure passed the puck across the crease to Spencer Hoene, who lifted it past the sprawled goalie. Lee McClure and Aaron Huber both ended the game with five points, tying the team record, and Spencer Hoene finished with four in this huge offensive effort by the entire team. Creek Goalie Anthony Dann continued his spectacular streak of rubber pill regurgitation with an incredible 93.5% save percentage.

Game Summary

| | 1st Period | 2nd Period | 3rd Period | Total |
|----------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Beavers | 1 | 3 | 4 | 8 |
| Aviators | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |

Beaver Creek Scoring Summary

| Period | Goal | 1st Assist | 2nd Assist |
|---------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | McClure | | |
| 2 | Hoene | Huber | |
| 2 | Hill | Green | |
| 2 | McClure | Hoene | Huber |
| 3 | McClure | Hoene | Huber |
| 3 | McClure | Green | Huber |
| 3 | Boswell | Bird | Harshberger |
| 3 | Hoene | McClure | Huber |

Goaltending Summary

| | SOG | Saves | Save % |
|----------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| Dann | 31 | 29 | 93.5 |
| Aviators | 35 | 27 | 77.1 |

Braves Defeat Beavers

The Battling Beavers of Beaver Creek High School suffered their first defeat of the regular season when they lost 4-0 to a strong team from Oxford Talawanda at the Kettering Recreation Center on December 3. The first period was fast-paced and hard-hitting, with Creek putting together a few good scoring chances, but nothing sustained enough to get the puck in the net. Talawanda scored on a nice 2-on-1 at 9:36 in the initial stanza. The Braves' sustained forechecking enabled them to score again in the second period, and they put two more away in the final period, one on a powerplay. Creek's powerplay was 0-for-3 on the night, never really getting into their stride in the offensive zone. The Beavers were outshot by the Braves 31-21 in the shutout.

Game Summary

| | 1st Period | 2nd Period | 3rd Period | Total |
|---------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Beavers | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Braves | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 |

Beaver Creek Scoring Summary

| Period | Goal | 1st Assist | 2nd Assist |
|---------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | | | |

Goaltending Summary

| | SOG | Saves | Save % |
|--------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| Dann | 31 | 27 | 87.1 |
| Braves | 21 | 21 | 100 |

Creek Earns First Win In McDowell Invitational Tournament

Special teams play was the order of the day as the Battling Beavers of Beaver Creek High School skated to their first-ever win in the McDowell Tri-State Invitational Tournament at the Civic Center in Erie, PA on December 10. The Titans of Shaler High School in Pittsburgh opened up the scoring with a powerplay goal at 2:20 in the 1st period. Creek evened the score at 13:18 on a 5-on-3 powerplay. Defenseman Mitchel Green passed the puck from the left point to a well-positioned Spencer Hoene, who was just right of the net. Hoene lifted the puck over the Shaler goalie for the score. Creek's powerplay scored again at 3:55 in the second stanza. Senior Captain Judd Steele passed the puck to Mitchel Green, who fired a one-timer from the point that beat the Titans goalie through traffic in front of the net. Shaler scored shorthanded at 5:57 in the 3rd period after the Beavers' defense allowed a Titans forward to shoot unchecked. Creek came back with another powerplay goal to regain the lead for good less than 30 seconds later. This time it was Lee McClure who fought for position on the right side of the Shaler net and received a perfect pass from Mitchel Green. McClure buried the biscuit for the game winner and Mitchel Green tied his own team record for most points in a game by a defenseman (3) with the assist. Goalie Anthony Dann turned in another great effort between the pipes, saving 25 of 27 shots. The Battling Beavers earned four points toward their standing in the tournament, and will meet the Harborcreek Huskies at 7 PM tonight at the Mercyhurst Ice Center in Erie.

Game Summary

| | 1st Period | 2nd Period | 3rd Period | Total |
|---------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Beavers | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Titans | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |

Beaver Creek Scoring Summary

| Period | Goal | 1st Assist | 2nd Assist |
|---------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | Hoene | Green | Huber |
| 2 | Green | Steele | |
| 3 | McClure | Green | Seeger |

Goaltending Summary

| | SOG | Saves | Save % |
|--------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| Dann | 27 | 25 | 92.6 |
| Titans | 34 | 31 | 91.2 |

Beavers Defeat Harborcreek Huskies

Beavercreek came up big in a win over the Harborcreek Huskies in their second appearance in the McDowell Invitational on Saturday, December 10. By taking all five points with the win, the Beavers also secured a berth in tomorrow's tournament championship game at the Mercyhurst College Ice Center. Beavercreek came out gunning in the first period, scoring just 36 seconds into the contest. Forward Michael Murphy took a feed from Captain Judd Steel and Assistant Captain Mike Harshberger and buried it in the Harborcreek net. Just 20 seconds later, the Beavers scored again, this time when Lee McClure buried the puck after taking a pass from Aaron Huber. The third Creek goal of the initial period came at 5:32 when Mike Harshberger fought his way into the attacking zone. Before being taken down by a Huskies' defender, he passed the puck to Michael Murphy who beat the Huskies' netminder again. Harborcreek scored before the end of the period on a 3-on-1 situation and the 1st period ended with Beavercreek up 3-1. The Beavers scored the lone goal of the second stanza when Spencer Hoene completely beat the Huskies' tender on a breakaway. Just 15 seconds into the 3rd period, Spencer Hoene fought his way into the Harborcreek end and passed to Aaron Huber behind the net. Aaron found Lee McClure in the low slot and Lee buried the puck for the score. Harborcreek scored their last tally of the game on blown defensive coverage, but the Beavers came back to win the period when Ryan Mantia skated the puck into the attacking zone and shot. Assistant Captain Jason Boswell picked up the trash and buried the rebound shot at 11:35 in the 3rd period. Anthony Dann was stellar again in net for the Battling Beavers, posting a 94.1% save percentage. The Beavers will face Mercyhurst Prep at 7 AM in the morning and the tournament championship game will be played later at 1 PM.

Game Summary

| | 1st Period | 2nd Period | 3rd Period | Total |
|---------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Beavers | 3 | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| Huskies | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

| Period | Goal | 1st Assist | 2nd Assist |
|---------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | Murphy | Harshberger | Steele |
| 1 | McClure | Huber | |
| 1 | Murphy | Harshberger | |
| 2 | Hoene | | |
| 3 | McClure | Huber | Hoene |
| 3 | Boswell | Mantia | Baldwin |

Goaltending Summary

| | SOG | Saves | Save % |
|---------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| Dann | 34 | 32 | 94.1 |
| Huskies | 23 | 17 | 73.1 |

Beavers Continue Streak In Erie

Despite being extremely “efficient” with their shots, the Battling Beavers managed a win against the Lakers of Mercyhurst Preparatory Academy on Sunday morning, December 11, at the Mercyhurst College Ice Center in Erie, PA. The Lakers scored less than a minute into the 1st period and the Beavers didn’t answer, leaving them down a goal at the first intermission. After an initial powerplay attempt with no shots on goal, the Creek powerplay converted at 6:01 in the 2nd period when a Mitchel Green shot from point was deflected up and into the net by Aaron Huber. Mercyhurst, desperate for tournament points, pulled their goalie late in the 2nd period to try to score a goal but Assistant Captain Mike Harshberger intercepted a pass and skated the puck into the attacking zone where Captain Judd Steele put the biscuit into the empty net. After Mercyhurst equalized the game score with a powerplay goal in the final period, Creek followed two good penalty kill opportunities with the game winning goal when Judd Steele stuffed the puck between the Lakers goalie’s pads for a score at 11:24 in the final stanza. Sophomore goalie Eddy Davis was nothing short of phenomenal in net, stopping 32 of the 34 shots he was peppered with during the contest. Beaver creek plays in the Varsity AA championship game this afternoon at 1 PM. Go Creek!

Game Summary

| | 1 st Period | 2 nd Period | 3 rd Period | Total |
|---------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------|
| Beavers | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Lakers | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |

Beaver creek Scoring Summary

| Period | Goal | 1 st Assist | 2 nd Assist |
|--------|--------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 2 | Huber | Green | |
| 2 | Steele | Harshberger | |
| 3 | Steele | Seeger | |

Goaltending Summary

| | SOG | Saves | Save % |
|--------|-----|-------|--------|
| Davis | 34 | 32 | 94.1 |
| Lakers | 9 | 7 | 77.8 |

Beavers Are McDowell Invitational Champions!!

The Battling Beavers of Beaver Creek High School won their second tournament championship of the season on Sunday, December 11, when they defeated the Shaler (Pittsburgh) Titans 5-3 in the Varsity AA Championship Game of the McDowell High School Tri-State Invitational Tournament at the Mercyhurst College Ice Center. The win capped an exceptional weekend of hockey for the Beavers who won all four games they played in the tournament. Creek's first goal of the game came at 5:37 in the 1st period. After a great penalty kill by the Beavers, Spencer Hoene took a pass from Lee McClure and lifted a beautiful backhand over the Titans keeper. The Beavers scored again at 8:06 in the first when Aaron Huber put a sweet pass across the crease to Lee McClure, who popped it into the back of the net. Just under 5 minutes into the second period, Lee McClure was racing toward the Shaler goal on a breakaway when he was fouled by a Shaler defender and awarded a penalty shot. McClure made the most of the situation, deking left, then beating the Titans' keeper mid-glove side for the score. Shaler scored at 8:46 in the 2nd period and then scored again less than a minute later on a powerplay to make it a one goal game. In a 4-on-4 situation, Creek scored again when Team Captain Judd Steele buried a shot off a rebound from Assistant Team Captain Mike Harshberger with just under 3 minutes remaining in the period. The Beavers came out of the locker room fired up after the second intermission and scored a powerplay goal at 5:38 in the final period when Lee McClure got the hat trick by picking up the rebound from a Mitchel Green shot and sending it into the back of the net. Shaler would score again in the final period but when the final buzzer sounded, the scoreboard read 5-3 and Beaver Creek was the tournament champion. Lee McClure had six goals during the tournament, including the spectacular penalty shot in this game, and was named tournament MVP for his outstanding performance throughout the weekend.

Game Summary

| | 1st Period | 2nd Period | 3rd Period | Total |
|---------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Beavers | 2 | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| Titans | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 |

Beaver Creek Scoring Summary

| Period | Goal | 1st Assist | 2nd Assist |
|---------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | Hoene | McClure | Green |
| 1 | McClure | Huber | Hoene |
| 2 | McClure | | |
| 2 | Steele | Harshberger | Green |
| 3 | McClure | Green | Seeger |

Goaltending Summary

| | SOG | Saves | Save % |
|--------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| Dann | 20 | 17 | 85.0 |
| Titans | 26 | 21 | 80.8 |

Beavers Shutout Knights

Beavercreek earned a valuable Southwest Ohio High School Hockey League win against league newcomer Alter Knights at the South Metro Ice Rink in Centerville on Tuesday, December 13. The Beavers were strong offensively throughout the contest, scoring their first goal just 28 seconds into the 1st period on a Michael Murphy goal from a Judd Steele feed. Their second goal of the period came at 7:29 when Lee McClure grabbed the puck deep in the attacking zone, skated around the left faceoff circle through traffic, and fired a laser from the mid-slot for the score. Less than 2 minutes later, Judd Steele skated the puck into the low slot and dumped it to Mike Harshberger, who put it past the Alter keeper. The Beavers' fourth goal of the period came at the 13:15 mark when Mike Harshberger scored again, this time going top shelf over the Knights' goaltender. The 2nd period was scoreless with both sides being nearly equal in shots on goal. Creek came out of the locker room fired up for the final period and scored less than a minute in when Aaron Huber fed the puck to Lee McClure who buried the biscuit high glove side. Creek's special team play turned it up a notch later in the period when, after executing two penalty kills earlier in the contest, they scored a powerplay goal at 12:20 in the 3rd period. Defenseman Mitchel Green popped the puck into the back of the net after a pass across the crease from Lee McClure beat the Knights' goaltender. Sophomore goalie Matt Martin put on a clinic between the pipes, earning the first shutout of the season for the team.

Game Summary

| | 1st Period | 2nd Period | 3rd Period | Total |
|---------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Beavers | 4 | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Knights | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

| Period | Goal | 1st Assist | 2nd Assist |
|---------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | Murphy | Steele | Harshberger |
| 1 | McClure | | |
| 1 | Harshberger | Steele | |
| 1 | Harshberger | Steele | Green |
| 3 | McClure | Huber | |
| 3 | Green | McClure | |

Goaltending Summary

| | SOG | Saves | Save % |
|---------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| Martin | 27 | 27 | 100 |
| Knights | 39 | 33 | 84.6 |

Creek Loses Opener in Allgeyer Tournament

In a game characterized by poor execution, blown defensive coverage, and poor pass reception, the Battling Beavers lost to the Maumee Panthers 2-1 in their first game of the 5th Annual Adam Allgeyer Memorial Tournament at the Dublin Chiller Friday night. Maumee scored at 2:09 in the 1st period when a miss-handled pass in Beavercreek's offensive zone was picked up by a Panther who was allowed to skate into the Beavers' defensive zone unchecked. Creek did put together a decent powerplay at the end of the initial period but couldn't get the puck past the Panthers' keeper. The Beavers evened it up at one goal apiece 2:58 into the third stanza when Aaron Huber skated the puck from behind the net and found Lee McClure, who put the puck in the back of the net. Maumee scored the game winner on a powerplay at 9:37 in the final period. Though Creek pulled goalie Anthony Dann with 1:21 left in the contest to give the Beavers' an extra attacker, they couldn't get the puck in the net, and the Panthers came away with the win. Lee McClure was named Beavercreek's game MVP.

Game Summary

| | 1st Period | 2nd Period | 3rd Period | Total |
|----------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Beavers | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Panthers | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

| Period | Goal | 1st Assist | 2nd Assist |
|---------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 3 | McClure | Huber | Hoene |

Goaltending Summary

| | SOG | Saves | Save % |
|----------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| Dann | 19 | 17 | 89.5 |
| Panthers | 21 | 20 | 95.2 |

Beavers Defeat Hilliard Wildcats

The Beavercreek Battling Beavers kept their hopes for advancement in the 5th Annual Adam Allgeyer Memorial Tournament in Dublin, Ohio alive with a 7-3 win over the Hilliard Wildcats Saturday afternoon, December 17, at the Dublin Chiller. After a good penalty kill, Creek scored their first goal at 10:23 in the 1st period when Lee McClure beat the Hilliard goalie from the left face-off circle mid-glove side. At 5:18 in the 2nd period, McClure fed the puck to Team Captain Judd Steele, who skated the puck down the slot and lifted it over the Wildcat goalie's glove for the second Creek goal of the afternoon. The Beavers' third score came less than 3 minutes later when, shorthanded, Lee McClure beat two Wildcat defenders and skated the puck into the attacking zone and then buried it into the back of the net. After Hilliard scored a powerplay goal in the 2nd period, defenseman Mitchel Green fired a zinger that was high and bounced off the glass, right to a waiting Maverick Bird, who popped it into the net. At 12:53 in the middle period, after a Creek offensive melee formed in front of the Wildcats net, Aaron Huber took a pass from Lee McClure and Spencer Hoene, and fired the puck past the Hilliard netminder for a powerplay goal. With less than 6 seconds left in the period, Hilliard scored again, this time off a cross-crease pass that left goalie Eddy Davis sprawled and unable to stop the top-shelf shot. Hilliard scored again at 1:38 in the 3rd period but Creek powered up offensively again at 8:15 in the final stanza when Lee McClure scored his Hat Trick goal shorthanded with another beautiful shot from the left faceoff circle. With less than 12 seconds left, Aaron Huber scored again off feeds from Mitchel Green and Dustin Seeger. Team Captain Judd Steele was named the game MVP for Beavercreek.

Game Summary

| | 1st Period | 2nd Period | 3rd Period | Total |
|----------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Beavers | 1 | 4 | 2 | 7 |
| Wildcats | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 |

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

| Period | Goal | 1st Assist | 2nd Assist |
|---------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | McClure | Huber | |
| 2 | Steele | McClure | |
| 2 | McClure | Green | |
| 2 | Bird | Mantia | Green |
| 2 | Huber | McClure | Hoene |
| 3 | McClure | Huber | |
| 3 | Huber | Green | Seeger |

Goaltending Summary

| | SOG | Saves | Save % |
|----------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| Davis | 12 | 9 | 75.0 |
| Wildcats | 29 | 22 | 75.9 |

Creek Knocked Out Of Allgeyer Tournament

With a 2-0 loss to the Dublin Jerome Celtics on Saturday night, December 17, Beavercreek's weekend ended earlier than hoped and left the squad with no possibility of making Sunday's championship game for the tournament. The game was fast-paced and wide open from the first faceoff and both teams showed excellent physical conditioning, as neither side slowed down a bit until the final buzzer. Both of Jerome's goals came in the 1st period, the first at 7:28 after sustained offensive pressure, and the second at 8:30 on a beauty of a shot from the slot which was screened from Creek goalie Anthony Dann. Creek never quite seemed to get their offense set up, though they did get 24 shots on goal throughout the contest. Dann saved 24 of 26 shots for an outstanding 92.3% save percentage. Center Aaron Huber was named game MVP for Beavercreek. His hustle and situational awareness throughout the game put him in the middle of the majority of the Beavers' scoring chances.

Game Summary

| | 1st Period | 2nd Period | 3rd Period | Total |
|---------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Beavers | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Celtics | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

| Period | Goal | 1st Assist | 2nd Assist |
|---------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | | | |

Goaltending Summary

| | SOG | Saves | Save % |
|---------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| Dann | 26 | 24 | 92.3 |
| Celtics | 24 | 24 | 100 |

Beavers Open Mayor's Cup With Win

The Battling Beavers opened up their defense of the Mayor's Cup with a 3-1 win over the Springboro Panthers on Friday, December 30th at the Kettering Recreation Center. Though Creek's first shot on goal didn't come until almost four minutes into the 1st period, their first goal came at 11:08. Spencer Hoene skated the puck in after taking a pass from Mitchel Green but couldn't get a shot off because of defensive pressure. After the Panther goalie poke-checked the puck away from the net, Lee McClure scooped it up and fired it into the net. Creek's second goal came just 19 seconds into the second stanza. Just as the Beavers were returning to full strength after a penalty kill, Lee McClure took a pass from Mitchel Green, skated left to right across the crease and beat the Springboro' keeper high glove side. The assist gave Junior defenseman Mitchel Green his 44th career point, earning him the team record for career points by a defenseman. The Beavers sealed the deal with a shorthanded goal at 9:47 in the 2nd period.

Aaron Huber gained the blue line with the puck, skated toward the net, deked left, then lifted a beauty of a backhand that beat the Panther keeper. Though Springboro scored later in the period, the Beavers hung on for the win. Creek Goalie Anthony Dann was superhuman in net, saving 36 of Springboro's 37 shots. The Beavers will meet the Centerville Elks in a rematch of last year's Mayor's Cup final at 10:10 AM on Saturday, December the 31st at the Kettering Recreation Center.

Game Summary

| | 1 st Period | 2 nd Period | 3 rd Period | Total |
|----------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------|
| Beavers | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| Panthers | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

| Period | Goal | 1 st Assist | 2 nd Assist |
|--------|---------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | McClure | Hoene | Green |
| 2 | McClure | Green | |
| 2 | Huber | McClure | |

Goaltending Summary

| | SOG | Saves | Save % |
|----------|-----|-------|--------|
| Dann | 37 | 36 | 97.3 |
| Panthers | 28 | 25 | 89.2 |

Elks Defeat Beavers To Take Tournament Trophy

The Centerville Elks defeated the Beaver Creek Battling Beavers 4-3 in the Championship game of the 2005 Mayor's Cup Tournament on Saturday, December 31st at the Kettering Recreation Center. The Beavers took an early lead 5:23 into the 1st period when Aaron Huber skated the puck behind the net and passed it to Lee McClure in the low slot and McClure buried the biscuit mid-glove side. At 6:32 in the 2nd period, Creek scored again when Lee McClure picked up the puck in the neutral zone and then passed it forward to Spencer Hoene at the blue line. Hoene fought his way to the low slot and scored high stick side. Unfortunately for Beaver Creek fans, Creek's domination of the hockey game ended at that point and Centerville picked up where the Beavers left off. Centerville scored three unanswered goals, two on the powerplay, leaving the score 3-2 Centerville with just under 12 minutes left to play. Lee McClure came up big with the equalizer at 11:06 in the final period. After hustling the puck into the attacking zone down the left side, McClure deked twice and lifted a beautiful shot over the Elks goalie's blocker. Centerville proved they wanted the win badly enough to earn it when they re-took the lead less than a minute and a half later. Though Creek pulled goalie Anthony Dann with 1:14 left in the game to give the extra attacker, they couldn't put together enough offensive pressure to score and the Elks went home with the Mayor's Cup trophy after a very exciting game. The two teams meet again in a Southwest Ohio High School Hockey League game on Friday, January 6th.

Game Summary

| | 1st Period | 2nd Period | 3rd Period | Total |
|---------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Beavers | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Elks | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 |

Beaver Creek Scoring Summary

| Period | Goal | 1st Assist | 2nd Assist |
|---------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | McClure | Seeger | Huber |
| 2 | Hoene | McClure | |
| 3 | McClure | Huber | Hoene |

Goaltending Summary

| | SOG | Saves | Save % |
|------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| Dann | 31 | 27 | 87.1 |
| Elks | 25 | 22 | 88.0 |

Beavers Beaten By Elks

The Centerville Elks proved that last week's win over Beaver Creek in the Mayor's Cup final was no fluke when they came from a 2-0 deficit to defeat the Battling Beavers 3-2 at the Kettering Recreation Center on Friday, January 6. Two Beavers reached incredible personal milestones; Senior Judd Steele and Sophomore Lee McClure each got their 100th career point during the game but the Beavers couldn't come together as a team to hold on for the win. After a scoreless initial period without any real scoring chances for either side, Creek's first goal came on the powerplay at the 2:45 mark in the second stanza. Lee McClure skated the puck from the bottom of the faceoff circle into the slot and buried it top shelf. The second goal, again on the powerplay, came at 9:04 in the 2nd period. After taking a pass from Lee McClure, defenseman Mitchel Green fired a shot from the top of the slot that Judd Steele deflected past the Elks keeper. Centerville's offense got fired up in the final period and they scored a powerplay goal at 7:02 on a top shelf shot off a rebound. Their next score was even strength, scored just 31 seconds later, on a 2-on-1 when no backchecking allowed the Centerville shooter to practically skate into the net with the puck. Things looked like they were going Creek's way with less than 5 minutes left to play as they sustained good offensive pressure and executed effective forechecking. With less than 25 seconds left in the game Creek fans were licking their chops when a minor for boarding and a bench minor for unsportsmanlike conduct left Creek on the good end of a 5-on-3 advantage. However, a poor Creek pass was intercepted by Centerville's Tyler McDonald at the blue line and Creek's defense never caught up as he skated the puck in and put it past Creek goalie Anthony Dann for the game winner with 15 seconds left in the game. Creek pulled Dann to go 6-on-3 for the final 15 seconds but couldn't get a shot off as Centerville earned the win.

Game Summary

| | 1st Period | 2nd Period | 3rd Period | Total |
|---------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Beavers | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Elks | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 |

Beaver Creek Scoring Summary

| Period | Goal | 1st Assist | 2nd Assist |
|---------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 2 | McClure | Steele | |
| 2 | Steele | Green | McClure |

Goaltending Summary

| | SOG | Saves | Save % |
|------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| Dann | 21 | 18 | 85.7 |
| Elks | 19 | 17 | 89.5 |

Crusaders Down Battling Beavers

The Battling Beavers of Beaver Creek High School suffered their third straight loss at the hands of the Moeller Crusaders Saturday, January 7, at the Kettering Recreation Center with a final score of 5-3. The Beavers seemed off-balance in the first period and didn't take their first shot on goal until 10:20 had elapsed in the period. The Crusaders scored at 6:55 mark in the 1st period when Creek's defense seemed to be clustered to the right side of the net and an unchecked Crusader on the left side of the slot went high glove side. The 2nd period opened up with Creek on a 5-on-3 advantage but they couldn't convert despite decent pressure. With 4:30 gone in the 2nd period, Creek scored a powerplay goal when Lee McClure fired a laser from the top of the left faceoff circle that beat the Moeller netminder. Creek took the lead with 8:42 elapsed when Junior Michael Murphy scored on a great slapshot from the blue line after a well-executed breakout. Moeller knotted it at two goals apiece less than 2 minutes later and the second period ended with the score tied. Moeller scored first in the 3rd period when a Moeller player slid into Creek goalie Anthony Dann and an unchecked Moeller player put the puck in the empty net. A nearly identical situation happened less than four minutes later and Moeller was up by two. Maverick Bird's slapshot goal from the blue line with 8:44 gone in the final stanza brought the Beavers within one but Moeller scored again with less than two minutes to play when a Crusader in the crease slipped the puck over the goal line. The Beavers hit the road next weekend to defend their Suburban Press Division championship in the 4-day Ehrnfelt Memorial Tournament in Strongsville, near Cleveland.

Game Summary

| | 1st Period | 2nd Period | 3rd Period | Total |
|-----------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Beavers | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Crusaders | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 |

Beaver Creek Scoring Summary

| Period | Goal | 1st Assist | 2nd Assist |
|---------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 2 | McClure | Green | |
| 2 | Murphy | Seeger | Green |
| 3 | Bird | Harshberger | Steinhauer |

Goaltending Summary

| | SOG | Saves | Save % |
|-----------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| Dann | 38 | 33 | 86.8 |
| Crusaders | 13 | 10 | 76.9 |

Beavers Thrash Golden Lions

The Battling Beavers opened up defense of their Suburban Press Division Championship in the Ehrnfelt Memorial Tournament with a 10-2 drubbing of the Gahanna Lincoln Golden Lions at Iceland USA in Strongsville on January 13. Creek's offense was red hot and exhibited a strong forecheck throughout the game. The first goal came just 20 seconds into the contest when Lee McClure deflected a slapshot from the point by Dustin Seeger into the net. At 7:05, Aaron Huber skated the puck around the back of the net, passed to Judd Steele in the low slot and he put a one-timer past the Lions' goalie. Creek scored shorthanded at 10:38 when Lee McClure intercepted a pass at the blue line, skated into the Lions' zone, deked twice, and beat the keeper mid-stick side. McClure then took the feed from a faceoff in the Lions' zone and beat the goalie for the hat trick at 12:56 in the 1st period. Gahanna scored with less than a minute and a half left in the initial period to make the score 4-1 going into the first intermission. Creek's powerplay produced a goal at 5:21 in the 2nd period when Spencer Hoene fed the puck to Lee McClure, who buried it mid-glove side. Gahanna scored their last goal 17 seconds later on a nasty lob that dropped past Creek goalie Matt Martin. Creek struck again at 6:58 when Mike Harshberger's tenacity proved fruitful as he grabbed a rebound and beat the Lions' netminder. With just over 16 seconds left in the 2nd period, Aaron Huber scored off a rebound shorthanded and the score was 7-2 going into the second intermission. The powerplay converted again at 1:25 in the final period with Aaron Huber scoring stick side off a pass from Lee McClure. Later, McClure fired a zinger from point that Maverick Bird deflected in to beat the Lions' goalie at 8:24. The powerplay unit scored again with under 2:30 left in the game when Judd Steele grabbed the rebound off a sweet shot by Lee McClure and buried it. McClure's seven points crushed the previous team record of five points in a game by a forward. Goalie Matt Martin celebrated his 16th birthday in style with a convincing win and an 88.2% save percentage on the night.

Game Summary

| | 1 st Period | 2 nd Period | 3 rd Period | Total |
|--------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------|
| Beavers | 4 | 3 | 3 | 10 |
| Golden Lions | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

| Period | Goal | 1 st Assist | 2 nd Assist |
|--------|-------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | McClure | Seeger | Huber |
| 1 | Steele | Huber | Baldwin |
| 1 | McClure | Green | |
| 1 | McClure | Huber | |
| 2 | McClure | Hoene | |
| 2 | Harshberger | Murphy | |
| 2 | Huber | | |
| 3 | Huber | McClure | Steele |
| 3 | Bird | McClure | |
| 3 | Steele | McClure | Hoene |

Goaltending Summary

| | SOG | Saves | Save % |
|--------------|-----|-------|--------|
| Martin | 17 | 15 | 88.2 |
| Golden Lions | 34 | 24 | 70.6 |

Beavers Advance In Ehrnfelt Tourney

Beavercreek moved another step closer to defending their Suburban Press Division championship with a win over the Gateway Gators from Pennsylvania on January 14 in Strongsville. Judd Steele scored on a rebound off a Lee McClure shot at 4:08 on the powerplay to open things up for the Beavers. Gateway scored a powerplay goal at 12:35 to split the points for the initial period. The Beavers owned the second period with Aaron Huber scoring two goals. The first was at 8:30 unassisted when Aaron skated the puck in from the neutral zone, beat the Gators' defenders down the right boards, and cut in to beat the Gateway keeper mid-stick side. His second goal of the period came at 11:46 when a sweet one-timer from the low slot off a pass from Lee McClure ripped into the net. The Gators scored on a post-to-post pass followed by a quick shot at 3:46 in the final period but Creek scored shorthanded at 6:46 when Lee McClure put a wrist shot past the goalie from the right faceoff circle. McClure's wrist shot proved to be lethal again when he beat the Gators' goalie high glove side at 12:46 in the 3rd period. Gateway scored again with less than a minute left in regulation to tie the tournament points for the period. Spencer Hoene was tripped on a breakaway that should have resulted in a penalty shot, but poor officiating let the clock run out to end the score at 5-3. With nine points in the tournament from their first two games, the Beavers are the masters of their own destiny when they meet the Kalamazoo Blades, who also have nine points, on Sunday morning.

Game Summary

| | 1st Period | 2nd Period | 3rd Period | Total |
|---------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Beavers | 1 | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| Gators | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 |

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

| Period | Goal | 1st Assist | 2nd Assist |
|---------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | Steele | Green | McClure |
| 2 | Huber | | |
| 2 | Huber | McClure | Baldwin |
| 3 | McClure | Seeger | |
| 3 | McClure | Hoene | Bird |

Goaltending Summary

| | SOG | Saves | Save % |
|--------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| Dann | 22 | 19 | 86.4 |
| Gators | 34 | 29 | 85.3 |

Beavers Defeat Blades

The Battling Beavers secured a berth in the Suburban Press Division Championship Game of the Ehrnfelt Memorial Tournament in Strongsville, Ohio with a 4-2 win over the Kalamazoo Blades on Sunday, January 15. Aaron Huber lit the lamp at 5:59 in the 1st period after firing the rebound from a Lee McClure shot low glove side. The Blades evened it up with a powerplay goal in the 2nd period but the Beavers came out gunning in the final period. Lee McClure scored top shelf at 1:27 but the Blades scored 1:10 later to knot it at two goals apiece. At 7:03, Judd Steele took the puck all the way from the Creek zone, threading through Kalamazoo defenders in the slot, deked, and beat the Blades' keeper low glove side. Kalamazoo pulled their goalie late in the final stanza to give an extra attacker but with 1:15 remaining in the game, Lee McClure took a pass from Spencer Hoene and put it in the empty net. Goalie Eddy Davis had a strong showing between the pipes, saving 20 of 22 shots. Creek's strong forecheck provided a lot of good scoring chances, and the backcheck showed a lot of improvement. As a result of the way they played in this game, the Beavers look set to perform well in the Championship game on Monday.

Game Summary

| | 1st Period | 2nd Period | 3rd Period | Total |
|---------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Beavers | 1 | 0 | 3 | 4 |
| Blades | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

| Period | Goal | 1st Assist | 2nd Assist |
|---------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | Huber | Hoene | McClure |
| 3 | McClure | Huber | Hoene |
| 3 | Steele | Murphy | Harshberger |
| 3 | McClure | Hoene | Huber |

Goaltending Summary

| | SOG | Saves | Save % |
|--------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| Davis | 22 | 20 | 90.9 |
| Blades | 28 | 24 | 85.7 |

Beavers Repeat Ehrnfelt Championship

Fueled by 99 of the world's most outstanding meatballs (thanks to Mike McGarry), the Battling Beavers took the ice as a team "on a mission" to repeat their Suburban Press Division Championship in the Ehrnfelt Memorial Tournament in Strongsville, Ohio on January 17. When the final buzzer sounded at the end of the game, the 6-1 results on the scoreboard proved – mission accomplished!

Senior Mike Harshberger scored Creek's first goal at 1:23 in the 1st period, sending a sweet backhand top shelf from the slot. The Royals from Hamilton Southeastern in Indiana scored 16 seconds into the 2nd period but the rest of the game's offense came from the Beavers. Creek defenseman Mitchel Green scored a beautiful powerplay goal at 7:15 in the 2nd period, one-timing a cross-ice pass from Lee McClure into the open side of the net. Royals' mental errors put Creek on the powerplay again later in the period and the Beavers made the mistake count. Lee McClure scored on the powerplay at 11:42 when, after being tripped in the slot, showed incredible focus by stretching out and knocking the puck into the net off the heel of his stick. Spencer Hoene lit the lamp at 2:24 in the final period after Lee McClure fought his way into the Royals zone and passed it across the crease to Hoene for the put-away. Creek scored shorthanded at 5:07 in the period when Lee McClure worked the puck around the back of the Royals net and beat the keeper high stick side. The final goal of the game came on the powerplay at 10:33 as Judd Steele buried the biscuit high stick side from the left side of the crease. Beavers' goalie Anthony Dann had a standout performance in net, saving 18 of the 19 shots he faced. Lee McClure, who had four points in the championship game and 16 points for the 4-game tournament, was named Tournament Most Valuable Player. To make the victory even sweeter, the win gave the team 15 victories for the season, tying the team record for most wins in a season. Congratulations Battling Beavers on a great weekend of hockey and a fantastic tournament win.

Game Summary

| | 1 st Period | 2 nd Period | 3 rd Period | Total |
|---------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------|
| Beavers | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 |
| Royals | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

| Period | Goal | 1 st Assist | 2 nd Assist |
|--------|-------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | Harshberger | Green | Murphy |
| 2 | Green | McClure | |
| 2 | McClure | Steele | Huber |
| 3 | Hoene | McClure | Huber |
| 3 | McClure | | |
| 3 | Steele | Green | McClure |

Goaltending Summary

| | SOG | Saves | Save % |
|--------|-----|-------|--------|
| Dann | 19 | 18 | 94.7 |
| Royals | 36 | 30 | 83.3 |

Bombers Fall To Beavers

In the first of six consecutive Southwest Ohio High School Hockey League games, the Battling Beavers defeated the St. Xavier Bombers 5-1 at the Kettering Recreation Center on Friday, January 20. The win gave this year's Beavers the all-time team record for most wins in a season. Freshman defenseman Sean Denny scored his first goal as a Varsity Beaver at 1:56 in the 1st period. Denny fired the shot from the right faceoff circle and beat the Bombers goalie mid-stick side. At 12:47 in the initial period, Jason Boswell stole the puck in the Bombers' zone and went top shelf off the crossbar for an unassisted goal. At the 3:53 mark in the second stanza, Aaron Huber scored top shelf after Spencer Hoene intercepted a pass in the St. X zone and passed it cross-ice to Huber who was crashing the net. Creek scored again at 2:44 in the final period when Lee McClure fired a hard wrist shot from the slot that ripped into the net. The Beavers scored their final goal shorthanded at 7:36 when Lee McClure took a long pass from Mitchel Green, gained the blue line, and put a shot from the left faceoff circle past the Bombers' keeper and into the top right corner of the net. Creek goalie Anthony Dann was absolutely amazing, seeing the puck well, playing confidently, and controlling the game. He stopped an amazing 31 of the 32 shots he was peppered with, and the only one that got past him was on a 5-on-3 St. Xavier powerplay.

Game Summary

| | 1st Period | 2nd Period | 3rd Period | Total |
|---------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Beavers | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| Bombers | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

| Period | Goal | 1st Assist | 2nd Assist |
|---------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | Denny | Harshberger | |
| 1 | Boswell | | |
| 2 | Huber | Hoene | McClure |
| 3 | McClure | Hoene | Seeger |
| 3 | McClure | Green | |

Goaltending Summary

| | SOG | Saves | Save % |
|---------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| Dann | 32 | 31 | 96.9 |
| Bombers | 20 | 15 | 75.0 |

Beavers Top Knights

The Battling Beavers downed the Alter Knights 5-1 on Saturday, January 21, at the Kettering Recreation Center. When the Beavers finally awoke from a prolonged slumber, the score was 1-0 Alter and the 1st period was over. Refreshed from their little nap, Creek's offense got into gear and scored shorthanded at 9:38 in the 2nd period when Lee McClure raced into the Alter zone alongside an Alter defender. After McClure brought the puck to the front of the net and shot, Aaron Huber grabbed the rebound and stuffed it in the net. Creek's special teams scored again at 1:06 in the 3rd period when Lee McClure zinged a one-timer off a Mitchel Green pass past the Knights' netminder. The Beavers' powerplay converted again at 4:52, this time when Spencer Hoene chipped in a cross-crease pass from Mitchel Green after sustained offensive pressure and puck control during the powerplay. Aaron Huber scored a powerplay goal at 7:05 from the slot after another powerplay of good puck movement and control. Creek's only even strength goal of the evening came 42 seconds later when Mike Harshberger picked up a rebound in the slot and scored through traffic in front of the net. The Beavers improved their SWOHSHL record to 5-3 and goalie Eddy Davis put in a great performance in net, stopping 25 of the 26 shots he faced.

Game Summary

| | 1st Period | 2nd Period | 3rd Period | Total |
|---------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Beavers | 0 | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| Knights | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

| Period | Goal | 1st Assist | 2nd Assist |
|---------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 2 | Huber | McClure | Green |
| 3 | McClure | Green | Huber |
| 3 | Hoene | Green | McClure |
| 3 | Huber | Green | Hoene |
| 3 | Harshberger | Seeger | Murphy |

Goaltending Summary

| | SOG | Saves | Save % |
|---------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| Davis | 26 | 25 | 96.2 |
| Knights | 29 | 24 | 82.8 |

Elks Sweep Beavers

The Centerville Elks completed a regular season sweep with a 3-1 victory over the Battling Beavers of Beaver Creek at the Kettering Recreation Center Friday night, January 27. Both teams scored within the first minute of play, and the rest of the game was just as exciting. Lee McClure scored the Beavers' only goal off a pass from Adam Baldwin. After receiving the pass, McClure skated the puck through the slot and put a nice backhand into the net 14 seconds into the 1st period. Thirty-two seconds later, a soft shot was lobbed over the crowd in the slot and landed between Creek goalie Anthony Dann's pads, bouncing in for the Centerville equalizer. The 2nd period was marked by physical play, with Centerville dominating possession of the puck and outshooting Beaver Creek in the period, but neither team scored. Centerville took the lead at 4:53 in the 3rd period and although Creek put together good offensive pressure in the final minutes of the game, the squad couldn't put good shots on net. Creek pulled their goalie to give the extra attacker with 36 seconds left in the game, but they missed a Centerville pass bounced off the boards in the neutral zone and the puck slowly skimmed down the ice into the empty net, giving Centerville the 3-1 win.

Game Summary

| | 1st Period | 2nd Period | 3rd Period | Total |
|---------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Beavers | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Elks | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 |

Beaver Creek Scoring Summary

| Period | Goal | 1st Assist | 2nd Assist |
|---------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | McClure | Baldwin | |

Goaltending Summary

| | SOG | Saves | Save % |
|------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| Dann | 15 | 13 | 86.7 |
| Elks | 18 | 17 | 94.4 |

Creek Remains Mired In Offensive Malaise

Although Creek has arguably their most potent offensive team in the history of the Creek Hockey program, an inability to put the puck into the net for the second consecutive game resulted in a 4-1 loss at the hands of the Troy Trojans at Hobart Arena on Saturday, January 28. Although the Beavers played with sustained intensity throughout the game, personal agendas inhibited the team from executing effectively when in control of the puck. As in the previous night's contest, the Beavers broke on top when they scored their only goal at the 3:20 mark of the initial period to take a short-lived lead in the game. On the initial face-off deep in Troy's defensive zone after a Trojan penalty, Spencer Hoene beat the Troy defenders to the loose puck in the right corner, skated the puck behind the net, and dished a pass to Lee McClure who was planted by the right post. McClure controlled the pass and put the puck into the open right side of the net to score Beaver Creek's lone goal of the game. Troy came back to tie the game three minutes later when they scored a power play goal of their own on a rebound that was not cleared from in front of the Beaver's net. Troy scored the game's go-ahead goal midway through the second stanza and never looked back throughout the remainder of the contest. As a result of this loss, Creek ceded the number one seed in the SWOHSHL tournament's North Division to the Centerville Elks. Creek can still claim the number two seed in the North Division with victories in their final two SWOHSHL games, the regular season penultimate game against Springboro and the regular season finale against Troy.

Game Summary

| | 1st Period | 2nd Period | 3rd Period | Total |
|---------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Beavers | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Trojans | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 |

Beaver Creek Scoring Summary

| Period | Goal | 1st Assist | 2nd Assist |
|---------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | McClure | Hoene | |

Goaltending Summary

| | SOG | Saves | Save % |
|---------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| Martin | 28 | 24 | 85.7 |
| Trojans | 27 | 26 | 96.3 |

Beavers Down Panthers

The Battling Beavers defeated SWOHSHL rival Springboro Panthers 4-3 in front of a packed house at the South Metro Ice Rink on Monday, January 30. Springboro drew first blood, scoring a powerplay goal at 7:53 in the 1st period. Creek countered with a powerplay goal of their own at 13:20 in the initial period when Freshman Maverick Bird fought for position in front of the net and buried a rebound for the score. Bird scored again at 2:15 in the second stanza off a nice cross-ice pass from Judd Steele. Springboro scored again at 8:45 in the 2nd period to tie things up at two goals apiece but Lee McClure scored at 13:37 in the period after skating down the slot with the puck, deking the 'boro goalie and beating him with a top shelf backhand. Incredibly, though Creek outscored Springboro 2-1 in the 2nd period, the Panthers outshot the Beavers 19-7 in the period. Creek goalie Anthony Dann played like a man possessed throughout the entire game and kept Creek in the driver's seat. Springboro knotted the game at three goals apiece with just over two minutes left in the game and the hometown Springboro crowd was going wild, sensing victory. When a Springboro penalty for tripping less than a minute later put Creek on the powerplay, the Beavers came through when it counted. Defenseman Mitchel Green fed the puck across the ice to Michael Murphy, and Murphy buried the biscuit for the game winner just 16 seconds into the powerplay. This tally came with only 53 seconds left in the game. The win brought Creek's SWOHSHL record to 6-5 and secured them at least a 3rd place seed in the league tournament. The Beavers play their final regular season game against the Troy Trojans at South Metro on Saturday, February 4, at 2:00 PM.

Game Summary

| | 1st Period | 2nd Period | 3rd Period | Total |
|----------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Beavers | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| Panthers | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

| Period | Goal | 1st Assist | 2nd Assist |
|---------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | Bird | Hoene | Steele |
| 2 | Bird | Steele | |
| 2 | McClure | Harshberger | Murphy |
| 3 | Murphy | Green | McClure |

Goaltending Summary

| | SOG | Saves | Save % |
|----------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| Dann | 34 | 31 | 91.2 |
| Panthers | 22 | 18 | 81.8 |

Beavers Vanquish Trojans

The Battling Beavers finished the regular season with an exciting 2-1 win over the Troy Trojans at the South Metro Ice Rink on Saturday, February 4. Both teams skated hard in the 1st period and the action was wide open up and down the ice, but neither team could find the net with the puck and the period ended scoreless. Troy opened up the scoring at 8:23 in the 2nd period. Creek's powerplay converted for a goal at the 12:28 mark in the 2nd period when Mike Harshberger took a pass from Lee McClure and fired it on net, but the Troy keeper blocked it. Michael Murphy scooped up the rebound and ripped in into the back of the net for the tying tally. Neither team was able to score in the final period until, with just 33 seconds left in the game, Judd Steele took a pass from Spencer Hoene, skated it around the back of the net, and extended his stick way out and around for the wraparound shot that beat the Trojans netminder for the game winner. Creek goalie Anthony Dann, in addition to putting in a superhuman performance between the pipes, was credited with the second assist on the goal. Creek ends the regular season with a best in team history 19-8-1 record overall and a 7-5-0 Southwest Ohio High School Hockey League record. The SWOHSHL tournament begins next week with Beavercreek meeting Troy (for the third time in 13 days) in their first-round SWOHSHL tournament game at 8 PM at South Metro Ice Rink on Friday, February 10.

Game Summary

| | 1st Period | 2nd Period | 3rd Period | Total |
|---------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Beavers | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Trojans | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

| Period | Goal | 1st Assist | 2nd Assist |
|---------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 2 | Murphy | Harshberger | McClure |
| 3 | Steele | Hoene | Dann |

Goaltending Summary

| | SOG | Saves | Save % |
|---------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| Dann | 33 | 32 | 97.0 |
| Trojans | 29 | 27 | 93.1 |

Beavers Vanquish Trojans – The Sequel

The Battling Beavers opened up the 05-06 post-season with a 3-2 SWOHSHL tournament victory over the Troy Trojans at the South Metro Ice Rink on Friday, February 10. In the second consecutive game between the two teams, the Beavers opened up the game scoring. Maverick Bird scored at 7:01 in the 1st period when a Spencer Hoene shot on goal trickled past the Troy goalie, but not over the goal line. Judd Steele controlled the loose puck and passed it to Bird, who ripped it into the net. Just over two minutes later, the Beavers increased their lead when Mike Harshberger sent a perfect pass from behind the net to Lee McClure who was skating hard through the slot. McClure hit a perfect one-timer that beat the Trojans' keeper. Troy pulled within a single goal with a breakaway at 10:43 in the initial period. At the 5:11 mark in the second stanza, Troy scored a powerplay goal to tie things up. However, at 9:34 in the 2nd period, Lee McClure scored the game winner with a very nice backhand from the slot. Things got tense for the Creek fans when Lee McClure committed a minor penalty with 43 seconds left in the game and Troy pulled their goalie for a 6-on-4 man advantage. Even though Troy put a barrage of shots on goal, Creek held on for the win and even sent a shot into the empty Troy net just after the buzzer sounded. Though Troy outshot Beaver Creek 26-21, Creek goalie Anthony Dann made a number of spectacular saves, including saves on multiple rebound shots, in an overall superior performance in net. The win gives Creek its first 20-victory season in its history. The Beavers meet Springboro in the North Division Championship Game of the SWOHSHL Tournament tomorrow at 2 PM at South Metro. .

Game Summary

| | 1st Period | 2nd Period | 3rd Period | Total |
|---------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Beavers | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| Trojans | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |

Beaver Creek Scoring Summary

| Period | Goal | 1st Assist | 2nd Assist |
|---------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | Bird | Steele | Hoene |
| 1 | McClure | Harshberger | |
| 2 | McClure | Harshberger | |

Goaltending Summary

| | SOG | Saves | Save % |
|---------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| Dann | 26 | 24 | 92.3 |
| Trojans | 21 | 18 | 85.7 |

Beavers Down Panthers

The Battling Beavers earned the North Division Southwest Ohio High School Hockey League Championship with a 4-3 overtime win over the Springboro Panthers at South Metro Ice Rink on Saturday, February 11. Lee McClure scored Beaver Creek's first two goals, the first off a rebound from an Adam Baldwin shot. McClure's slapshot from the high slot ripped into the net at 1:39 in the 1st period. Springboro scored shorthanded at 5:38 but a minute and a half later, Mitchel Green intercepted a pass and got the puck to McClure who went high glove side to regain the lead for Beaver Creek. The 2nd period was scoreless with the Panthers out shooting the Beavers 13-8. Springboro tied things at two goals apiece at 1:03 in the 3rd period then Beaver Creek retook the lead when Spencer Hoene beat the Panthers goalie from the top of the right faceoff circle. Springboro scored again to knot the score at three to force an 8-minute sudden death overtime period. At 4:46 in OT, Adam Baldwin skated the puck in and put a hard shot on goal that was kicked out to the right. From there, Lee McClure and Michael Murphy teamed up to feed the puck to Mike Harshberger, who stuffed it in for the game-winner. Though the Panthers grossly outshot the Beavers during the game, Creek goalie Anthony Dann absolutely stood on his head, blocking 42 of the 45 shots he faced.

Game Summary

| | 1 st Period | 2 nd Period | 3 rd Period | OT | Total |
|----------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----|-------|
| Beavers | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Panthers | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 |

Beaver Creek Scoring Summary

| Period | Goal | 1 st Assist | 2 nd Assist |
|--------|-------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | McClure | Baldwin | |
| 1 | McClure | Green | |
| 3 | Hoene | Steele | Bird |
| OT | Harshberger | Murphy | McClure |

Goaltending Summary

| | SOG | Saves | Save % |
|----------|-----|-------|--------|
| Dann | 45 | 42 | 93.3 |
| Panthers | 29 | 25 | 86.2 |

We Are the Champions!!!!

The Battling Beavers won the Southwest Ohio High School Hockey League Championship with a 4-2 win over the Bombers from St. Xavier on Sunday, February 12, in a very hard-played, very physical game by both teams. St. X dominated the first 5 minutes of the game and they scored first at 3:24 in the 1st period. Maverick Bird equalized the scoring with a breakaway goal at 7:23 after picking up the puck in the neutral zone, out-hustling three Bomber defenders, deking, and flipping a backhander into the stick side of the net. After Bird's goal, Creek's game picked up considerably and the Beavers kept the puck in the Bombers' zone much more effectively for the remainder of the period. After two successful penalty kills, Creek's powerplay converted for the go ahead goal at 12:11 in the 2nd period. Lee McClure one-timed the puck into the open side of the net after a cross-crease pass from Judd Steele. St. X scored again to end the 2nd period with the score tied at two goals apiece. Creek scored again at 2:18 in the final stanza when Judd Steele grabbed the rebound off a Spencer Hoene shot and poked it into the net mid-stick side. Creek sealed the deal when Michael Murphy brought the puck through the neutral zone, fought through Bombers defenders, gained the blue line, and fed it to Lee McClure who fired a shot that the Bombers keeper just couldn't contain at 13:28. Though Creek went shorthanded and St. X pulled their goalie for the extra attacker, they couldn't get past the Beavers. When the final buzzer sounded, the crowd erupted, players congratulated goalie Anthony Dann on another exceptional win, players from both teams shook hands after an exceptional championship game, and the huge SWOHSHL trophy was brought onto the ice and presented to the SWOHSHL Champion Beaver creek Battling Beavers.

Game Summary

| | 1st Period | 2nd Period | 3rd Period | Total |
|---------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Beavers | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Bombers | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |

Beaver creek Scoring Summary

| Period | Goal | 1st Assist | 2nd Assist |
|---------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | Bird | Seeger | |
| 2 | McClure | Steele | Hoene |
| 3 | Steele | Hoene | |
| 3 | McClure | Murphy | |

Goaltending Summary

| | SOG | Saves | Save % |
|---------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| Dann | 32 | 30 | 93.8 |
| Bombers | 20 | 16 | 80.0 |

Beavers Exact Measure Of Revenge Against Elks

After losing to Centerville in their three previous meetings of the season, the Beavers put together a solid final two periods at the Dispatch Ice Haus on Sunday, February 19, to defeat the Elks by a final score of 4-1 in the first round of the OHSAA District Tournament. Throughout the 1st period, the Elks dominated play as the Beavers played passively and committed numerous turnovers deep in their defensive zone. As a result, the Elks found the twine first when the Beavers failed to clear a rebound from in front of their net and Elks' center Jimmy Ross put the puck past Creek goalie Anthony Dann for the game's initial score. The Elks dominated the shots-on-goal statistics in the period 10-4, and 3 of the 4 Beavers' shots were taken from over 50 feet. After the first intermission, the Beavers started to display more offensive intensity and the momentum started to turn in Creek's favor. The Beavers tied the game at one goal apiece with 13:27 elapsed in the 2nd period when Adam Baldwin broke out the puck from the left side of his defensive zone by passing to Spencer Hoene at the blueline. Hoene then made a diagonal pass to Aaron Huber at the offensive blueline, and Huber skated down the right slot and put the puck mid-glove side for the goal. The Beavers definitely came to play in the 3rd period when off the opening faceoff, Lee McClure captured the draw in Creek's defensive zone and chipped the puck to Mitchel Green at the redline. Green executed a great pass to Mike Harshberger who skated across the goal mouth and placed a backhand high stick side for the game-winning tally with only 11 seconds elapsed in the final stanza. Creek kept the offensive pressure on the Elks and added another score three minutes later when through sheer determination, all members of the team repeatedly fought to keep the puck in the offensive zone, Mike Harshberger chipped a shot toward the net, and Lee McClure jammed home the loose puck. The Beavers finally "sealed the deal" when McClure tallied an empty-net goal from the blueline while Creek was on the powerplay at the 13:24 mark in the final period. Fans from both teams were dissatisfied with the officiating when, as a result of not calling obvious infractions during the 1st period, the game got completely out of the official's control. Because of this, the officials called 74 minutes of penalties in the final two periods of play to try and regain control of the contest. As a result of the victory, the Beavers will face Dublin Coffman in the 2nd round of the District Tournament at the Dispatch Ice Haus (at the west end of Nationwide Arena) on Saturday, February 25, at 5:00 PM.

Game Summary

| | 1st Period | 2nd Period | 3rd Period | Total |
|---------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Beavers | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Elks | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

| Period | Goal | 1st Assist | 2nd Assist |
|---------------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 2 | Huber | Hoene | Baldwin |
| 3 | Harshberger | Green | McClure |
| 3 | McClure | Harshberger | |
| 3 | McClure | Harshberger | |

Goaltending Summary

| | SOG | Saves | Save % |
|------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| Dann | 30 | 29 | 96.7 |
| Elks | 20 | 17 | 85.0 |

Beavers Record Breaking Season Comes to an End

Despite a fantastic effort by the Battling Beavers, inept officiating unfortunately played a large part in their season ending with a 4-3 double overtime loss to the Dublin Coffman Shamrocks on Saturday, February 25, at the Dispatch Ice Haus. The Shamrocks dominated the 1st period, outshooting the Beavers 11-7 and scoring at 10:25 off a rebound in front of the net. Creek scored the equalizer with 25.7 seconds left in the period, but the officials' appalling performance wasn't limited to those wearing stripes on the ice. In addition to the referee not being in position to see the goal, the goal judge wasn't paying attention and couldn't confirm what the entire crowd in the arena saw. The goal was not tallied and this would, unfortunately, prove to be a huge factor in the outcome of the game. Dublin scored again 2:30 into the second stanza and stretched their lead to two after a turnover in the high slot resulted in a shot that found the twine. Creek scored their first goal of the game at 13:08 in the 2nd period when Lee McClure won a faceoff, skated the puck through the neutral zone, passed rink-wide to Michael Murphy, who gained the offensive zone and passed back to McClure on the right side, who zinged a shot from the right faceoff circle that beat the Rocks' goalie. Creek came out to win in the final period and scored at 2:21. Michael Murphy brought the puck the length of the rink down the left side, cut in, fired from the middle of the faceoff circle and ripped the puck into the net past the Dublin keeper. The Beavers tied the game at three apiece when Spencer Hoene picked a Dublin player's pocket and skated the puck across the crease, putting a backhand past the Rocks goalie. When regulation time expired, Creek had scored one more goal than Dublin, but the board showed a 3-3 tie. The Beavers dominated the first 8-minute sudden death overtime period, both in shots and time in the offensive zone, but the Dublin goaltender made some outstanding saves, and the period ended with the game still knotted. When the Beavers were called for hooking, Dublin converted on the powerplay for the game winner with 2:33 left in the 2nd OT. Though every team but one wishes they had gone further in the State Tournament, the Battling Beavers have provided their families, friends and fans a season full of victories, broken records, superb road trips, and fantastic memories. On a personal note, this will be my last recap, and I cannot begin to tell you what a class act the entire Beavercreek Battling Beavers organization is, how much it has meant to our entire family to be a part of this team, and how badly we will miss the fun and the friendship. We will always be proud to be part of the Creek Hockey family. Thanks for everything, and GO CREEK!!! – Mike Martin

Game Summary

| | 1 st Period | 2 nd Period | 3 rd Period | 1 st OT | 2 nd OT | Total |
|---------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------|
| Beavers | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Rocks | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 |

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

| Period | Goal | 1 st Assist | 2 nd Assist |
|--------|----------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 2 | McClurre | Murphy | |
| 3 | Murphy | | |
| 3 | Hoene | Green | |

Goaltending Summary

| | SOG | Saves | Save % |
|-------|-----|-------|--------|
| Dann | 42 | 38 | 90.5 |
| Rocks | 30 | 27 | 90.0 |