

In The News

Beavers Complete Terrific Season

The 2006 – 2007 Varsity Hockey team completed a terrific Varsity hockey season with an overall record of 22 – 9 – 4 and a Southwest Ohio High School Hockey League (SWOHSHL) record of 10 – 2 – 0. During this season the Beavers captured the 2006 Mayor's Cup title, finished as the runner-up in three tournaments (SWOHSHL Championship tournament, the upper division of the McDowell Invitational, and the upper division of the Ehrfelt Invitational), and made it to the quarterfinals of the District tournament for the first time in program history. The Beavers' season ended with a loss in District tournament play (as does every Ohio high school varsity team except one), however, the players, managers, and coaches can be justifiably proud of this year's accomplishments. This year's team also set 16 new individual records, 5 new team records, and 6 new individual skills records. The 2006 – 2007 Beavers have shown that perseverance when faced with adversity and a firm belief in "team above self" are attributes that are integral to success no matter the endeavor. On behalf of all the fans that witnessed the play of this year's squad, thanks for the wonderful memories.

Summer On-Ice Conditioners for 2007 Scheduled

Summer on-ice conditioners for 2007 are scheduled to be held at South Metro on Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 PM until 8:30 PM on June 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, and 28. The summer on-ice conditioners are open to any current or prospective Creek Hockey Varsity or Bantam player. There is no cost to participate in the Summer On-Ice conditioning program.

Beavers Capture Mayor's Cup Trophy

The Beavers went undefeated in Holiday weekend play at the Kettering Recreation Center to rescue the Mayor's Cup trophy from Centerville. In the Friday, December 29 afternoon opener, the Beavers downed Centerville 4-2. On Saturday, December 30, they mercied Springboro after two periods for a 10-0 win. With the Mayor's Cup trophy on the line versus Troy in a New Year's Eve morning contest, the Beavers staged a 3rd period comeback highlighted by three unanswered goals to tie Troy 5-5. Aaron Huber's hat-trick and Mike Murphy's three assists provided the scoring highlights. The Beavers 2-0-1 record earned them the Mayor's Cup title.

Beavers Take Second Place In Ehrnfelt Tournament

The Beavers knew they were in for a battle in the finals of the Ehrnfelt Tourney with a rematch against the Hamilton Southeastern (HSE) "A" Royals on Monday afternoon, January 15. HSE came into the tournament as the #2 ranked team in Indiana High School hockey and had manhandled the Beavers in the opening game 3-0. The Beavers showed spunk for the first 22 minutes in staying in the game with a top-level team. The Royals outgunned the Beavers scoring 6 goals in the final 23 minutes while the Beavers managed a single goal. Despite the 7-2 loss, the experience bodes well as the Beavers finish out the season with SWOHSHL league action against Troy, Alter (home), St X, Springboro, and Troy (home).

Beavers Make Ehrnfelt Tournament Finals

The Beavers defeated the host Strongsville Mustangs 5-1 in the 3rd round-robin game of the Ehrnfelt tournament. The win earned the Beavers five points for the game to put them in a tie with Upper Arlington for the right to play in the Championship game. The first three tiebreaker criteria yielded no winner as the Beavers and Golden Bears had tied their game 2-2 (head to head), equal goal differential (+1), and equal most goals scored (7). The fans anxiously awaited the tally for the fourth tiebreaker - least penalty minutes. The Beavers won the berth to the Championship game based upon having 36 penalty minutes to UA'S 53 minutes. The Beavers headed off to Grandma Weideling's house for lasagna and 185, no make that 179, (no one knows the whereabouts of the other six) of Grandpa McGarry's meatballs to give them a rest and much needed feast to carry them into the finals. The Championship Game pits the Beavers against Hamilton Southeastern "A", the #2 ranked team in the state of Indiana. The Beavers look to avenge their 3-0 loss versus HSE in the first round-robin game of the tourney. The game is scheduled for 3:45 PM in Strongsville on Monday, January 15.

Beavers Celebrate Senior Night with 4-1 Win Over Troy

The Beavers finished out the SWOHSHL Regular Season in style on Saturday, February 3 with a 4-1 win over the Troy Trojans at the Kettering Recreation Complex. Prior to the game, the Beavers honored their Senior Class of Aaron Huber, Mike Murphy, Travis Caudill, Mitchell Green, Dustin Seeger, and Ryan Mantia with a celebration at center ice. The Beavers struck first in the 2nd period with a goal from Huber assisted by Green, and Lee McClure. Ben Steinhauer gave the Beavers a 2-0 lead with assists from McClure and Green. Troy answered with a late 2nd period goal from Dan Loerke assisted by Colin Trudeau and Adam Kowalski to draw within 2-1. The Beavers took a 3-1 lead early in the 3rd period with a goal from McClure, his 200th career point, assisted by Huber. McClure sealed the victory with an empty net goal with 1:19 remaining in the game. Beaver goaltender Anthony Dann stopped 33 out of 34 shots for a 97% save percentage. The Beavers put 35 shots on Troy net-minder Connor Carney. The Beavers move into SWOHSHL Tourney play as the top seed in the North Division with a 10-2-0 league record and 18-7-4 overall.

Senior Night Set for February 3

Before the game against the Troy Trojans on Saturday, February 3, 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 3:40 PM, so come out to recognize our six seniors and cheer the Beavers on to victory!

Green Family Donates Creek “Victory” Bell

After watching the Lake Superior State Hockey Team ring their victory bell during the preseason trip to Sault Ste Marie, Coach Tramonte remarked aloud that he would like to have an opportunity like that for the Beavers. Those words were all the inspiration that the Green family would need. Greg & Jennifer Green found an old locomotive bell near Jamestown. Greg spent the holiday season cleaning and painting the bell. Meanwhile, Beaver Hockey Booster Lou Green built a wheeled stand to carry the bell. Plus, to add a unique hometown touch, they had Keith Maxwell of Maxwell's Hardware carve a wooden beaver to adorn the stand. The Mayor's Cup provided the first opportunity to unveil the 175 pound work of art & begin the new tradition. The team obliged with a 4-2 opening game win over Centerville. Mother nature obliged with great weather that allowed Beaver fans to line-up outside the locker room door to cheer the team as they took their turn with the first-ever ringing of the Creek Hockey Victory Bell. A heartfelt thanks goes out to Lou, Greg, & Jennifer

Green and Keith Maxwell for their generosity and kindness.



2006 – 2007 Varsity Team Named

Tryouts for the Varsity Hockey Team were conducted on Saturday, November 4 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 20 players and 1 Team Manager were ultimately selected for the team.

Fundraising Dinner Held At The Eagles

The Beavercreek Varsity Hockey team hosted a lasagna dinner at the Eagles 321 on November 11. Over 200 people attended the event and everyone enjoyed the food and festivities that went with it. In addition, Eagles 321 Trustee Bill Isaacs, on behalf of the fraternal organization, presented the Varsity program a \$1000 check to help defray Varsity program expenses. We sincerely appreciate this donation and thank the Eagles for their continued support of our program.

Cub Foods Fundraiser Held

The annual Varsity team fundraiser at Cub Foods was held on Sunday, November 5. 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.

Latest Coach Welch Report

For newer members of the Creek Hockey family, Ryan Welch was the Assistant Head Coach of the Beaver's Varsity squad for the first 5 years of the program. After separating from the Air Force after the 2001-2002 season, Ryan moved to Colorado where he works for Applied Wave Research. Since moving there, he married and the couple was blessed with their first child, Matigan Miller Welch, on April 12, 2006. Ryan has also started his own small company that sells beer products (<http://www.octopustap.com>). Therefore, if you have a need for some of these products, you may want to consider keeping the business within the Creek Hockey family. Needless to say, Ryan and his family are doing well and they wish the Creek Hockey program continued success.

Pre-Season Game Recaps

Beavers Lose Penalty-Filled Scrimmage

In the first of four 2006-2007 pre-season scrimmages, the Beavers came out on the short end of a 3-1 score at the hands of the Dublin Jerome Celtics at the Kettering Recreation Center on November 10. Not unexpectedly, the scrimmage was marred by 23 penalties between both teams as a result of the new emphasis being placed on stick and interference infractions. The 1st period could best be characterized as one in which both teams displayed sloppy puck handling while each team, to the delight of the Beaver Creek students in attendance, engaged in hard-hitting physical play. Creek gave up an even strength, 5 on 3, and 5 on 4 goal in the opening 4:30 of the 2nd period and then the Beavers clamped down and ended the Celtics scoring for the evening. The lone Creek offensive bright spot in the scrimmage occurred 11 seconds into the 3rd period during a 5 on 3 opportunity when Senior Mike Murphy received a pass in the right slot from Aaron Huber and wristed the puck into the upper left corner of the net. Although Creek had several good scoring opportunities throughout the scrimmage when they played solid puck movement and fundamental position hockey, repeated offensive and defensive positional breakdowns as well as lack of continued foot movement doomed the squad from the outset. As pre-season scrimmages are meant to do, this contest identified to the coaching staff those areas that need to be addressed prior to the opening of the regular season at the Frozen Creek Invitational tournament.

Game Summary

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

Beaver Creek Scoring Summary

Period	Goal	1 st Assist	2 nd Assist
3	Murphy	Huber	

Goaltending Summary

	SOG	Saves	Save %
Dann	27	24	88.9
Celtics	22	21	95.5

Turnovers Toasted The Beavers

Defensive zone and neutral ice turnovers enabled the Dublin Coffman Shamrocks to leave the Kettering Recreation Center on November 11 with a 4-1 victory over the Beavers' Varsity squad. As in the first scrimmage of the season, the opponents put up the first score of the contest and the Beavers had to battle from behind to try and gain momentum. With 10:13 elapsed in the 2nd period, the Beavers knotted the score at 1 goal apiece when Adam Baldwin fed the puck to Aaron Huber who was skating down the left slot. Huber skated in on the Rocks' net-minder and stuffed the puck through the 5-hole for the score. Even though the Beavers only committed three penalties during the game, the last was critical when it enabled the Rocks to take a 2-1 lead on a power play goal with 7:57 gone in final period. Although the Beavers turned the puck over numerous times throughout the game without serious damage, a neutral ice turnover while the Beavers were on the power play allowed the Rocks to score a short-handed goal at the 12:25 mark to put the game out of reach. Freshman Goalie Kyle McClure had a solid game in net in his inaugural Varsity debut as he fought off several odd-man rushes throughout the scrimmage.

Game Summary

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

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

Period	Goal	1st Assist	2nd Assist
2	Huber	Baldwin	

Goaltending Summary

	SOG	Saves	Save %
McClure	24	20	83.3
Rocks	26	25	96.2

Beavers Outscored by Pines

A preseason road trip to Sault St. Marie, Michigan gave the Beavercreek Varsity Hockey team a fun start to their 2006/2007 hockey season. The trip included tours of the Soo Locks, Lake Superior State College in Sault St. Marie, and a chance to watch the Lake Superior State College hockey team in action. Many thanks to Lou and Joyce Green for getting the road trip started and a special thanks to Bruce Baldwin and others for all their work in making the arrangements. The first game of the weekend was played the evening of Friday, November 17th at the Big Bear Arena on the Chi Mukawa Indian reservation where the Beavers played against the White Pines HS Varsity Hockey team. At the end of the 1st period, White Pines had scored two goals while the Beavers only managed to score one goal by Maverick Bird with a great assist by Adam Baldwin. In the 2nd period, the Beavercreek team hibernated for two minutes and during their sleep, the team allowed the White Pines team to score three goals. However, during the 3rd period, the Beavers and Goalie Eddie Davis held their own with each team scoring one goal. This Beavercreek goal was again scored by Maverick Bird with the assist by Adam Baldwin. The final score was White Pines 6 and Beavers 2. Go Creek!

Game Summary

	1st Period	2nd Period	3rd Period	Total
Beavers	1	0	1	2
White Pines	2	3	1	6

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

Period	Goal	1st Assist	2nd Assist
1	Bird	Baldwin	
3	Bird	Baldwin	

Goaltending Summary

	SOG	Saves	Save %
Dann	Not Available		
White Pines	16	14	87.5

Beavers Battle Knights

The second game of the Beavers' preseason road trip was played Saturday, November 18th at the Steelback Centre in Sault St. Marie, Canada. The Steelback Centre is a new arena opened in September 2006. The Centre is host to a professional hockey team called the Soo Greyhounds. The Greyhounds were the first team that Wayne Gretsky wore the number 99! (Your trivia for the day). The second road trip game pitted the Beavers against the St. Mary's Knights, an Ontario, Canada varsity high school team. The battlin' Beavers came out strong in the 1st period with the first goal of the game scored by Aaron Huber with an assist by Maverick Bird. The Knights came back later in the period to match that goal and the initial period ended with one goal for each team. Both teams and Beaver Goalie Anthony Dann played strong defense in the 2nd period resulting in no goals for either team. The Knights came back in the final period to quickly score on the Beavers and that was followed by a second Knights' goal 10 minutes into the period. The Beavers stayed tough with a goal of their own one minute later and this goal was scored by Aaron Huber with an assist by Maverick Bird. The Beavers fought to the bitter end but fell to the St. Mary's Knights 3 to 2. Many thanks again to Lou and Joyce, Bruce and all of those who worked so hard to make this road trip happen. It was a great start to the Creek Hockey season. Go Creek!

Game Summary

	1st Period	2nd Period	3rd Period	Total
Beavers	1	0	1	2
Knights	1	0	2	3

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

Period	Goal	1st Assist	2nd Assist
1	Huber	Bird	
3	Huber	Bird	

Goaltending Summary

	SOG	Saves	Save %
Dann	Not Available		
Knights	17	15	88.2

Regular Season Game Recaps

Beavers Conquer Knights

The 10th Annual Frozen Creek Tournament sponsored by the Beaver Creek Varsity Hockey team has begun! The first game of the tournament pitted Creek Hockey against the Alter Knights. Although Alter scored the first goal 3 minutes into the 1st period, Creek Hockey came back quickly with a goal by defenseman Mitchell Green assisted by Mike Murphy. Less than a minute later, Mike Murphy kept the action going by sinking the puck with an assist by Mitchell Green. Creek Hockey stayed tough and scored again in the 1st period with a goal by Mitchell Green and the assist by Sean Denny. The Beavers ruled the 1st period 3 to 1. In the 2nd period, the Beavers continued to dominate with two additional goals. The first goal of the period was scored by Maverick Bird with an assist by Dustin Seeger and the second goal was scored by Aaron Huber with an assist by Ben Steinhauer. In the 3rd period, the Knights came alive, scoring 3 goals which remained unanswered by the Beavers. The Beavers successfully held the lead they took in the 1st period with a final score of Creek Hockey 5 to Alter Knights 4. Go Creek!

Game Summary

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

Beaver Creek Scoring Summary

Period	Goal	1st Assist	2nd Assist
1	Green	Murphy	Huber
1	Murphy	Green	
1	Green	Denny	
2	Bird	Seeger	
2	Huber	Steinhauer	

Goaltending Summary

	SOG	Saves	Save %
Dann	34	30	88.2
Knights	22	17	77.3

Creek Ties North Canton

The second game for the Beavers in the Frozen Creek tournament was against North Canton High School. Halfway through the 1st period, the Beavers scored first with a well placed goal by defenseman Ben Steinhauer and assist by Mitchell Green. Ben is really stepping up his game this season, it was his first varsity goal – way to go Ben! The remainder of the 1st period and the entire 2nd period remained scoreless for both teams. In the 3rd period, North Canton suddenly came alive by scoring their first goal two minutes into the period followed by a second goal two minutes later. The Beavers continued to stay strong with 16 shots on goal in the final period. Several of those shots actually went in the net but were not counted by the referees for some reason. Late in the 3rd period, the Beavers scored a goal by Maverick Bird with assists by Aaron Huber and Dustin Seeger. Goalie Anthony Dann had a great save rate of 94%. The game ended in a tie, Beavers 2 to North Canton 2. Go Creek!

Game Summary

	1st Period	2nd Period	3rd Period	Total
Beavers	1	0	1	2
Vikings	0	0	2	2

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

Period	Goal	1st Assist	2nd Assist
1	Steinhauer	Green	
3	Bird	Huber	Seeger

Goaltending Summary

	SOG	Saves	Save %
Dann	34	32	94.0
Vikings	34	32	94.0

Creek Wins Against Gilmour

The Beavercreek Varsity Hockey Team played against Gilmour Academy Saturday, November 25, in their third game in the Frozen Creek Tournament. The Beavers clearly dominated Gilmour throughout most of the game. The Beavers came out strong in the initial period scoring not one, but two goals within the first 48 seconds of the game! Twenty-two seconds into the game, Aaron Huber scored the first goal with an assist by Dustin Seeger. Then, 26 seconds later in the period, Maverick Bird scored with an assist by Mike Mazza and a second assist by Dustin Seeger. One of the most impressive goals of the game was shot ten minutes into the first period by Dustin Seeger, he scored single handedly from the neutral zone – what a shot!! The 1st period ended with the Beavers dominating 3 to 0. The Beavers continued to play strong in the 2nd period, with three additional goals. Second period goals were scored by Aaron Huber with an assist by Mike Mazza; by Mike Murphy with assists from Maverick Bird and Aaron Huber, and an unassisted goal by Aaron Huber. Halfway through the 2nd period Gilmour Academy scored their first goal of the game. In the 3rd period, the Beavers continued to fight but were unable to score while Gilmour Academy scored their second goal of the game towards the end of the period. Creek Goalies, Anthony Dann and Kyle McClure, performed well with each only allowing one goal during the game. The final score was Beavers 6 to Gilmour 2. Go Creek!

Game Summary

	1st Period	2nd Period	3rd Period	Total
Beavers	3	3	0	6
Gilmour	0	1	1	2

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

Period	Goal	1st Assist	2nd Assist
1	Huber	Seeger	
1	Bird	Mazza	Seeger
1	Seeger		
2	Huber	Murphy	
2	Murphy	Bird	
2	Huber		

Goaltending Summary

	SOG	Saves	Save %
Dann	20	19	95.0
McClure	8	7	87.5
Gilmour	21	15	71.4

Beavers Are “Best Of The Rest” In Frozen Creek

Although the Beavers were undefeated in Frozen Creek round-robin qualifying action (2-0-1), they had to settle for playing in the Frozen Creek 3rd Place game at the Kettering Recreation Center on November 26 where the Beavers prevailed in a shoot-out to win by a final score of 3-2 over the Whitmer Panthers. The Panthers brought the action to the Beavers early in the 1st period but Goalie Eddy Davis, making his first start of the regular season, turned away several good Panther scoring opportunities to keep the Beavers in the game. Senior Aaron Huber put the Beavers on top at the 6:21 mark of the 1st period with assists from Senior Mike Murphy and Sophomore Maverick Bird. The Panthers tied the score one minute later and then took a 2-1 lead with three minutes left in the initial period. After a scoreless 2nd stanza, both teams had their opportunities to put the game away early in the 3rd period but good net-minding dominated the period. Things were looking grim for the Beavers when they took a penalty with five minutes remaining in the period; however, Aaron Huber then rose up and took the game’s outcome into his own hands. Huber took a neutral ice draw, captured his own loose puck, split two Whitmer defenders just inside the offensive blue line, skated down the slot, and put the “biscuit in the basket” for the game’s tying tally at the 3:56 mark. Regular time expired with the score tied at 2-2. In a five-man shoot-out to determine the game’s victor, the Beavers tallied on their first try when Maverick Bird put the puck past the Panther’s keeper and then Adam Baldwin, the Beaver’s third shooter, also found the twine. Goalie Eddy Davis had previously turned away chances by the first three Whitmer shooters and when he made a spectacular kick save on Whitmer’s fourth shooter, the game was over and the Beavers took home the victory.

Game Summary

	1 st Period	2 nd Period	3 rd Period	SO Goals	Total
Beavers	1	0	1	2	3
Panthers	2	0	0	0	2

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

Period	Goal	1 st Assist	2 nd Assist
1	Huber	Murphy	Bird
3	Huber		
SO	Bird		
SO	Baldwin		

Goaltending Summary

	SOG	Saves	Save %
Davis	30	28	93.3
Panthers	22	20	90.9

Creek Wins League Opener

In their first league game of the season, the defending SWOHSHL Champion Battling Beavers defeated the Centerville Elks by a score of 6-3 at South Metro on Thursday, November 30. The Beavers broke on top at the 3:16 mark in the 1st period when Lee McClure stole the puck deep in the offensive zone and skated in unopposed to score a short-handed goal. McClure scored his second goal of the game two minutes later when Dustin Seeger made a perfect diagonal pass across the neutral zone that enabled McClure to skate in unmolested for the score. Creek continued their offensive pressure in the 2nd period when Mike Mazza scored his first Varsity goal off a rebound from a Lee McClure slapshot at the 3:26 mark. Centerville crawled back into the game when the Beavers gave up two goals mid-way through the period but the Beavers salted away the win when they scored two answering goals of their own later in the period. Ben Steinhauer scored the first of these goals off a great feed from Aaron Huber. The second goal was by Maverick Bird who one-timed a backdoor goal off a beautiful centering pass from Lee McClure. Maverick Bird added Creek's final tally just 59 seconds into the final stanza off assists from Dustin Seeger and Lee McClure. Centerville added one more tally prior to the end of the game but the outcome of the contest was never in doubt. Creek Goalie Anthony Dann played an extremely solid game in net for the Beavers and made some spectacular saves to hold the Elks at bay.

Game Summary

	1st Period	2nd Period	3rd Period	Total
Beavers	2	3	1	6
Elks	0	2	1	3

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

Period	Goal	1st Assist	2nd Assist
1	McClure		
1	McClure	Seeger	Mazza
2	Mazza	McClure	Bird
2	Steinhauer	Huber	
2	Bird	McClure	Mazza
3	Bird	Seeger	McClure

Goaltending Summary

	SOG	Saves	Save %
Dann	39	36	92.3
Elks	35	29	82.9

Beavers Drop Tournament Opener to McDowell

The Beavers made the long road trip to Erie, PA on Friday, December 8 for the 13th Annual McDowell Tri-State Invitational Tournament. The first game began at 9bPM on Friday night against the host McDowell Trojans "A". Nick DiSantis put McDowell on the board with an unassisted slap shot goal from outside the blueline with only 2:50 gone in the contest. Shortly thereafter the Beavers took two penalties that set up a 5-on-3 power play for McDowell. Twenty-eight seconds into the penalties, McDowell struck again with a rebound off Beaver Goaltender Anthony Dann's pads to put them up 2-0 with 4:31 gone in the 1st period. Despite another 19 shots in that initial period, McDowell could not find the net again due to super goaltending by Dann. Unfortunately, the Beavers could muster only one shot in the 1st period, leaving the road weary Beaver fans to wonder at which rest stop did we leave the offense. McDowell continued to put pressure on the Beavers with a "dump and run" style of play that kept the Beaver offense in check and defense playing hard to keep the Trojans out of the Beaver zone. McDowell tallied another power play goal 6:22 into the 2nd period when an off-target slap shot from just inside the blueline deflected off a Beaver defender that left goaltender Dann helpless. The Beavers managed to get seven shots in the 2nd period, but McDowell's 17 shots showed that they were the clear aggressor. A well-executed 3-on-2 rush rounded out the scoring for McDowell with a wrist shot from the slot that found the net on the glove side early in the 3rd period. Both teams became very aggressive in the last part of the period but that did not find favor with the referees who awarded ten penalties (five for each team) in the final nine minutes of the game. The Beaver's offensive drought continued with only five shots in the 3rd period. The 4-0 final score left the Beavers shaking their heads as to why the "Friday Night Curse" plagues the Beavers, yet still hoping to get another shot at McDowell in the tournament finals.

Game Summary

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

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

Period	Goal	1st Assist	2nd Assist

Goaltending Summary

	SOG	Saves	Save %
Dann	53	49	92.5
Trojans	13	13	100

Beavers Resuscitate Offense to Beat St Joe's

The Beavers came into the Saturday, January 9 late-afternoon contest looking to revive their chances of making the tournament finals by winning all three periods. St Joseph's helped the Beavers get on track early by committing two penalties that gave the Beavers two early power plays. The Beavers capitalized on the second power play opportunity. As the Beavers were cycling the puck, Mike Murphy fed to Aaron Huber down low who saw Lee McClure sneak in behind the defense. McClure one-timed the beautiful pass from Huber into the net behind the unaware defense with 4:21 expired in the 1st period. The signs of life from the Beaver's offense brought cheers from the Beaver's fans who waited for over 49 minutes of hockey to see their first Beaver's goal. The joy was short lived as St Joe's answered back 28 seconds later with a tip-in goal of their own. The teams continued to feel each other out through the initial period. The tide turned when a back-checking Ryan Mantia cleared the puck up to Mike Mazza in the Beaver's zone who quickly found Lee McClure. McClure beat the St Joe's defense and cut through the slot and stick handled the puck around the St Joe's goaltender to find the back of the net off the backhand shot to put the Beavers ahead for good. The Beavers were not finished as Mike Murphy out-hustled the St Joe's defense to get to a loose puck and find McClure skating alone in the St Joe's zone. McClure completed the 1st period hat trick when he rippled the twine with a shot top-shelf, stick-side wrist shot that fooled the St. Joe's goaltender who had closed the five-hole. Despite taking only eight shots, the Beavers had found the net three times and the Beaver's fans quickly did the math and yearned for more shots. The Beavers obliged by putting 12 shots on goal in the 2nd period, but the St Joe's goaltender proved solid on all but one. The Beaver's power play moved the puck in St Joe's zone for just under a minute until Huber passed to Mitchell Green who skated in unchecked by the defense to the top of the face-off circle right of the goal and put a wrist shot on net as Huber came clean through the slot and tipped the shot under the St Joe's net-minder's pads. The three-goal lead and two period "wins" seemed to relax the Beavers while St Joe's seemed intent on a comeback. The Beaver's offense managed only three shots in the 3rd period while St. Joe's players managed to put 11 shots on goal. The Beavers killed off 3 minutes of power play time, including a 5-on-3, but St Joe's was able to score on a hard slap shot from the blueline that was tipped past Anthony Dann to finish the scoring. While the Beavers and their fans felt good about the return of the offense and the win, the fact that a berth in the tournament championship was still in limbo left them anxious for the next game.

Game Summary

	1 st Period	2 nd Period	3 rd Period	Total
Beavers	3	1	0	4
St Joe's	1	0	1	2

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

Period	Goal	1 st Assist	2 nd Assist
1	McClure	Huber	Murphy
1	McClure	Mazza	
1	McClure	Murphy	
2	Huber	Mitch Green	

Goaltending Summary

	SOG	Saves	Save %
Dann	26	24	92.3
St. Joe's	23	19	82.6

Beavers Show No Mercy In Win Over Mercyhurst Prep

No strangers to early morning hockey, the Beavers were ready to roll on Sunday, December 10 at 8 AM. The team was well aware that they needed to win all three periods and get some help from McDowell against St Joe's to make the tournament finals. The Beavers got their quest off to an early start when Mike Mazza, Maverick Bird, and Lee McClure peppered the Mercyhurst keeper with four close range shots. McClure's found the net with Bird and Mitchell Green (who made the initial play into the zone) credited with the assists with 1:09 gone in the 1st period. After Mike Murphy dumped the puck in the offensive zone, a poor clearing attempt by the Mercyhurst defense was intercepted by the Beaver's offense. Lee McClure stuffed the puck through the five-hole from close range with assists going to Aaron Huber and Adam Baldwin at the 8:55 mark in the 1st period. Mercyhurst took an early penalty in the 2nd period and seven seconds into the power play, the Beavers held a mini-clinic on "How to Score": Huber won the face-off over to Bird in the slot, who cycled the puck up to Green at the blueline, who passed to McClure at the top of the left circle, McClure faked the shot and passed the puck back to Green who hit a hard slap shot that Huber deflected up over the goalie stick side 26 seconds into the 2nd period. Creek would go right back on the power play nine seconds later. Good puck movement and several good shots kept the pressure on Mercyhurst. Mike Murphy fed Mitchel Green at the top of the slot, Green hit a slap shot off the boards that McClure tracked down and passed back to Green, Green fed it right back to McClure who put a wrist shot on net that was simply too hot for the Mercyhurst goalie to handle. The Beavers were up 4-0 with 12:54 remaining in the 2nd period and McClure had another hat trick. The Beavers took two penalties in the middle of the 2nd period that gave Mercyhurst a 5-on-3 power play. Mercyhurst hit a wrist shot from the face-off dot that slipped by Beaver's net-minder Eddie Davis with 7:03 remaining in the game. It would be the only chink Mercyhurst would find in Davis' armor. About three minutes later, Adam Baldwin chipped the puck off the glass into the neutral zone that found McClure near the blueline. McClure brought the puck down low, fed the puck to a trailing Bird who returned the puck to McClure, who then skated around the slot and put a backhand by the Mercyhurst goalie on the stick side with 4:16 remaining in the 2nd stanza. Two minutes later the Beavers would light the lamp again when Dustin Seeger hit a low, sizzling, line drive slap shot past the Mercyhurst keeper. McClure made the pass to setup Seeger, Bird was credited with the 2nd assist. The 2nd period ended with the Beavers up 6-1. The Beavers took several penalties in the 3rd period to set Mercyhurst up with a 4-on-3 advantage but a poor breakout play was broken up by McClure who put a merciless wrist shot from the face-off dot past the Mercyhurst goalie. The shot put the Beavers up and would close out the scoring. Lee McClure's five goals and two assists for a total of seven points tied his own team records for goals and points in a game. Mitchel Green and Maverick Bird logged three assists apiece. Eddie Davis turned away 31 out of 32 shots for a stellar 96.9 save percentage. By winning all three periods, the Beavers had done their part to earn their way into the Tournament Championship. All that was left was for McDowell to handle St Joe's in the following game to give the Beavers a place in the Championship game.

Game Summary

	1st Period	2nd Period	3rd Period	Total
Beavers	2	4	1	7
Mercyhurst	0	1	0	1

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

Period	Goal	1st Assist	2nd Assist
1	McClure	Bird	Green
1	McClure	Huber	Baldwin
2	Huber	Mitch Green	McClure
2	McClure	Mitch Green	Murphy
2	McClure	Bird	Baldwin
2	Seeger	McClure	Bird
3	McClure		

Goaltending Summary

	SOG	Saves	Save %
Davis	32	31	96.9
Mercyhurst	17	10	58.8

Beavers and Trojans In Spirited Rematch

A spirited Creek Hockey team took the ice for a rematch against the McDowell Trojans on Sunday, December 10 in the Championship Game of the McDowell Tournament. Coach Tramonte's video review prior to the game set the game plan for the Beavers to beat the McDowell "dump and chase" style. The Beavers executed the plan with precision during the 1st period. It was clear McDowell was surprised that a more energetic Beaver's team showed up for the contest. The Beavers struck first blood 5:21 into the game on the power play when Lee McClure skated the puck unchecked end-to-end creating a 3-on-2 rush. McClure deked the first defenseman and when a second defenseman came to aid his teammate, McClure found Aaron Huber all alone in the slot. Huber put a wrist shot top-shelf past the McDowell net-minder. The Beavers took a page out of the McDowell "dump & chase" playbook to score their second goal on the power play. Mitchel Green dumped the puck into the zone with Josh Weideling, Beau Slater, and Huber on the chase. Slater put pressure along the boards and got the puck to Huber, who put the puck through the McDowell goalie's five-hole with a mass of confusion in front of the net with 1:29 left in the initial period. The 1st period ended with Creek up 2-0 and in control of the game. The Creek defense, led by outstanding goaltending from Anthony Dann, held McDowell scoreless for almost 24 minutes of the contest. The momentum shifted when McDowell's DeSanti broke free for an unassisted, breakaway goal that went top-shelf on Dann with 6:08 remaining in the 2nd period. One minute later, McDowell struck again to tie the game when the Beavers failed to clear the puck out of the zone and allowed the McDowell offense a quality scoring chance on a rebound. McDowell tallied a third unanswered goal 2:18 into the 3rd period on the power play. After Dann made the initial save, the rebound was allowed to lay in the slot where a McDowell attacker backhanded it into the net as Dann slid over in an attempt to make the save. The Beavers buckled down to hold McDowell in check the remainder of the final period and tied the game with 6:05 remaining in the game on the power play. Huber fought off a McDowell defender behind the net to get McClure the puck along the boards. McClure spotted Bird camped out in the slot and Bird one-timed the precision pass from McClure past the helpless McDowell goalie. Dann continued to come up big in net as he turned away many quality scoring chances in the final minutes of the game. The game ended regulation time with the score tied 3-3. A five-minute overtime period did not yield a goal despite several good chances on both sides. Everyone in the arena was energized by the most exciting tiebreaker in sports - a three-man shootout. McDowell went first, but Dann was up to the task when the McDowell shooter had the puck bounce low off the outside of the post. Huber was the first shooter for the Beavers. He deked to his backhand and had the McDowell net-minder down but his shot hit the inside of the post and bounced across the crease behind the goalie. But much to the dismay of the Beaver's fans, the puck slid wide of the far post. The next McDowell shooter was able to find the net through the five-hole to put the Trojans ahead. Maverick Bird was the second Creek shooter and he went glove side, but the McDowell goalie was up to the task. This put the Beaver's fate in the hands of McDowell's DeSanti who had put two unassisted goals top shelf on Dann in the two tournament games. Tournament MVP DeSanti changed tactics and went low glove side with a quick snap shot to give McDowell an insurmountable 2-0 shootout lead. Despite the shoot-out loss, everyone agreed that Dann put forth an outstanding effort in fending off many scoring opportunities to earn a 92.9 save percentage versus 88% for the McDowell goaltender. Lee McClure received the Tournament co-MVP trophy awarded to a member of the runner-up team. Although the Beavers came up short, the Beaver's fans provided

a standing ovation in honor of the outstanding play and effort put forth by both teams. The game was well-coached and well-played on both sides of the red line.

Game Summary

	1st Period	2nd Period	3rd Period	Total
Beavers	2	0	1	3
Trojans	0	2	1	4 (SO)

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

Period	Goal	1st Assist	2nd Assist
1	Huber	McClure	
1	Huber	Slater	
3	Bird	McClure	Huber

Goaltending Summary

	SOG	Saves	Save %
Dann	42	39	92.9
Trojans	25	22	88.0

Beavers Outlast Gahanna

The Beavers traveled to Dublin for the opening game of the Adam Allgeyer Memorial Tournament on Friday, December 15 for an evening contest against the Gahanna Golden Lions that ended with the Beavers on top by a final score of 3-2. Beaver's fans were anxious to see if the team was ready to build on the spirited play shown in the last game of the McDowell Tourney. The Beavers struck early when Maverick Bird put a pass on the tape of Lee McClure's stick, McClure put on snap shot into the goaltender's pads, and when the tender failed to cover the puck. The puck's momentum carried it into the net with only 1:30 expired in the 1st period. However, the Creek attack was then stymied by several penalties. Gahanna struck on a power play at 9:53 of the 1st period. Just ten seconds after the Golden Lion's score, Creek went back on top when the face-off came to Adam Baldwin who found Bird at the blue line. Bird skated into the Gahanna zone and put a wrist shot past the net-minder. Beaver's Goalie Anthony Dann stopped numerous scoring chances in the 1st period during two Gahanna power plays. The Beavers settled down in the 2nd period to more disciplined play and did not take any penalties. Even so, the Beaver's power play was held scoreless in the 2nd period. When the shots were tallied at the end of the period, the fans were dismayed to find out that the Golden Lions actually out-shot the Beavers. The Beavers started the 3rd period on the power play but could not connect. Shortly thereafter, they were awarded another power play that was cut short by a Beaver's penalty. Gahanna went on the power play in the middle of the 3rd period with the Beavers hanging onto a 2-1 lead. The Beaver's penalty kill played with tenacity in front of Dann and this caused Gahanna to commit a penalty that cut their power play short. When the teams squared off for 4-on-4 play, the Beaver's defense would take up the slack for the offense. Mitchell Green hustled back into the defensive zone to collect a loose puck and made a cross ice pass to Adam Baldwin who skated untouched through the neutral zone. Baldwin hit a low, line drive slap shot from just above the left circle that beat the Gahanna keeper on the stick side to put the Beavers up 3-1 with 5:34 left to play in the 3rd period. Frustration ensued for the Golden Lions as they took two back-to-back penalties to put the Beavers on a 5-on-3 power play. Despite the two-man advantage, the Beaver's power play proved ineffective at putting quality shots on net. Penalties by both the Beavers and Golden Lions set up a 4-on-4 situation late in the 3rd period. The Golden Lions took advantage of the open ice and scored with only 40 seconds remaining in the contest to draw close at 3-2. Gahanna pulled their goalie for the remainder of the game to put pressure on the Beavers. The Golden Lions were successful in getting scoring chances, but Dann and the Beaver's defense were up to the task. Despite escaping with a win, the Beavers were out-shot in the 2nd and 3rd periods and were unable to capitalize on an empty net, the latter of which would foreshadow events yet to come.

Game Summary

	1st Period	2nd Period	3rd Period	Total
Beavers	2	0	1	3
Golden Lions	1	0	1	2

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

Period	Goal	1st Assist	2nd Assist
1	McClure	Bird	
1	Bird	Baldwin	
3	Baldwin	Mitchel Green	

Goaltending Summary

	SOG	Saves	Save %
Dann	29	27	93.1
Golden Lions	19	16	84.2

Coffman Capitalizes On Beaver's Penalties

The 2nd round of the Allgeyer Memorial Tournament pitted the Dublin Coffman Shamrocks against the Beavers on Saturday, December 16 and the Beaver's took a 5-2 whipping out of the contest. The teams felt each other out in the first 5 minutes of the 1st period with neither seeming to have a significant advantage. The tide turned when the Beavers took two penalties at 10:09 and 9:30 of the 1st period. The Rocks took advantage of the 5-on-3 power play by moving the puck, then feeding to the open man in the high slot who hit a hard slap shot passed net-minder Anthony Dann with 8:41 remaining in the period. The Beavers stepped up their game and began playing a hard-hitting defensive style, but the Rocks struck 42 seconds later with their second power play. The Beavers found themselves down 2-0 with 7:59 remaining in the 1st period. Two late period Rocks penalties allowed the Beavers to exercise the power play but the Beaver's attackers could not find the back of the net. The Beavers started the 2nd period on the power play. Aaron Huber took matters into his own hands when he skated around the Rocks defense to jam the puck under the pads of the Rock's goaltender for an unassisted power play goal early in the 2nd period. The Beavers would go back on the power play at 12:49 of the 2nd period and the specialty team generated several good scoring chances, but no goals. When 5-on-5 play resumed, Coffman came back strong to put several shots on net but Dann denied each one of them. With 8:49 remaining in the 2nd period, the Beavers took a penalty to put the Rocks back on the power play. However, a forechecking Lee McClure took the puck away from a Rock's defenseman in the neutral zone. McClure skated into the Rock's zone, around the defenseman, dangled the Rocks keeper to the glove-side post, and went to the backhand to put the goal behind the keeper. Individual effort by Huber and McClure had evened the contest at 2-2 with 8:27 remaining in the 2nd period. The Beavers had seemingly overcome the 1st period deficit; yet their aggressive, undisciplined play led to two penalties at 8:16 and 7:55 on the 2nd period clock and this gave the Rocks their second 5-on-3 advantage of the game. The Beaver's penalty kill defense managed to hold off the Rocks for one minute sixteen seconds; however, Coffman went on top with a 5-on-3 power play goal with 7 minutes left in the period. A Rock's penalty with 4:11 left in the 2nd period gave Creek a power play opportunity. Despite some good puck movement that resulted in three quality scoring chances, the Rock's net-minder held the Beavers at bay. The 2nd period ended with the Rocks up 3-2, but the Beavers seemed to have the confidence necessary to overcome the deficit. The Beavers went back on the power play with 14:02 remaining in the 3rd period when a bad change by the Rocks resulted in a "too many men" penalty. Again, the Beavers managed at least three good shots, but could not get the puck in the net. Momentum shifted to back Coffman when the offense peppered Dann with three consecutive shots at close range. With the Beaver's defense unable to clear the rebounds, the Rocks found the net 4:14 into the 3rd period to go up 4-2. Coffman seemed to be in control, but the Beavers showed spirit by playing aggressively. This time the aggressive play caused the Rocks to take penalties at 8:48 and 8:21 of the 3rd period that gave the a Beavers 5-on-4, then 5-on-3 advantages. Offensive momentum seemed to be building during the initial power play and when the 5-on-3 began, the Beaver's fans were sure that the tide had turned. Unfortunately, the Beavers took an ill-timed slashing penalty just eight seconds into the 5-on-3. A Coffman penalty with 6:14 remaining in the 3rd gave the Beavers another power play chance, but the Beavers were unable to manage much of an offense despite the man-up advantage. Two sets of coincidental minor penalties "highlighted" the last four minutes of play. Creek pulled their goalie with 2:17 to play in an all out effort to get on the board. The Rock's defense managed to

clear the puck and remained aggressive by forechecking into the Beaver's zone. As the Beaver's defense moved the puck up to setup the attack, a Rock's defenseman took control and launched the puck into the empty net. The officials failed to note that the forechecking Rock had not cleared the zone, necessitating an offside call and despite Beaver's protest, the scoreboard showed 5-2. No doubt, the empty net goal did little to affect the final outcome. The Beavers, the coaches, and their fans left the Chiller wondering where the team that played the McDowell championship game had gone.

Game Summary

	1st Period	2nd Period	3rd Period	Total
Beavers	0	2	0	2
Rocks	2	1	2	5

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

Period	Goal	1st Assist	2nd Assist
2	Huber		
2	McClure		

Goaltending Summary

	SOG	Saves	Save %
Dann	32	28	87.5
Rocks	24	22	91.6

Beavers Go To Sleep, Allows Jerome To Tie

The 3rd Place Allgeyer Memorial Tournament game was played Sunday morning, December 17 at the Dublin Chilller against Dublin Jerome and the final score ended 2-2 . The Beavers were looking to rebound from their penalty-filled loss to Coffman that put them in the consolation game. Coach Tramonte decide to mix-up the lineup a bit by swapping defense and offense positions. The tactic bore early fruit when Ryan Mantia moved the puck to Lee McClure who found the tape of Mitchell Green's stick as the former defenseman skated through the neutral zone. Green rippled the twine with a slap shot that beat the Celtics top-shelf on the glove side. The power play goal was scored with 12:16 remaining in the 1st period. Meanwhile, Beaver's net-minder Eddie Davis made several good saves in the first five minutes of the period. In addition, he stoned a Celtics 2-on-1 rush with 8:54 remaining in the 1st period. The Celtics seemed to be playing the Beaver's game by taking numerous penalties in the 1st period. So many penalties in fact that the scorekeepers, penalty box keepers, and officials could not keep it square resulting in at least 2 "too many men" penalties against the Celtics. The Beavers squandered two 5-on-3 power plays and were left to wonder how the Celtic penalties at 6:32, 6:20, 5:04, and 4:31 did not produce three 5-on-3 power plays instead of just two. In any event, the Beavers did manage to score their second goal with 3:13 remaining in the initial period. Good puck movement from Huber to Mike Murphy to McClure created the power play scoring opportunity. McClure put the biscuit in the basket with a slap shot that hit the net high on the stick side. The eleven shots by the Beavers in the 1st period were a definite improvement and seemed to give the Beavers momentum going into the 2nd period. Unfortunately, any momentum was short lived. At 13:25, a bad change produced a "too many men" penalty on the Beavers. The Celtics capitalized with a power play goal with 12:27 remaining in the period. The Beaver's defense failed to clear the puck out of the zone and allowed the Celtic's defenseman to move the puck in for a point blank shot that left goaltender Davis little chance. Poor decisions by the Beavers provided three more Celtic power play opportunities in the 2nd period. Unfortunately, these penalties and an injury to McClure left the Beaver's offense in the box and on the bench for the remainder of the period and the game. Even though the Beavers managed only three shots in the 2nd period, the Beavers were up 2-1 going into the final stanza. The available offensive lines skated hard for the Beavers in the 3rd period but could not muster a single shot on the Jerome keeper. Meanwhile, the Jerome attackers were busy in the Beaver's zone putting 14 shots on Davis. The last of which found the net with only 21.8 seconds remaining in the contest. A disappointed result for the Beavers leading into the continuation of SWOHSHL play next week. Hopefully, the Beavers will heed the coach's call to turn these games into a positive, learning experience. Eddie Davis was awarded the Game MVP honor for Beaver creek.

Game Summary

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

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

Period	Goal	1st Assist	2nd Assist
1	Mitchel Green	McClure	Mantia
1	McClure	Murphy	Huber

Goaltending Summary

	SOG	Saves	Save %
Davis	29	27	93.1
Celtics	14	12	85.7

Beavers Leave Knights Feeling “Green”

The Beavers invaded South Metro on Thursday, December 21 for a SWOHSHL game against the Alter Knights. The Beavers were the first to strike when the defense “jumped up” into the play to put the Beavers up 1-0 with 8:55 remaining in the initial period. Ryan Mantia put the pass on Mitchel Green's tape, Green skated in past the face off circle and let a wrist shot fly glove side that found the back of the net. Shortly thereafter, the Beavers would put the Knights on the power play with a hooking penalty with 8:16 remaining in the period. The penalty kill was punctuated by feisty fore-checking from Matt Green and Ben Steinhauer plus three quality close range saves by Anthony Dann. Despite an early 6 to 4 advantage in shots, the Beavers would finish the 1st period characteristically out-shot 6 to 11. With 12:04 remaining in the 2nd period, the Beavers put Alter back on the power play with a tripping penalty. Again, Green (Matt) and Steinhauer put on a textbook display of fore-checking that resulted in an Alter tripping penalty that voided the Knight's man-advantage chance. With 7:17 expired in the 2nd period, Alter had amassed a 13 to 8 SOG advantage. The offensive momentum had swung to the Knights and they took advantage when an aggressive fore-check led to a takeaway in the Beaver's zone. The Alter forward skated in on net-minder Dann, deked and scored low, glove-side to knot the score at 1-1. With 1:46 remaining in the second stanza, the Beavers went on the power play looking to ripple the twine before the period expired. Those thoughts were dampened when the Beavers took a slashing penalty 40 seconds into the 5-on-4 advantage. Aaron Huber won the ensuing face-off back to Mitch Green who skated into the Knight's zone and let rip a slap shot that blew by the Knight goalie high on the glove side. Mitch's two goals enabled the Beavers to go into the locker room with a 2-1 advantage at the end of the 2nd period, despite being out-shot 19 to 13. The first half of the 3rd period was much like the first, with both teams skating aggressively with Alter managing the lion's share of the shots. The momentum swung to the Beavers in an odd turn of events when a Beaver's penalty resulted in an Alter power play. Huber and Green combined on the penalty kill for a face-off win and clear while Dann continued to come up big in goal with a particularly big save on a hard, rising slap shot. The penalty was successfully killed and the Beavers were ready to strike. The offense finally found the net with 6:14 remaining in the 3rd period when Matt Green passed to Aaron Huber who beat the Alter keeper to put the Beavers up 3-1. Alter tried to get back in the game but Dann put up a brick wall while Matt Green's fore-checking resulted in a good scoring chance to keep the Alter attack off balance. Freshman Matt Green's hard work would pay-off late in the final period when his brother, Mitchel, started the breakout with a pass to Huber who skated the puck all the way through the neutral zone deep into the Alter end. With the defense and the goaltender focused on Huber, Matt Green had snuck behind the defense to position himself just outside the crease on the far side. Huber made the pass to Green who one-timed the puck into the back of the net. It was the first goal of what will surely be many more to come for Freshman Matt Green. The Beavers were up 4-1 with 58 seconds left in the contest. The Beavers sealed the victory with outstanding goaltending and a combined five points from the Green siblings.

Game Summary

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

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

Period	Goal	1st Assist	2nd Assist
1	Mitchel Green	Mantia	
2	Mitchel Green	Huber	
3	Huber	Matt Green	
3	Matt Green	Huber	Mitchel Green

Goaltending Summary

	SOG	Saves	Save %
Dann	28	27	96.4
Knights	23	19	82.6

Freshman Shine In Beaver's Win Over Aves

The Beavers traveled to SportsPlus in Cincinnati on Friday, December 22 for a SWOHSHL match with the Sycamore Aviators and came away with the 2-1 victory in Freshmen Kyle McClure's regular season Varsity debut in goal. Eyeing the Aves short-bench, Beaver's Coach Tramonte elected to skate all four lines throughout the contest. The move would yield a tremendous offensive effort by the Beavers who out-shot the Aves 37 to 24. The first seven minutes of the game was highlighted by a Beaver's offense that repeatedly put pressure on the Aves defenders. Despite these opportunities, the Aves would strike first when a defensive letdown allowed an Aves skater to go unchecked to the goal and jam the puck low on McClure's stick side with 7:28 remaining in the initial period. This goal was followed shortly thereafter by an Aves 2-on-1 rush but McClure was up to the challenge with the save. With a line change in process, Mitch Green chased the puck down in the Aves zone and passed back out to Mike Murphy on the point. Murphy hit a slap shot that Pugnale, who was camped out near the slot, tipped down into the net. It was the first Varsity goal for the Freshmen Pugnale and it knotted the game at 1-1 with four minutes remaining in the period. The Beaver's offensive pressure paid dividends at the 12:26 mark in the 2nd period. The Brothers "Green" combined for the Beaver's second goal when Mitch found Matt in the Aves zone and Matt rippled the twine with a one-timer. The goal-assist combination marked the second consecutive game that the brothers combined to score a Creek tally. Matt's second goal in two games showed that the Freshman is ready to serve notice on the SWOHSHL. The Aves did not quit as they put together a 2-on-1 rush immediately following the Beaver's goal but a stingy Beaver's defense did not allow a shot. Even when the Beavers were on the penalty kill, they managed to get quality scoring chances. McClure continued to come up big in goal during the 2nd period by stopping all 5 Aviator shots while the Beavers peppered the Aves goalie with 16 shots. The Beavers opened the 3rd period on the power play but could not find the net due to excellent play by the Aves keeper. The Aves managed four shots on an early 3rd period power play but Frosh Goalie McClure was true to the task. The Beaver's offense continued to show spark throughout the 3rd period but despite 12 shots, including several quality scoring chances, the Beavers could not find the net. With their Goalie pulled at the start of the final minute of play, the Aves put on a furious rush to score but could not gain any significant traction with their 6-on-5 advantage. The referees felt the need to step in and called two penalties on the Beavers to give the Aves a 6-on-3 advantage for the final 27.5 seconds. The Beavers held off the Aves to earn the league victory. Although the final score of the game was 2-1, the play during the game was never that close. Stellar goaltending by both the Aves keeper and the young McClure kept the game close. The efforts by former Junior Beavers and Freshmen Pugnale, Green, and McClure prove that hockey is growing in Beavercreek.

Game Summary

	1st Period	2nd Period	3rd Period	Total
Beavers	1	1	0	2
Aviators	1	0	0	1

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

Period	Goal	1st Assist	2nd Assist
1	Pugnale	Murphy	Mitchel Green
2	Matt Green	Mitchel Green	

Goaltending Summary

	SOG	Saves	Save %
McClure	24	23	95.8
Aviators	37	35	94.5

Beavers End Crusade

The Beavers were out to end a "crusade" of their own on Saturday, December 23 at Cincinnati Gardens versus the Moeller Crusaders. The Beavers had never come out victorious in any previous match-up with Moeller but this game ended differently as the Beavers took the contest 4-3. The first five minutes of the contest showed that the Beavers and their offense came to play. The hard work paid off when Lee McClure skated into the Crusader's zone, fought off a check, and put a wrist shot from his knees past the Crusader's keeper to give the lead to the Beavers with 9:53 remaining in the 1st period. Moeller responded with some offensive pressure over the next three minutes, but Beaver's Goalie Anthony Dann rejected all of their scoring attempts. Midway through the initial period, a Crusader's defenseman made a bad pass off the boards behind the net that came directly to Maverick Bird standing just outside the crease. Bird put the biscuit in the basket with 6:25 remaining in the 1st period with assists going to McClure and Dustin Seeger. The 1st period ended with the Beavers up 2-0 and in control of the game and all of the momentum on their side. Moeller was able to score with 13:55 remaining in the 2nd period when the tables turned on a bad pass behind the net found a Crusader who made a nice wrap-around to put Moeller on the board. The goal lifted the Moeller spirits and they continued to mount better offensive pressure than the Beavers. At the 12:02 mark in the period, the Beavers took a cross-checking penalty to put Moeller on the power play. The resulting penalty kill was highlighted by Dann who stopped two quality scoring chances, the Beaver's defenders making two good defensive zone clears, and the Beaver's offense getting two good scoring chances of their own. The Beavers continued to work hard at both ends of the ice and this kept Moeller playing a predominantly defensive game. Fore-checking in the Moeller zone by Aaron Huber and Matt Green enabled Huber to capture a loose puck deep in the Moeller end. With the Crusader's defense reeling from the pounding, Huber skated across the slot with Green in tow and put a wrist shot in the back of the net. The Beavers had re-gained the momentum and a 3-1 lead with 6:18 remaining in the 2nd period. At 5:05, the Beavers had to bring the penalty kill back out onto the ice. Again, the Beavers and Dann were up to the task with Dann making a nice pad save, and Mike Murphy and Huber each getting a takeaway while on the fore-check. Adam Baldwin made a key clear to end any hopes the Crusaders may have felt about notching another goal at that time. The Beavers returned to the offense when Aaron Huber led a 3-on-2 rush and was tripped at the blueline, a clear penalty that the referees inexplicably did not call. Then, to add insult to injury, the referees called a hooking penalty on Huber with 2:28 remaining in the 2nd period. Undaunted, the Beavers executed the penalty kill to perfection. Aggressive fore-checking by Matt Green yielded a takeaway and a shot that highlighted the action. The Beaver's fans gave their team a standing ovation as they took the 3-1 lead into the locker room at the end of the 2nd period. Both teams came out skating hard at the beginning of the 3rd period and the aggressive play led to a Beaver's cross-checking penalty at 13:19. Moeller won the ensuing face-off and scored to draw the game close at 3-2. The goal sparked the Crusader's offense and they produced another goal when a low slap shot found the net with 10:32 remaining in the 3rd period. The Beavers responded with a 2-on-1 but could not find the net. A power play for the Beavers at 7:29 looked to afford a great opportunity, but actually turned into a breakaway for Moeller. Dann came up big in goal as he stoned the Crusader's shooter. The power play turned into a 4-on-4 when the Beavers were called for a penalty with 6:11 remaining. Following the 4-on-4, the Crusaders had a 43 second power play that the Beavers killed. Dann made two key saves and the defense made two good clears. The action in the game was back and forth until

Huber made a takeaway on the fore-check at the blueline. He passed the puck to McClure who skated clean into the Moeller zone and launched a snap shot top-shelf over the goalie's shoulder on the glove side. The Beavers were up 4-3 with 3:32 remaining. Moeller came out firing after the goal and Dann made three spectacular saves over the next three minutes. The game's outcome hung in the balance with 49 seconds remaining when the Beavers were called for a penalty. Moeller pulled their goalie to create a 6-on-4 advantage and the face-off in the Beaver's zone. The Beaver's defense played aggressive, so much so that the referees felt the need to called another penalty as time expired. The Moeller timekeeper put two seconds back on the clock to give Moeller a 6-on-3 chance with the face-off still in the Beaver's zone. Huber tied the Moeller attacker up on the face-off and that allowed time to expire without incident. The Beavers celebrated their first-ever victory over Moeller in the 10-year history of the Beavercreek program. They carry a 4-0-0 SWOHSHL record and 10-3-2 overall record into Mayor's Cup play December 29-31 at the Kettering Recreation Center.

Game Summary

	1 st Period	2 nd Period	3 rd Period	Total
Beavers	2	1	1	4
Crusaders	0	1	2	3

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

Period	Goal	1 st Assist	2 nd Assist
1	McClure		
1	Bird	McClure	Seeger
2	Huber		
3	McClure	Huber	

Goaltending Summary

	SOG	Saves	Save %
Dann	25	22	88.0
Crusaders	26	22	84.6

Beavers Ring Bell For Elk Hunting Season

The Beavers opened up Mayor's Cup play at the Kettering Recreation Center on Friday, December 29, versus the Centerville Elks. The first six minutes of the Elk hunt were highlighted by good offensive pressure from the Beavers. The pressure paid off 3:43 into the game when Aaron Huber won the face-off in the Elk's zone back to Lee McClure who found Maverick Bird in the slot. Bird put the wrist shot past the Elks net-minder high, glove side just under the cross bar to put the Beavers up with 11:17 remaining in the 1st period. Just 1:32 later, the Beavers would strike again when Mike Murphy started an offensive rush with a pass to Huber in the neutral zone. Huber and Murphy went hard to the net for the initial shot with Matt Green in tow. The Elk's goaltender made the initial save, but Green was there to jam the puck under his pads and into the net with 9:44 remaining in the 1st period. The Beavers were up 2-0, a seemingly insurmountable margin since the Elks had yet to show any signs of offense. However, a 4-on-4 situation, that became a four second Elk power play, enabled Centerville to gain some life with a shot that made it past Creek Goalie Anthony Dann low on the stick side with 7:28 remaining in the initial stanza. Unfazed, the Beavers would strike back quickly just 22 seconds later with Bird on a breakaway. Bird beat the Elk goalie high on the glove side for his second goal of the afternoon. The Beavers had re-gained their two-goal advantage at 3-1 with 6:33 remaining in the 1st period. The Beavers kept the offensive pressure on the Elks goalie with several good scoring opportunities over the next five minutes. However, a Beaver penalty with 1:45 remaining gave Centerville an opportunity to regain the momentum, but good forechecking by Ryan Mantia gave the Beavers a couple of shorthanded scoring chances. The Beavers finished the period with 13 shots on goal to the Elks 4. The Elks started the 2nd period with a short power play and then went back on the man-advantage just 44 seconds into the period. Again, the Beavers put on a forechecking clinic led by Bird, Huber, and Seeger. The Elks did not get a shot until only 32 seconds were remaining in the power play when Dann made the save of a long slap shot taken from just inside the blueline. The Beavers would miss some golden opportunities over the next three minutes including a breakaway and a penalty shot. A Beaver penalty with 10:27 on the clock put the Elks on the power play again. After several good saves, good puck movement by the Elks had the Beavers needing a change and an Elk's defenseman took advantage of the situation to skate untouched across the high slot and put a wrist shot in the upper right corner for a nice power play goal. Despite being out-shot and mostly out-played, the Elks had managed to pull close at 3-2 with 8:56 remaining in the 2nd period. The Beavers missed another great opportunity when a breakaway was stopped by the Elk's keeper. Momentum was again in the Beavers favor until a penalty with 5:23 left on the clock put the Elks back on the power play. The Beavers kept the Elks at bay until a questionable interference call on goaltender Dann gave the Elks a 5-on-3 advantage for 1:02. The Beavers were up to the penalty kill task and even managed a breakaway while killing off the last of the latter 5-on-4 advantage. A Centerville hooking call with 2:03 remaining in the 2nd period put the Beavers on the power play for the balance of the period. Two face-offs in the Centerville zone later, the Beavers found the back of the net when Bird completed the hat trick with a slapshot from the left face-off circle with only two seconds remaining on the clock. Assists on the Bird goal went to Huber and Dustin Seeger. The 2nd period ended with the beavers up 4-2 and still winning the shots on goal contest 21-15. The 3rd period was highlighted by aggressive defensive play on both sides that resulted in three penalties to the Beavers and two for Centerville. Three power plays enabled the Elks to out-shoot the Beavers 6-5 in the final period but Beaver's net-minder Dann stopped them

all to complete an excellent afternoon of goaltending. Mike Murphy and Matt Green combined for some quality forechecking to stymie an Elk's power play in the middle of the 3rd period that turned into several quality, scoring chances for the Beavers. Overall, the Beavers out-shot the Elks 26 to 21. The Beavers celebrated their victory by starting a new tradition with the players ringing the Creek "Victory" Bell. Beaver Creek Booster Lou Green spread the yuletide cheer by creating the bell for the Beavers. Assists go to Greg & Jennifer Green for finding the old locomotive bell and to Keith Maxwell for carving the Beaver. The Beavers look forward to many post-game "bell rings" in the future.

Game Summary

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

Beaver Creek Scoring Summary

Period	Goal	1st Assist	2nd Assist
1	Bird	Huber	McClure
1	Matt Green	Huber	Murphy
1	Bird		
2	Bird	Huber	Seeger

Goaltending Summary

	SOG	Saves	Save %
Dann	21	19	90.4
Elks	26	22	84.6

Panthers Fall At Mercy To Beavers

The Beaver's offense clicked on all cylinders for the Saturday, December 30 contest with a depleted Springboro Panthers squad. The Panthers took the ice with only seven skaters against a pent up Beaver's offense that had yet to hit their stride this year. Just 17 seconds into the 1st period, a textbook break-out went from Mitchel Green to Matt Green, Matt found Mike Murphy in the offensive zone near the far post, and Murphy put a backhand, wrist shot high between the post and the Springboro goalie. Two minutes later, Mike Mazza worked hard to get control of the puck and moved up-ice around the Springboro forecheck. He passed to Lee McClure who launched a slap shot from the top of the face-off circle to beat the Panthers tender with 12:41 remaining in the initial period. The Beavers kept the pressure on with Matt Green and Murphy teaming up on a pass to Aaron Huber who was positioned just outside the crease in front of the Panther's keeper. Huber rippled the twine with a backhand shot high on the glove side to give the Beavers a 3-0 lead with 10:28 remaining in the 1st period. The Beavers continued to move the puck well during the next five minutes while holding the Springboro offense in check. While maintaining pressure in the Springboro zone, Maverick Bird took control of the puck behind the net and made a nice backhanded pass to Lee McClure at the goal line. McClure made a one-time pass to Mike Mazza who was left alone at the top of the crease. Freshman Mazza buried the puck for the fourth Beaver goal with 5:00 left in the 1st period. The offensive pressure displayed by the Beavers had taken its toll on a tired Springboro squad. Despite playing the 1st period without penalties, the Panthers were not able to account for all of the Beaver's skaters. With the Beavers in control of the puck in the Panther's zone, Lee McClure camped out near the far post. Adam Baldwin took the puck at the blueline, moved it cross-ice to defensive compatriot, Mitchel Green. Green skated to the top of the face-off circle and laid a sizzling pass on the tape of McClure's stick. The Panther goaltender never had a chance as the one-timer hit the net with 19 seconds remaining in the initial period. The rest between periods didn't offer the Panthers much in the way of gas. Just 19 seconds into the 2nd period, Huber move the puck to Murphy who made a beautiful pass to Matt Green skating unguarded in the Panther's zone. Freshman Green put the "biscuit in the basket" to put the Beavers ahead 6-0. With frustration mounting, the Panthers would take their first penalty to put the Beavers on the power play with 48 seconds gone in the 2nd period. Lee McClure made them pay the price with an unassisted, wraparound goal through the Panthers keeper's five-hole with 13:35 remaining in the period to complete his hat-trick. The next three power plays would give the Panthers a chance to get on the board as Creek took penalties at 13:02, 9:54, and 6:31 left in the 2nd period. While the Panthers managed some scoring opportunities during the power plays, Creek net-minder Davis rejected each shot on goal. Murphy's forechecking during the last penalty kill gave the Beavers a quality, shorthanded scoring chance. With the last of the flurry of penalties killed, Creek went back on the offensive, Adam Baldwin started the break-out with a pass to Maverick Bird, who hit Lee McClure streaking through the neutral zone. McClure came across the blueline with a breakaway and buried the puck top-shelf, glove side to make the score 8-0 with 3:46 left in the 2nd period. Two consecutive Beaver's penalties gave the Panthers a 5-on-3 opportunity with 2:34 remaining that turned into a 4-on-3 when the Panthers committed their own penalty with 2:22 remaining. Working shorthanded, Mitchel Green took control of the puck and moved through the neutral zone and hit Lee McClure with a perfect pass. McClure deked the goaltender, cut across the slot, and put the backhander between the post and the pad with 2:06 remaining in the 2nd period. About one minute later, a 4-on-4 situation saw a hustling Murphy

and Ryan Mantia combine for the final goal of the game. Murphy made the pass to Mantia who put a point blank shot into the pads of the Panther's keeper and when the rebound came back to the alert Mantia, he put the second shot past the Panther's goalie. The teams finished out the 2nd period and then the game was called under the Mercy Rule with the Beavers up 10-0. The Beavers out-shot the Panthers 35-10. Eddie Davis was perfect in goal to complete the shut-out.

Game Summary

	1st Period	2nd Period	3rd Period	Total
Beavers	5	5	0	10
Panthers	0	0	0	0

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

Period	Goal	1st Assist	2nd Assist
1	Murphy	Matt Green	Mitchel Green
1	McClure	Mazza	
1	Huber	Murphy	Matt Green
1	Mazza	McClure	Bird
1	McClure	Mitchel Green	Baldwin
2	Matt Green	Murphy	Huber
2	McClure		
2	McClure	Bird	Baldwin
2	McClure	Mitchel Green	
2	Mantia	Murphy	

Goaltending Summary

	SOG	Saves	Save %
Davis	10	10	100
Panthers	30	20	66.7

Beavers Make Comeback To Take Mayor's Cup

The Beavers came into the early Sunday morning, December 31 contest with the Troy Trojans in control of their destiny in Mayor's Cup play - win and rescue the Cup from Centerville. Troy set the tone of the game early with aggressive, physical play that put the Beavers on their heels. An early 1st period penalty 1:46 into the game put the Trojans on the power play. Troy seized control of the puck and textbook puck movement put the puck at the top of the slot and the Trojan winger buried the puck in the net. Troy was up 1-0 with 12:51 remaining in the 1st period. Troy kept the momentum for the next five minutes by breaking the puck out of their zone and into the Beaver's zone on multiple occasions. A shift in momentum occurred when a good break-out by the Beavers forced a Trojan penalty with 7:59 remaining in the 1st period. The Beavers managed a good power play sequence that left the net open with the puck lying in the slot, but the Beavers could not convert. The Beavers took a late 1st period penalty that put the Trojans on the power play to start the second stanza. Near the end of the penalty kill, the Beavers looked to move the puck out of their zone, but a Troy defenseman made the takeaway at the blueline and hit a sizzling slapshot from the blueline in the center of the slot. The shot caught goaltender Dann unaware and this put the Trojans up 2-0 with 13:20 remaining in the 2nd period. Troy had once again recaptured the momentum and they would capitalize on that fact 1:30 later when another slapshot from the point on the blueline would find its way through Dann's five-hole to put Troy up 3-0 with 11:50 remaining in the middle period. The uncharacteristic net-play forced the Beaver's coach to make a goalie change and Eddie Davis was inserted into the game. The stunned Beavers took the third Trojan's goal and subsequent goalie change as a wake-up call. On the ensuing face-off, the Beavers won the puck and moved it into the Troy zone. Fourteen seconds later, Aaron Huber put a wraparound goal past the Troy keeper with assists from Matt Green and Mike Murphy to get the Beavers on the board. A series of penalties by both Beavercreek and Troy would set-up the Beavers for 5-on-4, 4-on-3, and 5-on-4 power plays over a 3-minute span in the middle of the second period. With the later 5-on-4 advantage, Ryan Mantia found Lee McClure in the neutral zone. McClure skated into the Troy zone and setup Beau Slater, who put a shot square on the Trojan's keeper. The rebound came right back to the Sophomore Slater and he buried the puck in the Troy net for his initial varsity goal. With 8:12 remaining in the 2nd period, the two unanswered Beaver's goals had cut the Trojan lead to 3-2. It seemed that the Beavers had weathered the Troy storm, but in a game of runs, the momentum shifted back to the Trojans. A Beaver's penalty just 20 seconds after their second goal put the Trojans back on the power play. Beave's net-minder Davis made the initial saves during the Trojan power play but Troy did not back-off. A hard slapshot from just inside the blueline would dribble off Davis' pads and into the net with 6:45 remaining in the 2nd period. Troy captured the center ice face-off, moved into the Beaver's zone, and proceeded to setup their winger moving near the slot. The Trojan forward cut across the slot to beat the Beaver's defense with 6:22 remaining in the 2nd period. The two unanswered Troy goals put the Trojans back up 5-2 and in control of the game. The Beavers would manage only one significant offensive rush in the last six minutes of the 2nd period. Meanwhile, the Trojan offense continued to penetrate the Beaver's zone and put quality shots on goal. A Beaver's penalty with 1:58 remaining in 2nd period seemed to spell doom for the Beavers but perhaps that became the turning point of the game. Troy's power play peppered Davis with at least four quality scoring changes. Net-minder Davis shook-off the 2nd period lapses to reject all of the Trojan rushes. The 2nd period ended with Troy up 5-2 in goals and 22-16 in shots. Coach Tramonte issued a wake-up call to the entire Beaver's team during the intermission. The Beavers took the coach's words to heart and came out in the 3rd period determined to test the Troy keeper. On the other hand, the Trojans seemed content to defend their three-goal lead. The Beavers setup the offense in the Troy zone with passes from Huber to Murphy to Mitchel Green. Defenseman Green

hit a slapshot that went past the Troy goalie low on the stick side just inside the post to draw the Beavers to 5-3 with 12:07 remaining in the 3rd period. A Troy penalty with 10:33 remaining in the final period put the Beavers on the power play. Lee McClure made a good neutral ice pass to the tape of Maverick Bird's stick. Bird skated the puck deep into the Troy zone and hit Huber skating into the slot. Huber buried the puck top-shelf past a beaten Trojan net-minder to draw the Beavers to within one goal at 5-4 with 8:52 remaining in the 3rd period. Both teams played disciplined hockey in the final nine minutes with neither team taking a penalty. It was clear that Troy was just trying to hang on to the victory. With the face-off in the Troy zone with 1:29 remaining in the 3rd period, the Beavers pulled their goalie to put six attackers on the ice. The Beavers managed a shot on goal after the ensuing face-off but could not find the net. Troy gained control of the puck but could not sink the empty-net goal and this errant shot gave the Beavers a face-off in the Beaver's zone with 56 seconds remaining. The Beavers gained control of the face-off, skated the puck to the Trojan's zone, and quickly put a shot on goal. Three Beaver's attackers put on a flurry of activity in the Troy crease to gain control of the loose puck. Huber would complete the hat-trick and a four-point night by putting the game-tying goal in the net. Mike Murphy was credited with his 3rd assist of the game and Mitchel Green earned his second point of the night with the assist. With 49.7 seconds remaining, the Beavers had tied the game 5-5. The Beavers made a valiant attempt to get the game winner but a juiced offensive line was called for off-sides during a 3-on-2 rush at the Troy blueline. The remaining 30 seconds ran off the clock without either team getting a scoring chance. The Beavers played an outstanding 3rd period by playing aggressive, mostly penalty-free hockey, scoring three unanswered goals, and out-shooting the Trojans 10-2. The effort put the Beaver's record in Mayor's Cup play at 2-0-1 and that was good enough to return the Mayor's Cup trophy to Beaver creek.

Game Summary

	1 st Period	2 nd Period	3 rd Period	Total
Beavers	0	2	3	5
Trojans	1	4	0	5

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

Period	Goal	1 st Assist	2 nd Assist
2	Huber	Matt Green	Murphy
2	Slater	McClure	Mantia
3	Mitchel Green	Murphy	Huber
3	Huber	Bird	McClure
3	Huber	Mitchel Green	Murphy

Goaltending Summary

	SOG	Saves	Save %
Dann	10	7	70.0
Davis	14	12	85.7
Trojans	26	21	77.7

Braves Escape From Kettering With 4-3 Win Over Beavers

The Beaver's fans were out in full force to support their team for the late Friday evening, January 5 contest at the Kettering Recreation Complex against the Oxford Talawanda Braves. The game pitted two teams undefeated in SWOHSHL league play and atop their respective divisions. Talawanda struck first, just 53 seconds into the 1st period when they won the face-off and hit a lob wedge shot over goaltender Dann's shoulder. The Beavers would respond with a fine display of fore-checking, back-checking, and disciplined hockey. In particular, Aaron Huber, Beau Slater, and Mike Mazza's aggressive play provided early scoring chances. The pressure resulted in three consecutive face-offs in the Talawanda zone and two Brave penalties, the second of which proved costly to the Braves. The Beavers power play struck with 4:35 remaining in the 1st period when the puck moved from Huber to Lee McClure who found Mitchel Green at the point. Defenseman Green put home the slapshot through traffic to knot the game at 1-1. The 2nd period started with the Beavers keeping the pressure on in the Talawanda zone. However, the Talawanda offense sprung to life when the Beaver's defense failed to clear the puck out of their zone after the initial save by Goaltender Dann. The Braves put the rebound shot in the net and went up 2-1 just 2:31 into the 2nd period. The Beavers went back to a fore-check lead by Ben Steinhauer and Ryan Mantia that produced good opportunities and gave the first and second lines rest. After a line change, the Beavers penetrated the Brave's zone with Matt Green carrying the puck across the blueline on the wing with Mike Murphy crashing the net. Green hit Murphy with a beautiful pass and Murphy put the puck past the Tally netminder to tie the game at 2-2 with 11:58 remaining in the 2nd period. Talawanda penalties at 8:39, 4:52, and 3:56 remaining in the 2nd period helped the Beavers keep the pressure on the Brave's defense. Again, third line fore-checking by Beau Slater and Mantia produced good scoring chances. Just as a Beavers 5-on-3 power play expired, McClure put a slapshot in the back of the net but the go ahead goal was waved off as a result of the first Beaver penalty of the game. The Beavers pressured the Braves throughout the 2nd period by out-shooting them 17-4 and forcing 11 face-offs in the Brave's zone to just one in the Beaver's zone. The 3rd period started with the Beavers killing off the Braves power play from a late 2nd period penalty with fore-checking from Maverick Bird and Murphy. The Beaver's momentum was short lived as sloppy defensive play caused Beaver's Goalie Dann to be knocked off balance as a Brave's slapshot sailed high into the net for a 3-2 lead with 9:51 remaining in the 3rd period. A bad carom off a defenseman just 25 seconds later would give Talawanda a 4-2 lead with 9:32 remaining in the final period. Determined not to let two periods of solid play go for nothing, the Beavers put the pressure back on the Braves defense getting several good shots including one that hit the cross-bar and a 2-on-1 breakaway that resulted in a missed scoring chance. The Beavers took a penalty that could have stifled their momentum with 7:20 remaining in the 3rd period; however, McClure and Bird combined on the fore-check to make sure the contest would stay close. Bird seized control of the puck and hit McClure with a pass in the high slot. McClure deked the Brave's goalie and put the puck through the five-hole to make the score 4-3 with 6:04 remaining. Another Beaver penalty with 4:22 remaining put the Braves on the power play. Despite good puck movement from the Braves, the Beaver's defense and Goaltender Dann rebuffed all of the scoring chances. Two more Beaver penalties late in the 3rd period made it difficult to get any real scoring chances in the final two minutes. In the end, the Beavers had out-shot the Braves 37-26, forced 22 face-offs in the Talawanda zone versus 8 in the Beaver zone, and played almost two full periods of penalty free hockey. A stingy Beaver defense led by Goalie Dann, Dusting Seeger, Adam Baldwin, and Mitchel Green held the

Talawanda offense in check for most of the game. Despite many Beaver's statistical advantages, the scoreboard showed the Braves had escaped the Beavers onslaught with a 4-3 victory.

Game Summary

	1st Period	2nd Period	3rd Period	Total
Beavers	1	1	1	3
Braves	1	1	2	4

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

Period	Goal	1st Assist	2nd Assist
1	Mitch Green	McClure	Huber
2	Murphy	Matt Green	
3	McClure	Bird	

Goaltending Summary

	SOG	Saves	Save %
Dann	26	22	84.6
Braves	37	34	91.9

Beavers Dominate Bulldogs For 7-1 Victory

The Beavers faced-off with the Garfield Heights Bulldogs in a Saturday afternoon, January 6 game at the Kettering Recreation Complex and came away with an easy 7-1 victory. The Bulldogs were on the last leg of a road-trip from Cleveland playing local area SWOHSHL teams. The Beavers started fast by dominating the 1st period by putting 14 shots on goal while the Cougars could muster only a single chance. However, it took the Beavers most of the 1st period to get their first score. Fueled by two consecutive power plays, the Beaver's offense put the biscuit in the basket with a goal from Aaron Huber assisted by Lee McClure and Mitchel Green with only 58 seconds remaining in the initial period. The 2nd period continued to be dominated by the Beavers led by Lee McClure's 2nd period hat-trick and Aaron Huber's two assists. With 9:59 remaining in the 2nd period, a delayed penalty allowed the Beavers to put six attackers on the ice. McClure stationed himself at the far post while Aaron Huber and Adam Baldwin worked the puck to McClure who put the puck behind the defenseless Bulldog goalie for the 2-0 lead. McClure would strike again with 7:06 remaining by grabbing his own rebound and lighting the lamp with a hard slapshot for an unassisted power play goal and a 3-0 lead. Another Garfield penalty with 6:42 remaining in the period put the Beavers back on the power play. McClure put the Beavers up 4-0 52 seconds into the power play with a shot through the Bulldog goalie's five hole with assists to Aaron Huber and Matt Green. By the end of the 2nd period, the Beavers had out-shot the Bulldogs 29-8. Coach Tramonte cleared the Beaver's bench in the 3rd period by skating all available players. The Bulldog's offense did spring to life early in the 3rd period while on the power play but Beaver's Goalie Dann turned away all shots on goal. About seven minutes into the final period, Dustin Seeger picked up a loose puck in the Beaver's zone and hit Huber on the fly. Huber went coast-to-coast for a breakaway and beat the Bulldog's goalie low on the stick side with the assist to Seeger for a 5-0 lead. The Beavers took a bench minor for "too many men on the ice" with 5:36 remaining in the final period. While Coach Tramonte discussed the intricacies of "on-the-fly" line changes with the game official, the Bulldog's coach set up his power play. The "time-out" proved effective for the Bulldogs as they successfully executed a power play goal with 5:21 remaining in the 3rd period. The Beaver's offense was not through for the afternoon either. With the first line back on the ice, Seeger held the puck at the blueline and passed to Huber at the right of the goal. Huber hit Murphy at the left post and he rippled the twine with a shot into the mostly open net to put the Beavers ahead 6-1 with 3:42 remaining in the 3rd period. The Beavers would get their final score with 1:25 remaining in the game on a perfectly executed break-out to give McClure a breakaway goal when he beat the Bulldog netminder top shelf on the stick side. Assists went to Mitchel Green, who started the break-out, and Maverick Bird who hit McClure with a beautiful neutral ice pass. The Beavers totaled 36 shots versus the Cougars 15. Dann was efficient in net and made 14 saves. McClure led the offense with 4 goals, a 2nd period hat-trick, and 5 points. Huber put together a 5 point night with 2 goals and 3 assists. Seeger and the Green brothers, Senior Mitchel and Freshman Matt, also earned two assists each. With two strong games under their belt this weekend, the Beavers head to Strongsville for their most competitive stretch of games to date in the Ehrnfelt Memorial Tournament

Game Summary

	1st Period	2nd Period	3rd Period	Total
Beavers	1	3	3	7
Bulldogs	0	0	1	1

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

Period	Goal	1st Assist	2nd Assist
1	Huber	McClure	Mitch Green
2	McClure	Baldwin	Huber
2	McClure		
2	McClure	Huber	Matt Green
3	Huber	Seeger	
3	Murphy	Huber	Seeger
3	McClure	Bird	Mitch Green

Goaltending Summary

	SOG	Saves	Save %
Dann	15	14	93.3
Bulldogs	36	29	80.5

Hamilton Southeastern "A" Takes Opening Round Game From Beavers

The Beavers opening round game in the Ehrnfelt Memorial Tournament on Friday, January 12 pitted them against the #2 ranked Indiana High School Team - Hamilton Southeastern "A" (Fishers, IN). The Beavers would get a little taste of their skill level early as the Royals struck for their first goal just 1:31 into the game. After intercepting a neutral ice pass, the Royals stormed into the Beaver's zone and put two quick shots on goal. The second rebound was captured by a Royal's forward to the right of the slot and he put a hard wrist shot on the pads of Beaver's net-minder Anthony Dann. The puck had just enough momentum to carry under the pads and into the net for the game's opening score. HSE continued to fill the Beaver's passing lanes and stole numerous Beaver attempts to penetrate the offensive zone. Out-shot 14-2 in the 1st period, the Beavers went to the locker room down only 1-0 due to the excellent play by goalie Dann . The Battling Beavers came out in the 2nd period looking to even the contest but the Royals were intent on keeping the Beavers on the defensive. After the Royals dumped the puck into the zone, the Beavers seemed to take control of the puck behind the net but the puck was poke checked away to a Royal's forward waiting by the far post. The HSE attacker passed to his teammate, who was unguarded in the slot, and he put a hard wrist shot top-shelf, glove side for a 2-0 lead with 7:02 remaining in the 2nd stanza. Beaver fans looked for the game to turn their way when the Beavers were awarded a power play with 6:19 remaining in the period but 41 seconds into the 5-on-4 situation, the Royals stole the puck at the Beaver's blueline to go on the attack. Beaver's Goalie Dann poked the puck away from the initial attacker but the Beavers could not get back fast enough to get in front of a trailing Royal's player who one-timed the puck over the stick of Goalie Dann for a 3-0 lead with 5:38 remaining in the 2nd period. The Beavers effort to get on the board was stymied by the referee's lack of attention. Lee McClure won a face-off in the Royal's zone and put the puck high, stick side past the HSE goalie but neither of the referees saw it. Video replay clearly shows the puck under the cross-bar plus a distinct thud sound (versus a "ping") provided irrefutable evidence of the goal. Unfortunately, another call did not go the Beaver's way. Despite three power plays, the Beavers would total only five shots in the 2nd period. The 3rd period was much of the same with the consistency of all four HSE lines keeping the Beaver's attack in check. The Beavers could not convert on two sets of back-to-back power plays from 11:32 to 7:16 and then again from 4:03 to the end of game. The bright spot of the game was the play of Beaver's net-minder Anthony Dann who turned away all 14 shots in the 3rd period on his way to stopping 36 of 39 for a 92.3 save percentage. The 3rd period tie enabled the Beavers to earn a half point in the tournament standings.

Game Summary

	1st Period	2nd Period	3rd Period	Total
Beavers	0	0	0	0
Royals	1	2	0	3

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

Period	Goal	1st Assist	2nd Assist

Goaltending Summary

	SOG	Saves	Save %
Dann	39	36	92.3
Royals	13	13	100

Beavers Tie Up Golden Bears With Outstanding Goaltending

The Beavers faced-off with the Upper Arlington Golden Bears, ranked 12th in Ohio, on Saturday January 13, for the second round-robin game of the Ehrnfelt Tournament in Strongsville and came away with a 2-2 tie. The Beavers put the Golden Bears on the power play just 1:35 into the game. The Beaver's penalty kill came up big, led by Goaltender Anthony Dann, who shut down the Golden Bear's opportunity. The 1st period was controlled by a UA offense that out shot the Beavers 15-5. Despite the SOG advantage, it took the Golden Bears 13:29 to find the net. The Beavers took a penalty with 2:50 remaining in the 1st period and the UA goal came on the power play after good puck movement allowed them to get a good shot that was blocked by net-minder Dann. Unfortunately, the defense was not around to clear the puck out of the crease and a UA attacker beat the puck several times, finally forcing it under Dann's pads. A late UA penalty gave the Beavers a 49 second power play to end the initial period but the Beavers could not convert the opportunity. The 1st period ended with the Golden Bears up 1-0. The Beavers started the 2nd period on the power play but could not find the net. The Golden Bears continued to get good scoring chances throughout the 2nd period, again out shooting the Beavers 15-5. However, Beaver's Goalie Dann rebuffed all of the shots on goal to hold the Golden Bears scoreless. The frustration set in for UA and they took late 2nd period penalties with 1:59 and 1:24 remaining to give the Beavers a 5-on-3 opportunity. Despite several good shots, the Beavers could not find the net. The score remained 1-0 at the end of the 2nd stanza. The Beavers opened the 3rd period on the power play. The Golden Bears managed a clear that turned into a 2-1 breakaway for UA. Mitch Green hustled back to chip the resultant UA shot into the slot and then followed it up with a long pass to Lee McClure at the UA blueline. McClure skated in on the breakaway, stick-handled the puck, and then shot on the glove side to beat the UA goalie who lay sprawled on the ice with his stick thrown in vain to stop the puck. The Beavers felt the momentum swing their way. With the face-off in the UA zone, the draw came to a UA forward who slung it around the back of the net along the boards. Mitch Green made the initial hold at the blueline, and then Mike Murphy tipped the puck up to Ben Steinhauer in the slot. Steinhauer moved to the right and then backhanded a pass to Aaron Huber at the top of the crease. Huber hit a one-timer over the UA goalie's shoulder on the stick side. The Beavers were up 2-1 with 10:44 remaining in the game. The Beavers would put the Golden Bears on the power play with 8:42 remaining, a move that would prove costly in their quest for the win. Again, the UA power play went to work, moving the puck in the Beaver's zone for over 30 seconds when a UA attacker skated unchecked through traffic and put the puck past goalie Dann. The score was tied 2-2 with 7:49 remaining in the game. Just 27 seconds later, the Beavers put the Golden Bears back on the power play. This time the Beaver's penalty kill was successful in keeping the Golden Bears off the scoreboard. Goaltender Dann came up big with several good saves. The teams would play out the remainder of the game with neither finding the net. The Beavers had survived being out shot 46-22 and proved that they could play with one of the best teams in Ohio. The tie revived their chances of making the tournament finals.

Game Summary

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

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

Period	Goal	1st Assist	2nd Assist
3	McClure	Mitch Green	Murphy
3	Huber	Steinhauer	

Goaltending Summary

	SOG	Saves	Save %
Dann	46	44	95.6
Golden Bears	22	20	90.9

Beavers Gallop Past Mustangs For Trip To Tournament Finals

The Beaver's backs were up against the wall on Sunday, January 14 for the 3rd round-robin game of the Ehrnfelt Tournament versus the host Strongsville Mustangs. To avoid numerous tiebreaker scenarios, the Beavers had to get help from HSE in their game against Upper Arlington, win all the periods over the Mustangs, and obtain a five-goal differential in the game. The Beavers opened the game with an aggressive offense controlling the tempo for most of the 1st period. Despite this fact, the Beavers did not find the net through the first 14+ minutes of the game. The Mustangs were called for a penalty with 14:03 expired in the 1st period to put the Beavers on the power play. Coach Tramonte took the opportunity to call a 1st period timeout to calmly remind the Beavers of the situation - the Beavers needed to score to win the period, set-up the power play, be patient, and score. The Beavers took their coach's words to heart. When Strongsville failed to clear the puck after winning the face-off, Mitch Green passed to Lee McClure along the boards. McClure ripped a wrist shot past the Mustang's keeper top shelf to put the Beavers up 1-0 with 0:47 remaining. Just 26 seconds later, Mitch Green would move the puck up the boards to Lee McClure who made a long pass to Mike Murphy skating in the neutral zone. Murphy hustled to track down the puck in the UA zone and made a behind-the-net pass to Aaron Huber. Huber, from behind the net, found McClure trailing the play in the slot and put a pass on McClure's tape and he hit a sizzling one-timer past the Mustang's keeper. The Beavers had accomplished their "goal" by scoring twice in the final minute of the 1st period. The 2nd period opened with the Beavers again playing aggressively. However, the Mustang's goalie had found his game and stopped several good scoring chances from the Beavers. The Mustangs would find life when a Mustang defenseman held a clearing attempt at the blueline and put a slapshot low past net-minder Dann with 9:02 remaining in the 2nd period. A Mustang penalty with 7:12 remaining created a power play opportunity for the Beavers that they would not waste. Mitch Green moved the puck to Lee McClure who skated coast-to-coast and put a shot on goal that the Mustang's goalie rejected. Mike Murphy bumped the rebound out to Matt Green waiting just left of the high slot. Green put a wrist shot high past the screened Mustang's goalie. The Beavers were on top 3-1 with 6:14 remaining but still need another goal to secure the period point. With that in mind, Adam Baldwin started the breakout with a pass to Mike Mazza along the boards in the Beaver's zone. Mazza moved the puck up along the boards to Lee McClure, then Mazza took off for the Mustang's zone. McClure was checked along the boards but not before he made a great lead pass to Matt Green streaking into the Strongsville zone. Green went wide to avoid a Mustang defender and that put him at a poor shooting angle, so he made a beautiful pass back to Mazza coming through the slot. Mazza one-timed the puck into the mostly empty net before the Mustang's goalie could slide over to defend. With 4:24 remaining in the period, the Beavers were up 4-1 and in control of the 2nd period's outcome. The Beavers had completed two thirds of their task for the day when the 2nd period came to a close. Word came through from the other rink that HSE defeated UA by a score of 4- 1 but UA had managed to win a period. This meant the Beavers would need to win the 3rd period by two goals to ensure themselves of a berth in the Championship game. The 3rd period played out much the same as the first two periods with the Beavers controlling the play. However, the task of finding the net seemed to be tougher than it was during the opening periods of the game - Strongsville had tightened their defensive play, and questionable calls and non-calls reigned supreme. The Beavers finally did get a call with five minutes remaining when a Mustang defender tripped Huber at the blueline. The Beaver's power play would be short-lived when the Beaver's took a

penalty of their own. After the 4-on-4 situation ended, the Mustangs went on the power play. Shorthanded, Huber broke down the ice and put the puck on the Mustang's goalie who was forced into the net by his own player. This collision knocked the net off the moorings but inexplicably, no goal or penalty was called with 2:16 remaining in the game and 57 seconds remaining in the Beaver's penalty. At the 1:45 mark, the Mustangs were called for tripping when McClure was tripped up in the Strongsville zone. This penalty set up a 4-on-4 for 26 seconds and then a Beaver's power play. When the power play began, the Beavers pulled the goalie to setup a 6-on-4 situation. Matt Green put a pass in front of the Strongsville net and in the ensuing frenzy to control the puck, the Beavers would get the pivotal goal when a rebound off a McClure follow-up shot was put in the net by Huber with 44 seconds remaining in the game. The Beavers kept the offensive pressure on Strongsville with the six attackers for the next 44 seconds but were unable to strike pay dirt. With the final game score 5-1, the Beavers took the five points for the game to put them in a tie with Upper Arlington for the Championship game. The first three tiebreaker criteria yielded no winner, the Beavers and Golden Bears had tied their game (head to head), equal goal differential (+1), and equal most goals (7). The fans anxiously awaited the tally for the fourth tiebreaker - least penalty points. The Beavers won the berth to the Championship game based upon having 36 penalty minutes to UA'S 53 minutes.

Game Summary

	1st Period	2nd Period	3rd Period	Total
Beavers	2	2	1	5
Mustangs	0	1	0	1

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

Period	Goal	1st Assist	2nd Assist
1	McClure	Mitch Green	
1	McClure	Murphy	Huber
2	Matt Green	Murphy	Huber
2	Mazza	Matt Green	McClure
3	Huber	McClure	Matt Green

Goaltending Summary

	SOG	Saves	Save %
Dann	21	20	95.2
Mustangs	37	32	86.5

Beavers Fall To Royals In Ehrnfelt Tourney Finals

The Beavers knew they were in for a battle in the finals of the Ehrnfelt tourney with a rematch against the Hamilton Southeastern (HSE) Royals on Monday afternoon, January 15 and the Beavers came out on the short end of a 7-2 score. HSE came into the tournament as the #2 ranked team in Indiana High School hockey. Coach Tramonte prepared his team well with specific instructions on how to defend the HSE power play. The Beavers implemented the pre-game instructions with success in the 1st period. The game was scoreless through the first 10 minute of play. HSE struck first with an even strength goal with 5:22 remaining in the 1st period. About a minute later, HSE was whistled for a penalty that put the Beavers on the power play. It took only seven seconds for the Beavers to strike as Mike Murphy hit the back of the net with the assist going to Lee McClure. The Beavers had knotted the game 1-1 with 4:18 remaining in the 1st period. The Beavers ended the period with back-to-back penalties that gave the Royals a short 5-on-3, and then a 5-on-4 power play. The HSE power play was cut short by a penalty of their own. The Beaver's penalty kill team stymied the HSE effort to get the go-ahead goal. The 1st period ended 1-1 with the Beavers holding their own despite being out-shot 15-5. The 2nd period started with a 4-on-4 and then a short Beaver's power play. The aggressive Royals fore-checked their way to keep the Beaver's power play from mounting any momentum. The Beavers, backed by steady goaltending from Anthony Dann, held their own through most of the first half of the 2nd stanza. The pressure from HSE took its toll 6:59 into the 2nd period when a closely guarded HSE attacker backhanded a shot low through Dann's legs. Just 31 seconds later, the Royals struck again with a fine display of puck movement that was finished off with a top-wrist shot to make the score 3-1. The momentum swung to HSE as they continued to attack. The Beavers took a penalty with 7:06 remaining in the 2nd period. While the Beavers had held the Royals power play in check on the two previous tries, the same would not hold true as the third time turned into a charm for HSE as they scored their third goal in 1:27. HSE had apparently seized the moment and built a 4-1 lead with 6:34 remaining in the 2nd period. The Beavers managed to hang on as the period wound down when Mitchel Green took matters into his own hands to get the Beavers on the board in the 2nd period with 1:04 remaining. The Beavers appeared to be ready to mount a comeback but two late 2nd period penalties including a ten-minute misconduct took key forwards off the ice. The Beavers managed to kill off the penalty but expended a lot of energy in the process. The Royal's consistent pressure paid off 4:13 into the 3rd period when they scored their fifth goal via another fine display of puck movement. HSE gave the Beavers an opportunity to close the gap when they were whistled for interference with 10:21 remaining. The Beaver's power play was ineffective at penetrating the HSE zone and was called for an interference violation of their own. The Royal's power play went back to work with 8:21 remaining in the game. The Beavers made a valiant effort to keep HSE out of the net but the consistent pressure and puck movement allowed the Royals to score their sixth goal with 6:45 remaining in the 3rd period. Down 6-2, the Beavers attempted to step-up their play, but were whistled for penalties at 6:25 and 5:46 to hand the Royals a 1:21 5-on-3 advantage. It took HSE only 12 seconds to turn the two-man advantage into a 7-2 lead with 5:34 remaining. The five-goal lead created an insurmountable difference and when the remaining portion of the HSE power play expired, Coach Tramonte emptied the bench to give some ice time to the rest of Beavers. Despite the loss, the Beavers showed spunk for the first 22 minutes by staying in the game with a top-level team. The experience bodes well as the Beavers finish

out the season with SWOHSHL league action against Troy, Alter (home), St X, Springboro, and Troy (home).

Game Summary

	1st Period	2nd Period	3rd Period	Total
Beavers	1	1	0	2
Royals	1	3	3	7

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

Period	Goal	1st Assist	2nd Assist
1	Murphy	McClure	
2	Mitch Green		

Goaltending Summary

	SOG	Saves	Save %
Dann	46	39	84.7
Royals	9	7	77.7

Beavers Over Troy By A Final Score Of 4-2

The Beavers traveled to Troy for a key SWOHSHL North Division league game against the Trojans on Saturday, January 20 at Hobart Arena. The Trojans came out as the early aggressor on offense but the Beaver's defense led by goalie Eddie Davis withstood the onslaught. The Beavers turned the momentum with about 11 minutes remaining in the initial period when their offense sprang to life with several good scoring chances over the next 8 minutes. Two of these opportunities paid off for the Beavers. After a face-off win in their own zone with 8:10 remaining in the 1st period, the Beavers moved on the attack in the Troy zone when Lee McClure ripped a shot on goal. The Troy net-minder made the initial save but he left the puck lying in the crease. A flurry ensued with Beavers Mike Mazza and Matt Green, both Freshmen, pounding on the puck. Green put the puck around the goaltender for the initial goal with 7:54 remaining in the initial period with assists going to Mazza and McClure. With the momentum on their side, the Beaver's offense continued to put pressure on the Trojans and this pressure paid off with the second Beaver's goal less than two minutes later. Mitchel Green made a pass to an open Mike Mazza just inside the face-off dot and Mazza fired a wrist shot low on the stick side just inside the post that beat the Troy goalie with 6:13 remaining in the 1st period. The Beavers seemed in control with a 2-0 lead and an offense intent on attacking the Trojan's net. They continued to pressure Troy over the next three minutes and then the Trojan's offense showed some spark. A well-executed break-out gave the Trojans a 2-on-1 advantage skating across the Beaver's blueline. Net-minder Davis made the initial save on a shot taken from the high slot but the Trojans continued to attack the net to put home the rebound with 3:03 remaining in the 1st period. The Trojans were awarded their second goal 46 seconds later when another well-executed breakout play allowed the offense to knot the game at 2-2 with 2:17 remaining in the period. The Troy offense had seized the momentum of the game but Beaver's Goalie Davis put up a wall in front of the Beaver's net. Notable stops by Davis included saves on a 3-on-1 and a hard slap shot from an open Trojan at the top of the slot. With almost penalty-free hockey (only coincidental minors at the 4:02 mark) the Beavers and Trojans had settled nothing with a 2-2 tie at the end of the 1st period. The Beavers looked to recapture the momentum in the 2nd period when Senior Aaron Huber took matters into his own hands. He captured the puck from the period opening face-off in the Beaver's zone and moved coast to coast. As he crossed the Troy blueline, the Trojan defender looked to make some kind of play. Huber put on the brakes, spun around, and threw a back-hand shot high at the net. The Troy defender made contact with the puck as it was rising, re-directing it low past the handcuffed Trojan net-minder. After successfully killing a Beaver's penalty, the Beavers went back on the offensive with Mike Murphy and Ben Steinhauer fore-checking hard to earn scoring opportunities. A golden scoring opportunity was missed when a crease violation caused a goal from the Mazza-Green combination to be waived off mid-way through the 2nd period. Steinhauer's efforts drew a cross-checking penalty with 4:34 remaining in the 2nd period. The Beaver's power play went to work in an attempt to add to the one goal margin. Good puck movement set-up the fourth Beaver goal with Matt Green passing to Lee McClure who found Huber. One minute 16 seconds into the power play, Huber beat the Troy goalie to put the Beavers ahead 4-2 with 3:22 remaining in the 2nd period. The Beavers penalty kill was called back into action when a hooking call gave Troy a period ending power play with 1:40 remaining in the 2nd period. A successful penalty kill by the Beavers highlighted the end of the 2nd and beginning of the 3rd periods. After killing the penalty, the Beavers put several shots on goal to set the tone for the final period. A Beaver's penalty with

11:16 remaining in the game gave the Trojans their third power play opportunity. However, the Beaver's penalty kill team worked hard to keep the Troy offense in check. The Beaver's offense went back to work forcing six consecutive face-offs in the Troy zone and the Beavers had another goal waved off by a quick whistle. Unfazed, the Beavers continued to pressure the Trojans over the next eight minutes but could not connect with the net. A Beaver's penalty with 3:15 remaining in the game allowed Troy to go on the hunt with a late game power play. After a timeout, Troy was intent on using the man-advantage to close the gap but McClure's aggressive play created an opportunity for the Beavers that forced Troy into taking a double minor (holding and roughing) penalty with 2:26 remaining in the game. The Beavers spent the 1:16 4-on-4 and the following power play running out the remainder of the game clock to take the 4-2 league victory. Uncharacteristically, the Beavers out-shot the Trojans each period to take on overall game SOG advantage of 31-21. The road victory pushes the Beaver's SWOHSHL league record to 7-1-0 and sets up a re-match with Troy at the Kettering Recreation Center on Saturday, February 3 at 3:40 PM.

Game Summary

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

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

Period	Goal	1st Assist	2nd Assist
1	Matt Green	Mazza	McClure
1	Mazza	Mitch Green	
2	Huber		
2	Huber	McClure	Matt Green

Goaltending Summary

	SOG	Saves	Save %
Davis	21	19	90.5
Trojans	31	27	87.1

Wright Was Right For The Knights

The Alter Knights rode into the Kettering Recreation Complex on Friday, January 26 for a late evening SWOHSHL North Division match-up with the Beavers and when they departed, they had secured a 3-2 victory over the Beavers. Beaver fans were all too familiar with the Friday evening curse and were looking for the Beavers to light the lamp early and often. The Beavers did mount some early game offensive pushes into the Alter zone but they were unable to beat Knight net-minder George Wright. The early momentum was stunted when the Beavers were called for crosschecking with 11:51 remaining in the 1st period. However, the Alter offense was unable to mount any significant threat on their power play. With the penalty killed, the Beaver's offense went back to work with the first line of Mike Murphy, Aaron Huber, and Ben Steinhauer working in the offensive zone, but again the Knight defense was able to clear the puck out of the zone. Alter was able to gain some momentum with several good offensive sequences that earned them face-offs in the Beaver's zone over the next five minutes. The Beavers regained the momentum with some physical play in the Alter zone that earned them several good scoring opportunities. An Alter penalty with 2:41 remaining in the 1st period gave the Beavers a power play. The Beavers worked the puck in the Alter zone looking to find an open shot. With the Beavers looking to score, a long rebound came out to the Knights that gave them a 2-on-1 rush into the Beaver's zone. Beaver net-minder Dann rebuffed the scoring chance and the Beavers turned around with a breakout by Dustin Seeger and Matt Green. The late period power play could not beat the Alter goalie and the period ended with a scoreless tie. The Beavers managed to out-shoot the Knights 8-7 as a result of the late 1st period effort. The Beavers would return to the power play early in the 2nd period when the Knights were called for a "check from behind". The Beaver's power play barely got moving when an interference call on the Beavers ended their man advantage. The highlight of the 4-on-4 was a shot on a breakaway by Huber that was stopped by Alter net-minder Wright. Good work by Matt Green helped the Beavers run off the remaining time on the Alter power play. With both teams at full strength, the Beavers caught the Knights flat-footed with a 3-on-1 breakout but the Alter defense made the initial stop. The rest of the Beavers jumped up in the Alter zone to keep the pressure on. After several shots that rebounded off the Alter goalie, Mike Murphy put the Beavers on the board with a wrist shot high into the mostly open net with 10:43 remaining in the 2nd period. Assists were awarded to Steinhauer and Huber. A Beaver penalty just 21 seconds later gave Alter a power play with 10:22 remaining in the 2nd period. Beaver goalie Anthony Dann made several good saves as the Alter power play surged into action. A takeaway and clear by Mitchel Green ended Alter's power play. A crosschecking infraction by the Beavers at 7:04 put Alter right back on the power play. About one minute later, the Beavers were penalized for hooking to give Alter a 5-on-3 for 1:03. Alter called time-out to setup the two-man advantage attack. The Beaver penalty kill team used the time-out to rest and set their defense. The Beavers killed the 5-on-3 and the ensuing 5-on-4 to keep the score 1-0 with 4:07 remaining in the 2nd period. Alter continued to put the pressure on the Beaver defense and made a 2-on-1 rush into the Beaver's zone. The Beavers made the initial play to trap the puck along the boards but a second forward was able to get to the loose puck and skate unchecked across the slot even though the Beaver's defense had hustled back into the play. With net-minder Dann screened by his own defense, the Alter forward put a backhanded shot into the net to tie the game at 1-1 with 2:12 remaining in the period. The Beavers had allowed the Knights back into the game by displaying little offensive pressure with only five shots on goal in the 2nd period versus the Knights eight shots. Nothing had been solved after two periods but the Knights would come out in the 3rd period on the power play due to a Beaver roughing penalty at the close of the 2nd period. The Knights took advantage of their power play just 1:02 into the 3rd period with a goal to take a 2-1 lead. The Knights would return the favor by putting the Beavers on the power play with 13:32 remaining in the 3rd

period. Good puck movement allowed Lee McClure to received the puck inside the left face-off circle and ripped a wrist shot low on the stick side just inside the post to tie the game at 2-2 with 12:36 remaining. Huber and Matt Green assisted McClure's power play goal. The fans from both sides were enjoying the back and forth game, but the referees seemed to want to get into the action as well. With 10:48 remaining, the Beavers were whistled for two penalties to give the Knights a 5-on-3 advantage. Beaver Goalie Dann made two good saves and Mitchel Green made a fine poke-check to clear the puck as Alter continued to put pressure on the Beaver's net. Back at full strength, the Beavers were looking for the go ahead goal with three consecutive face-offs in the Alter zone. The third of which produced a break-out for the Knights. The Alter offense attacked the net, but Dann made the initial save and lay motionless on the ice thinking the puck was underneath him. Much to the Beavers dismay, the puck lay uncovered in the crease and none of the Beavers reacted to rescue Dann. An Alter forward was first to the puck for the easy tap-in goal. With 7:01 remaining, the Knights had gained a 3-2 lead. The Beavers responded with an offensive attack that started to put shots on goal, but the Alter net-minder had gained confidence, even making a glove save without his stick. An Alter penalty with 4:25 remaining gave the Beavers a golden opportunity to tie the game. Three quality chances by the Beavers were negated by the Alter defense. Despite a time-out called by Beavercreek with 48 seconds left on the power play, the Beavers could not find the right combination to put the puck into the Knight net. The final 2:21 of the game was played out with the Beavers working feverishly to get a good scoring chance, but none was to be found. Despite out-shooting the Knights 16-5 in the 3rd period and 30-21 overall, the Beavers fell victim to a spirited band of Knights. One Knight forward was heard in the lobby to say "that's the best game George (Wright) has played all year". As Coach Tramonte mentioned in a Creek Sport TV update, the addition of the Knights to the SWOHSHL league meant the Knights were ready to play at a very competitive level, a prediction they proved true on this Friday night. The Beavers had no time to dwell on their loss as they face St. Xavier in Cincy on Saturday. Coach T was heard in the locker room to say something to the effect that if you guys play like this and lose to my brother (St X. Assistant Coach Adam Tramonte), practice will be murder next week.

Game Summary

	1st Period	2nd Period	3rd Period	Total
Beavers	0	1	1	2
Knights	0	1	2	3

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

Period	Goal	1st Assist	2nd Assist
2	Murphy	Steinhauer	Huber
3	McClure	Huber	Matt Green

Goaltending Summary

	SOG	Saves	Save %
Dann	21	18	85.7
Knights	30	28	93.3

Beavers Beat Bombers On Home Ice

The Beavers traveled to Cincinnati on Saturday, January 27 to play the St. Xavier Bombers at the Cincinnati Gardens. Several factors were in play for the game including a Beaver's loss to the Alter Knights on Friday, Senior Night for St. X, and the fact that Coach Tramonte's brother, Adam, is the Assistant Coach for the Bombers. Therefore, the Beavers were looking to get back in the SWOHSHL win column, spoil Senior Night, and keep the Coach a step ahead of his brother. Early action had the St. Xavier Bombers on the offensive with good pushes into the Beaver's zone during the first minute. The Beavers turned the tables on St. X to mount some rushes of the own, assisted by a St. X icing call that put the face-off in the St. X. zone. The teams were feeling each other out with the puck moving end-to-end when the Beavers made an offensive rush into the Bomber's zone. Aaron Huber hit a slap shot from the top of the left face-off circle that Mike Murphy deflected past the St. X goalie into the net to give the Beavers an early 1-0 lead just 2:51 into the contest. St. X responded with a breakaway scoring chance, but Beaver Goalie Anthony Dann was up to the task deflecting the shot wide of the goal. Again, St. X played aggressively with a 2-on-1 rush into the Beaver's zone with Dustin Seeger providing quality defense and Ryan Mantia hustling back into the play. Dann made another stop on a good scoring chance by St. X that seemed to frustrate the Bombers a bit as they took a roughing penalty with 8:02 remaining in the 1st period. The Beaver power play was able to get an early shot but they had some difficulty penetrating the zone. The Beaver's attack did manage one quality scoring opportunity in the last 30 seconds of the power play. At the expiration of the power play, St. X managed another 2-on-1 when the offending X player jumped into the play out of the box; however, Beaver keeper Dann made another good save. The end-to-end play continued as St. X seemed to build some offensive momentum but Dann continued to turn away their shots and the Beaver's defense cleared the rebounds. St. X slashed out in frustration to put the Beavers on the power play with 4:12 remaining in the initial period. An early power play breakaway by Lee McClure was stopped by the St. X net-minder. The power play was cut short by a Beaver penalty with 2:41 remaining in the period. The St. X offense looked to even the score with the 4-on-4 and the ensuing power play but Dann was true in goal and the Beaver's defense tightened up and seized control for two good clears. Despite out-shooting the Beavers 12 - 5, St. X found themselves down 1-0 after the 1st period. St. X started the 2nd period on the power play and then were awarded a 5-on-3 just 29 seconds into the period when the Beavers were whistled for a questionable slashing violation (although it was clear to the Creek bench that a textbook display of stick-checking had been accomplished). The Beaver penalty team managed two clears and a blocked slap shot (by Matt Green who was guarding the point) to stifle St. X early in the power play. Late in the 5-on-4 portion of the penalty kill, Dann made two good saves to keep the Beavers on top. McClure had two more breakaway scoring chances denied over the next two minutes. Beaver Creek was clearly the aggressor and the vocal St. X student body was quieted as the Beavers put the pressure on. Senior Murphy's back-check stymied the only St. X penetration into the Beaver's zone. The Beavers 3rd line played a good shift in the middle of the 2nd period, buoyed by fine defense from Seeger and Adam Baldwin. Two line changes later, the 2nd line maintained possession as a delayed penalty to St. X was called. With Dann off the ice, the Beavers attacked 6-on-5 with the Green brothers, Matt and Mitchel, cycling the puck down to McClure positioned inside the face-off circle on the far side. McClure ripped a wrist shot top-shelf into the right corner to give the Beavers a 2-0 lead with 7:48 remaining in the period. The St. X offense came right back pushing the puck into the Beaver's zone and getting several good shots over the next two minutes. Dann survived the barrage and demonstrated excellent goal play cutting off all of the angles. The game took a physical turn when a textbook example of "checking from behind" by St. X was inexplicably called boarding to avoid the 10-minute penalty. The minor penalty to St. X gave the Beavers a power play with 5:27 remaining. The Beavers moved the puck well and just missed a goal when Aaron Huber's slap shot ricocheted off the far post. Coincidental minors at 4:25 interrupted play as the teams stepped up the physical contact in response to the "boarding" incident. Another apparent "check from behind" by St. X was allowed to go uncalled that ultimately resulted in a double set of coincidental minors with 3:02 remaining. Both teams managed a good scoring chance each in the final three minutes. Beaver goalie Dann repelled another St. X breakaway at the one

minute mark. A Beaver's penalty with 7.4 seconds left in the 2nd period put the Bombers on the power play at the start of the 3rd period. The Beaver's penalty kill was solid with two clears and two big saves by net-minder Dann. A third St X boarding penalty at 12:53 was followed by a St X crosscheck at 12:26 to give the Beavers a 1:33 5-on-3 advantage. The 5-on-3 was extended by a third St X penalty at 11:22. Despite the two-man advantage, the Beavers managed only one good scoring chance. Shortly after the 5-on-4 expired, St X was whistled for crosschecking, with a misconduct added, to end the St X player's day with 8:32 remaining. The Beaver power play was cut short by a crosschecking penalty of their own at 7:47. St X managed another breakaway during the 4-on-4 but Dann gloved the puck with 6:57 remaining. The Beavers killed the 1:15 Bomber power play without any significant threat. St X did mount an offensive rush at the five-minute mark that was turned away by goalie Dann. Individual effort by a St X forward ended Dann's bid for a shut-out when he positioned himself such that the Beaver defender effectively screened Dann for the shot. The slap shot was perfectly poked from the top of the right face-off circle into the upper right corner of the net to draw St X close with 3:48 remaining in the game. After the goal, the physical and spirited play resumed with St X gaining momentum as their student section got back into the game. Fine defensive play by the Beavers broke up a St X 4-on-2, but somehow the officials were intent on giving St X the advantage by calling Dann for slashing with 1:01 remaining. The penalty kill team of Murphy, Huber, Seeger, and Green (Mitch) kept St X from mounting an attack and Seeger managed a shot during the final minute. Aggressive fore-checking by Huber was ruled high-sticking with 17.7 seconds remaining to allow St X a final 5-on-3 that they turned into a 6-on-3 by pulling their goalie. Murphy won the face-off at the St X blueline into the X zone. St X managed to get back and work the puck up to the Beaver's blueline, but an overly aggressive Bomber preceded the puck into the Beaver's zone and was whistled for off-sides with 8.5 seconds remaining. Another late game face-off win allowed the Beavers to ice the puck into the St X zone and seal the victory. Despite the fanfare surrounding St X Senior Night, it was the Beaver's Seniors who showed leadership on this night backed by outstanding goaltending from Dann.

Game Summary

	1 st Period	2 nd Period	3 rd Period	Total
Beavers	1	1	0	2
Bombers	0	0	1	1

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

Period	Goal	1 st Assist	2 nd Assist
1	Murphy	Huber	
2	McClure	Matt Green	Mitch Green

Goaltending Summary

	SOG	Saves	Save %
Dann	38	37	97.3
Bombers	21	19	90.4

Beavers Spoil Another Senior Night

The Beavers played the spoiler role again with a 9-1 win over the Springboro Panthers as they celebrated their Senior Night on Friday, February 2 at South Metro Ice-n-Inline. The Panther euphoria didn't last long as the Beavers generated offensive pressure after the opening face-off when Lee McClure hit the post with a slap shot just 15 seconds into the game. A Beaver penalty appeared to give Springboro a power play but good work from Ben Steinhauer and Matt Green kept the Panthers from mounting any serious threat. The Beavers would "ring the bell" again, this time with success, when Dustin Seeger hit a hard slapshot from the left point just inside the blueline that hit the cross-bar and deflected into the net with 4:13 expired in the 1st period. Assists on the shorthanded goal were credited to Mitchel Green and Mike Murphy. The remainder of the Panther's power play was killed as Seeger, Steinhauer, and Adam Baldwin combined to keep the puck out of the Beaver's zone. A Springboro penalty with 8:26 remaining in the 1st period created a Beaver power play after a short 4-on-4. Good puck movement highlighted the first Beaver power play of the game as the Beavers put several shots on goal that Senior Panther's tender Harkleroad was able to stop. The Beavers were not to be denied as they controlled the play in the Panther zone. Mitchel Green received a pass at the top of the point and moved the puck to Mike Murphy just outside the right face-off circle, Murphy made the cross ice pass to McClure creeping towards the net at the right face-off dot. McClure ripped a snap-shot past the Panther net-minder with 6:39 remaining in the 1st period to put the Beavers up 2-0. Mitchel Green capped off his two-assist 1st period with a goal just 2:01 later when Steinhauer and Baldwin moved the puck out of the Beaver's zone and onto his stick. Green's even-strength goal with 4:38 remaining in the 1st period gave the Beavers a 3-0 lead. The Beavers out-shot the Panthers 17-3 in the 1st period. A late 1st period Panther penalty and an early 2nd period penalty put the Beavers on a 5-on-3 power play with only 14 seconds expired in the 2nd period. After a face-off win, Murphy would pick-up a rebound from a Steinhauer shot and put the biscuit in the basket just five seconds into the 5-on-3 advantage. The power play team continued to hold the puck in the Panther's zone for about a minute with the puck cycling in the zone. With just 12 seconds remaining in the advantage, Steinhauer would earn his third consecutive assist of the game when he moved the puck to McClure. The Beavers third power play goal of the game came off McClure's stick through the Panther Goalie's five-hole with 12:58 remaining in the 2nd period. The Beaver offense was relentless, as even shorthanded they manufactured good scoring chances. Capable goaltending from Panther Senior Harkleroad kept the game from getting out of control but the sheer number of quality shots on goal had the law of averages working for the Beavers. After a good penalty kill by Baldwin, Mitchel Green, and Brandon Sheffer, the Beavers penetrated the Panther's zone with the puck moving from Matt Green to Murphy to Mike Mazza and into the back of the net. The Mazza goal came with 9:03 remaining in the 2nd period to put the Beavers on top 6-0. The Beavers cleared two penalties in the remainder of the 2nd period while limiting the Panthers to just 3 shots versus 12 for the Beavers. The two-period SOG total was 32-6 in favor of the Beavers. The Panthers cleared a late 2nd period penalty at the beginning of the 3rd period but were tagged with another penalty with 13:27 remaining. It would take the Beavers only 29 seconds to strike pay dirt when Seeger started the play with a pass out of the Beaver's zone to Ryan Mantia at neutral ice. Mantia hit Mazza, who penetrated the Panther's zone, used two Panther defenders as traffic cones, deked, and backhanded the puck behind the Panther goalie. Mazza's 2nd consecutive goal was the Beaver's fourth power play goal to give them a 7-0 lead with 12:58 remaining in the game. Coach Tramonte continued to empty the bench with the 3rd and 4th lines seeing significant ice time. A Beaver penalty with 9:17 remaining put the Beaver's penalty kill team back on the ice. Shortly after the penalty kill began, Matt Green seized control of the puck and moved it out of the zone, McClure picked up the puck on the fore-check and skated around two Springboro defenders, one of which

committed a penalty in a vain attempt to stop McClure. With the Panther goalie hung out to dry, McClure completed the hat-trick when he went top shelf to light the lamp with 8:45 remaining in the game. The Beavers would take back-to-back penalties with 8:16 and 7:45 remaining to give Springboro a big opportunity with a long 5-on-3 and a 5-on-4. The Green brothers teamed with Baldwin and goaltender Dann to keep the Panthers out of the net. With 6:09 remaining, the frustrated Panthers took an interference penalty to cut their power play short. It wouldn't take long for the Beavers to take advantage of the open ice with the teams playing 4-on-4. Baldwin grabbed the loose puck in the Beaver's zone and skated coast-to-coast to put a shot on the Panther net-minder. The rebound came out into the slot where Murphy one-timed it into the mostly open net with 5:28 remaining. The goal capped a five point (two goals, three assists) for Senior Beaver Murphy and put the Beavers ahead 9-0. The Beavers effort to earn a shut-out would come to an end when a Panther picked up a loose puck in the Beaver's zone between the slot and the right face-off circle and put the puck just past Dann's pads and inside the left post with 3:54 remaining. The flurry in front of the net resulted in a Beaver penalty that put the Panthers on the power play. The shorthanded Beavers managed two good shorthanded scoring chances to keep the Panther attack in check. The game finished much the way it started with the Beavers on the attack in the Panther's zone. The Beaver's attack out-shot the Panthers 45-11 with Mitchel Green earning three points and his Defenseman cohorts Seeger and Baldwin each getting two points. Not to be out done, the forwards scored a plenty led by Murphy's five points, McClure's hat-trick, three points from Steinhauer, and two points each from Freshmen Mazza and Matt Green. With two Senior Night wins under their belt, the Beavers look ahead to their own celebration versus Troy on Saturday with the confidence necessary to send their elder team members out in style. Go Beavers!

Game Summary

	1 st Period	2 nd Period	3 rd Period	Total
Beavers	3	3	3	9
Panthers	0	0	1	1

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

Period	Goal	1 st Assist	2 nd Assist
1	Seeger	Murphy	Mitch Green
1	McClure	Murphy	Mitch Green
1	Mitch Green	Baldwin	Steinhauer
2	Murphy	Steinhauer	
2	McClure	Steinhauer	
2	Mazza	Murphy	Matt Green
3	Mazza	Mantia	Seeger
3	McClure	Matt Green	
3	Murphy	Baldwin	

Goaltending Summary

	SOG	Saves	Save %
Dann	11	10	90.9
Panthers	45	36	80.0

Beavers Celebrate Senior Night Win Over Troy

The Beavers finished out the SWOHSHL Regular season in style on Saturday, February 3 with a 4-1 win over the Troy Trojans at the Kettering Recreation Complex. Prior to the game, the Beavers honored their Senior Class of Mike Murphy, Ryan Mantia, Dustin Seeger, Mitchel Green, Travis Caudill, and Aaron Huber with a celebration at center ice. With the festivities over, the puck was dropped, and the Beavers and Trojans renewed their rivalry on the ice. The early action was punctuated by both teams moving the puck from end-to-end looking for the advantage. Beaver Goalie Anthony Dann made several saves as Troy showed some offensive spark that indicated they came to play. The Beavers responded with shots of their own on the Troy net. A potential turning point in the game came when the Beavers were whistled for two penalties with 5:37 remaining in the initial period to put Troy on the power play with a full two-minute 5-on-3 advantage. The penalty kill team of Huber, Mitchel Green, and Adam Baldwin, coupled with the skillful net-minding of Dann, stopped Troy's early scoring efforts. Lee McClure joined the penalty kill halfway through the Troy advantage to help run off the remaining penalty time. Dann played a solid two minutes with seven saves during the 5-on-3 Troy advantage. With the Beavers back at full strength and the wind out of Troy's sails, the Beavers managed to put some late period pressure on the Trojans. The Trojans had out-shot the Beavers 15-6 but the 1st period ended with a scoreless tie due to excellent goaltending by Dann. The Beavers came out in the 2nd period pushing into the Troy zone looking to strike first blood. As in the initial period, the Trojans rebuffed these attempts and turned the tables on the Beavers to get scoring chances of their own. A Troy penalty with 9:27 remaining in the 2nd period gave the Beavers a golden opportunity to get on top. Early in the power play, Troy seized control of the puck to make a run at a shorthanded goal but Dann was true in net. The Beaver power play was able to get on track when Mitchel Green started the breakout in the Beaver's zone. Murphy and Lee McClure were able to penetrate the Troy zone to setup the power play. McClure moved the puck up to Mitchel Green who put a shot on goal that rebounded out to Huber in the slot. With the Troy goalie still on his knees, Huber wristed the puck high over the Troy goalie's shoulder for the power play goal to put the Beavers on top 1-0 with 7:54 remaining in the 2nd period. Assists were awarded to Green and McClure. The frustrated Trojans took another penalty with 6:35 remaining to put the Beavers back on the power play. Mitchel Green, Ben Steinhauer, McClure, and Mike Mazza kept applying the pressure by holding the puck in the Troy zone for over 30 seconds. After a Troy clear, the Beavers turned the puck around and sent it back into the Troy zone. Good hustle by Senior Ryan Mantia drew another Troy penalty with 4:56 remaining in the 2nd period. The Beavers had a 21 second 5-on-3 followed by a 1:39 5-on-4 power play. After the face-off in the Troy zone, the Beavers controlled the puck with good movement and several shots on goal. The 5-on-3 expired but the Beavers continued to pressure the Trojans. Mitchel Green made a key hold at the blueline and passed to McClure skating across the face-off circle and into the slot. With three Beavers already flooding the slot, McClure put a wrist shot on net that hit the Trojan goalie and the puck dropped in front of him. A flurry of activity took place in front of the net when Steinhauer controlled the loose puck and lifted it over the goalie's skate into the back of the net. Steinhauer's goal, assisted by McClure and Mitchel Green, put the Beavers up 2-0 with their second power play goal of the game with 3:36 remaining in the 2nd period. The Beavers seemed to relax a bit with the 2-0 advantage and Troy seized the opportunity. After winning a face-off in their zone, Troy executed a breakout play to perfection to move the puck into the Beaver's zone with speed. A Troy forward chipped a loose puck over Dann's pads to cut the Beaver's lead to 2-1 with 1:08 remaining in the period. The Beavers out-shot the Trojans 20-7 in the 2nd period to earn the 2-1 lead. The beginning of the 3rd period was a carbon copy of the two previous periods - both teams made offensive rushes but neither could muster a good scoring chance. That changed when Huber hit McClure with a pass at neutral

ice, McClure skated into the Troy zone with a defender guarding him, and then he cut to the left face-off circle. McClure positioned the defender to screen the goalie, then hit a hard slap shot into the upper left corner of the net that the Troy net-minder had no chance of stopping. The goal, assisted by Huber, was McClure's 200th career point (extending his own team record) and it put the Beavers up 3-1 with 10:58 remaining. Troy was not ready to give up but Dann continued to come up big in net with help from Senior Defenseemen Green and Seeger. Also, Steinhauer did some aggressive fore-check work to keep the Trojans from pushing out of their zone. A Beaver interference penalty with 5:46 remaining gave Troy another big opportunity. Troy used a time-out to setup their power play plan. The Beavers put the penalty kill team of Huber, Murphy, Baldwin, and Seeger on the ice. Huber made the initial fore-check to slow the Troy offense. Dann also made a key save after the first Trojan penetration into the zone. After two defensive clears, Dann would make a glove save to give the Beavers a chance to change-up. McClure and Matt Green headed up the fore-check for the final minute of the Troy power play. After a face-off win allowed the Beavers to gain control, McClure managed a good shot on the Troy goal. Troy made one final rush into the Beaver's zone but Matt Green was able to clear the puck. Green and McClure proceed to fore-check the remaining time off the Troy power play. Late in the game Troy came hard into the Beaver's zone in attempt to close the two goal margin but Dann gloved the puck. With 2:18 remaining, Troy pulled their goalie to set-up a 6-on-5 advantage and they used that advantage to get another shot on goal that Dann stopped. A late Beaver penalty with 1:45 remaining gave Troy a power play for the remainder of the game. With their goalie still out of the net, Troy tried to use the 6-on-4 advantage to close the gap but the Beaver's defense would not allow Troy to sustain the puck in the Beaver's zone. A face-off just outside the Troy blueline with 1:34 remaining allowed the Beavers to pressure Troy with the fore-check. McClure made the takeaway and sealed the victory with an empty net goal with 1:19 remaining. Troy put the goalie back in the net and Coach Tramonte put five seniors on the ice to allow them a final farewell on their home ice. The Beaver fans cheered as the victory bell sounded the 4-1 victory over arch-rival Troy. The Beavers move into SWOHSHL Tourney play as the top seed in the North Division with a 10-2-0 league record and 18-7-4 overall.

Game Summary

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

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

Period	Goal	1st Assist	2nd Assist
2	Huber	Mitch Green	McClure
2	Steinhauer	Mitch Green	McClure
3	McClure	Huber	
3	McClure	Steinhauer	

Goaltending Summary

	SOG	Saves	Save %
Dann	34	33	97.0
Trojans	35	31	88.5

Beavers Shutout Elks In Opening Round Of SWOHSHL Tournament

The Beavercreek Beavers faced-off with the Centerville Elks late Thursday afternoon, February 8 at South Metro Ice-n-Inline for a first round SWOHSHL tournament game and skated away with a 4-0 victory. The Beavers set the tone early by getting their first shot just eight seconds into the game forcing Centerville to ice the puck. Three minutes later, Dustin Seeger stick handled from the Beaver's zone into the Elk's zone and put a shot on goal that was deflected away by the Elk goalie. Mike Murphy picked up the loose puck and put a pass on the tape of Aaron Huber waiting in the slot. Huber buried the biscuit into the basket with 3:27 expired in the 1st period to give the Beavers a 1-0 lead. The Elks did not lie down as they came out on the ensuing face-off to penetrate the Beaver's zone and put the puck on net. The Beaver's Goalie, Anthony Dann, rejected these early scoring attempts from the Elks. The Beaver's three lines skated aggressively, sometimes a bit too much so, as evidenced by an offside that killed a potential 2-on-1 led by Lee McClure. The Elks tried to penetrate the Beaver's defense by showing some outside speed through the middle of the 1st period, but Dann stopped the shots on goal and the Beaver's defense cleared the loose pucks. The Beavers took a high-sticking penalty with 7:06 remaining in 1st period to give the Elks a golden opportunity to tie the game. Huber, Murphy, Adam Baldwin, and Dustin Seeger took the 1st shift on the penalty kill for the Beavers. Huber and Murphy played their typical aggressive forechecking style while Baldwin and Seeger backed up Dann. A line change put McClure, Ben Steinhauer, and Mitch Green with Baldwin to put fresh legs into the penalty kill. After a couple of clears, Huber came back out to finish the kill and made a big check in the Centerville zone. When Centerville recovered the puck, McClure was in position to make the takeaway and skate unbridled into the Elk's zone. McClure put the shorthanded goal past the Elk's net-minder with 5:32 remaining in the initial period to put the Beavers up 2-0. Twenty-six seconds later the Beavers returned to full strength and controlled the rest of the 1st period. Murphy and Matt Green stepped up with some physical play that led to a Centerville roughing penalty with six seconds remaining in the 1st period. The Beavers out-shot the Elks 12-8 in the initial stanza. The 2nd period began with the Beavers on the power play for 1:54. The highlight of the man-advantage came when Murphy setup McClure who one-timed a hard slap shot from the left face-off circle. Elk's net-minder Schwable made a fine save on the blistering shot by gloving the puck. When they returned to full strength, Centerville was hoping to gain an advantage by keeping a forward in the neutral zone looking for the long pass. Mitch Green jumped all over the forward when the pass came and prevented the Elks from getting a good shot. The Beavers took back-to-back penalties with 8:13 and 7:41 remaining in the middle period to give the Elks a 5-on-3 power play for 1:28. Centerville turned the puck over early in the two-man advantage to stymie their first possession. The Beavers made two clears to kill off the first penalty while only allowing the Elks three shots. The remaining portion of the power play expired when Huber and Steinhauer combined to get a short-handed attempt on the Elk goalie. The Beaver's offense went back on the hunt after the penalties expired earning consecutive face-offs in the Elk's zone. The Centerville goalie had settled into his net to rebuff the 2nd period scoring chances from the Beavers. The Beavers made a successful break-out after a face-off in their zone. Mike Mazza led the charge through the neutral zone into the Elk's zone, then hit McClure with a pass. His initial shot rebounded off the Elk net-minder but McClure continued his charge into the crease and put the puck between the pads and the post as the goalie's momentum opened up the net. The goal stretched the Beaver lead to 3-0 with 2:36 remaining in the 2nd period. Mazza was credited with the assist. The Beavers ended the period

by taking a penalty with 27 seconds remaining. The Elk's power plays enabled them to win the SOG battle in the 2nd period 7-6 with the game total still going to the Beavers at 18-15. The Elks came out strong on their power play in the 3rd period with a couple of shots that Beaver Goalie Dann rejected. After the penalty kill was complete with good work from Mitch Green (clear), Murphy on the fore-check, Huber (clear), and Baldwin (takeaway), the Beavers bounced right back and got a couple of shots on goal of their own. Dann came up big a few minutes later when he stoned Elk's Forward Ross on a breakaway. The Beavers 3rd line of Beau Slater, Ryan Mantia, and Josh Weideling had a big offensive sequence mid-way through the 3rd period buoyed by strong play at the blueline from Baldwin and Green. The aggressive play gave way to a Beaver interference penalty with 5:52 remaining that opened the door to the Elks to climb back into the game. The Beaver penalty kill teams would have none of it. They proceeded to stop every Elk attempt to get the puck below the face-off circles in the Beaver's zone. In fact, the only shot on the Elk power play was a shorthanded scoring chance by the Beavers. Back at full strength, the Beavers would get another 2-on-1 from the Huber-Steinhauer combination. While they did not score, the rush earned a face-off in the Elk's zone that led to the fourth Beaver goal. Huber controlled the face-off and stick handled his way around the Elk defenders to tally the unassisted goal with 3:35 remaining and a 4-0 Beaver lead. The Elks change their goalie and the Beavers brought out their 4th line forwards to get them some valuable ice time. They managed five shots and earned every one of them as the Elk defenders jacked them up in front of the net. The Beavers did not allow a shot in the final six minutes to help Dann secure his first shut-out win of the season. The Beavers out-shot the Elks 13 -5 in the 3rd period to win the SOG battle for the game 31-20. The win sets up a showdown with the Troy Trojans, who beat Alter 6-5 in overtime, for the North Division title on Saturday, February 10, at 2 PM in the Cincinnati Gardens.

Game Summary

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

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

Period	Goal	1 st Assist	2 nd Assist
1	Huber	Murphy	
1	McClure		
2	McClure	Mazza	
3	Huber		

Goaltending Summary

	SOG	Saves	Save %
Dann	20	20	100
Elks	31	27	87.1

Beavers Upend Trojans For Berth In SWOHSHL Tourney Finals

The North Division SWOHSHL Final pitted the Beavers versus the Troy Trojans at the Cincinnati Gardens on Saturday, February 10. The Beavers, 2-0-1 against the Trojans this season, faced the difficult task of beating the same team three times in one season. The Beavers won the opening face-off but their initial penetration into the Troy zone was stopped short. Troy was able to get the first shot but the Beavers turned the puck around to get a shot on goal of their own. The Beavers 3rd line, backed by defense from Adam Baldwin and Dustin Seeger, held the puck in the Troy zone and eventually forced a Troy icing call. With the face-off in the Troy zone and the 1st line back on, the Beaver's Aaron Huber won the face-off, Mike Murphy controlled the puck along the boards, and he hit Ben Steinhauer skating into the face-off circle with a pass. Steinhauer put a shot on goal that rebounded onto Huber's stick. Huber put the puck past Troy net-minder Collett with 3:22 expired in the 1st period to put the Beavers on top 1-0. Assists on the goal went to Steinhauer and Murphy. Troy came right back off the face-off to put a shot on goal that hit the post. The Beavers won the next face-off as Lee McClure controlled the puck and moved into the Troy zone with Mazza and Matt Green with him. Mazza took the pass from McClure and put the shot on net. The rebound lay in the crease as Mazza and Green poked at the puck. Green was able to jam the puck between the goalie's pads and the post to extend the Beavers lead to 2-0 with 9:58 remaining in the 1st period. Assists on the even-strength goal went to Mazza and McClure. Troy took penalties with 8:36 and 6:25 remaining in the initial period to give the Beavers back-to-back power plays. An aggressive Troy penalty kill kept the first Beaver's power play off balance. The second Beaver's power play was cut short by a penalty of their own with 5:25 remaining in the 1st period. Troy was able to get some momentum back during the early part of the 4-on-4 with some shots on goal that Beaver's Goalie Anthony Dann turned away. The Beavers bounced back with some offense of their own. A one-minute Troy power play did not accomplish much as the Green brothers, Mitchel and Matt, combined to clear the puck and fore-check. McClure made the final clear to kill the penalty. About one minute later, the Beavers took another penalty to give Troy a golden opportunity to get back in the game. McClure controlled the face-off to begin the penalty kill. The Green brothers again combined to clear and fore-check. Baldwin got into the action with determination to earn the Beavers another clear. Dann made a nice save on a quality scoring chance from the Trojans. The 1st period ended with the Beavers up 2-0 and back on the attack forcing the Trojans to ice the puck. Creek out-shot the Trojans 9-6 in the 1st period. Troy came out hitting in the 2nd period in an attempt to shift the momentum but the Beavers took the hits, got back up, and put pressure on the Troy goalie. The pressure paid off when Murphy, in control of the puck just inside the right face-off circle, hit Huber skating through the high slot with a pass. Huber skated to the right allowing the two Troy defenders to take each other out, then cut hard left towards the goal, and wristed a shot into the far post. The rebound came to the backhand of Steinhauer who had crashed the net on the left side and he put the puck home for a 3-0 Beaver's lead with just 3:04 expired in the 2nd period. Again, the Beaver's goal seemed to light a fire under the Troy offense as they stormed into the Beaver's zone to take shots as they crossed the blueline. Dustin Seeger made a nice block to keep the first shot from reaching the goal and Dann made the save on the second long attempt. The Beaver's offense tried to get back in the act but an offsides call stymied their rush into the Troy zone. An errant pass from a Beaver's forward allowed a Troy defenseman to intercept the puck and skate in unchecked on Dann. A well-placed wrist shot beat Dann on the stick side just inside the post to put the Trojans on the board. With 9:03 remaining in the 2nd period, the Beavers were up 3-1. The game took a physical tone when both teams

stepped up the hitting. While moving out of their zone, a Beaver's pass ended up in the Troy bench. The Beavers won the face-off in their zone as Lee McClure controlled the puck moving into the Troy zone and dished off to Mazza. The pass bounced over Mazza's stick but he hustled to the boards and poked it away from the Troy forward to Matt Green stationed behind the net. Green made a wicked pass to McClure who had positioned himself in the slot at the top of the crease. McClure ripped the wrist shot high into the net over the goalie's shoulder to extend the Beavers lead to 4-1 with 7:33 remaining in the 2nd period. Troy received a ten-minute misconduct following the goal. The Beavers continued to pressure the Trojans over the next two minutes. Mazza moved the puck to McClure who was stationed behind the net. McClure threaded a pass between two Troy defenders to Matt Green charging the net on the right side of the slot. Green one-timed the pass high into the net past the Troy net-minder for a 5-1 lead with 5:26 remaining in the 2nd period. After more pressure from Creek, Troy manufactured a 2-on-1 breakaway but Dustin Seeger forced the Troy defender to commit to the shot instead of the pass and Dann knocked down the shot and controlled the puck. Shortly thereafter, the Beavers took an interference penalty to give Troy a power play. The Beavers fielded a penalty kill unit of McClure, Seeger, and the Green brothers. The penalty kill unit blocked, fore-checked, and cleared the puck and did not allow Troy to get near net-minder Dann. When the forwards changed to bring Huber and Murphy on, Seeger saw Murphy in the neutral zone and hit him with a long pass. With Murphy on the breakaway, the Troy defender was forced to hook him to the ice resulting in a delayed penalty call. Murphy was still able to get a shot away that rebounded off the Troy goal. Huber had hustled into the play to earn the goal by putting the rebound past the sprawled Troy keeper. The Beavers had extended their lead to 6-1 on the short-handed goal with 2:32 remaining in the 2nd period. The Beavers finished the penalty kill with Murphy working hard on the back-check and this allowed Huber to get the final clear. The physical play continued for the balance of the 2nd period. The Beavers took an interference penalty with 10 seconds remaining in the 2nd period. Shots on goal for the 2nd period favored the Beavers 9-8. Troy called a time-out to warm-up their new goalie, Carney, to play the final period. The Beavers worked hard to drain off the time on the Troy power play with clears from Murphy and Mitch Green. Coach Tramonte took the opportunity with the lead to give significant ice time to the third line and the remnants of the fourth line. The line-mates worked hard to move the puck into the Troy zone looking for scoring opportunities. They also hustled back on defense to pester Troy as the Beaver defenseman stepped up to neutralize the Trojan attacks. Seeger made a big hit to stop a Troy penetration and Ryan Mantia clear the puck. Dann continued to reject the Troy shots on goal as the play moved from end-to-end over the next six minutes. Troy took penalties with 8:22 and 5:59 remaining in the game to give the Beavers a couple of power plays. The Beavers did not cash in on either power play opportunity but drained the time off the clock. The Beavers took a penalty of their own with 2:42 to go that put Troy on the power play. Troy returned the favor at 2:04 with a major slashing penalty to even the sides at 4-on-4. Troy took advantage of the situation by hitting a long slap shot that slipped past Dann to make the score 6-2 with 1:18 remaining in the game. The Beavers took another penalty with 0:55 remaining to finish out the game 4-on-3. Total shots on goal for the game favored the Beavers 27-24. The win earns the Beavers the North Division Championship and puts them in the SWOHSHL finals versus Oxford-Talawanda.

Game Summary

	1st Period	2nd Period	3rd Period	Total
Beavers	2	4	0	6
Trojans	0	1	1	2

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

Period	Goal	1st Assist	2nd Assist
1	Huber	Steinhauer	Murphy
1	Matt Green	Mazza	McClure
2	Steinhauer	Huber	Murphy
2	McClure	Matt Green	Mazza
2	Matt Green	McClure	Mazza
2	Huber	Murphy	

Goaltending Summary

	SOG	Saves	Save %
Dann	24	22	91.7
Trojans	27	21	77.8

Beavers Take Tough Overtime Loss To Talawanda In SWOHSHL Finals

The SWOHSHL Finals took place at the Cincinnati Gardens on Sunday, February 11 with the Beavercreek Beavers facing the Oxford-Talawanda Braves in a showdown between first place finishers in their respective SWOHSHL divisions. An action packed 1st period saw both teams looking for the upper hand. A late 1st period penalty by the Beavers put the Braves on the power play. Beavercreek Forward Aaron Huber snuck behind the Brave's defense during a line change and Mitchel Green made a long pass from the Beaver's zone onto Huber's stick. Huber penetrated the Talawanda zone with a Brave's defenseman on his tail. The initial shot was blocked by Brave's Goalie Allan Dowler but Huber dug the rebound out of the pads and jammed it between the post and pads to score a big goal with 43 seconds left to play in the 1st period. The shorthanded goal from Huber, assisted by Green, allowed the Beavers to take a 1-0 lead into 1st period break. Talawanda out-shot the Beavers 10-7 in the 1st period. The Beavers came out hard in the second stanza looking to capitalize on their late first period goal. Brave's Goaltender Allan Dowler made a sensational save with about 5:30 expired in the 2nd period to thwart the Beavers early effort. The Beavers suffered a key loss when Defenseman Adam Baldwin was forced to leave the game due to injury. As the period wore on, Talawanda spread out their offense and moved the puck with long passes that stretched the Beaver's defense. Brave's Defensemen Matt Finch started a break-out in the Talawanda zone with a pass into neutral ice to Ben Hoover who penetrated the Beaver's zone with his brother, Drew. Ben made the pass to Drew who cut across the slot and put a wrist shot through Beaver net-minder Dann's five-hole to even the score with 5:04 remaining in the 2nd period. Talawanda was the offensive aggressor in the 2nd period, assisted by several Beavercreek penalties, out-shooting the Beavers 16-10. The 3rd period was full of end-to-end action as each team looked for the go-ahead score. Brave's Sophomore Allan Dowler was equal to the task in the Brave's net, thwarting a Beaver opportunity just 3 minutes into the period on a face-off blast. Beaver net-minder Dann stopped several 2-on-1 opportunities for the Braves. Credit should be given to the lone Beaver's defenseman for taking away the pass from the Braves on their odd-man rushes. The Braves out-shot Beavercreek 11-6 in the 3rd period. The energetic crowd braced for an 8-minute sudden death overtime. Beaver Goalie Dann stoned Brave Forward Jake Swanson on a breakaway 3:08 into the extra period. The Braves kept the pressure on and forced a Beaver penalty with 2:03 remaining in the overtime. The Braves called time out to set-up their power play. The time-out proved to be key as the Braves cycled the puck in the Beaver's zone. Swanson fed Ben Hoover who wound up from the point with a slapshot. Beaver Goalie Dann made the pad save but the puck rebounded just outside the crease on the left side. Brave defenseman Braden Park batted the loose puck between Dann and the near post for the winning score with 1:35 remaining in the overtime. Beaver Goalie Anthony Dann played outstanding in net stopping 39 of 41 shots on goal for the night. Talawanda net-minder Dowler was equally impressive stopping 24 of 25 shots on goal. The win earned Talawanda the SWOHSHL Tourney title and extended their record to 19-7-1. The Beavers record stands at 20-8-4. The teams head to the OHSAA Columbus District tournament in Columbus at the Dispatch Ice Haus. The number 2 seeded Beavers play Cincinnati Sycamore on Saturday, February 17 at 9:10 PM. Talawanda, the number 3 seed, opens play on Sunday, February 18 at 6:00 PM against the winner of the play-in game (Centerville vs. Columbus St Francis DeSales). A possible District Semifinal match-up looms in the future but the Beavers must first focus on Sycamore and then face a potentially tough second round match-up with Blue Jacket Cup winner Dublin Jerome.

Game Summary

	1st Period	2nd Period	3rd Period	1st OT	Total
Beavers	1	0	0	0	1
Braves	0	1	0	1	2

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

Period	Goal	1st Assist	2nd Assist
1	Huber	Mitch Green	

Goaltending Summary

	SOG	Saves	Save %
Dann	41	39	95.1
Braves	23	22	95.7

Beavers Wake Up, Fly High Over Aves In District Opener

The Battlin' Beavers faced-off against the Cincinnati Sycamore Aves in the first round of the Columbus District Tourney at the Nationwide Ice Haus in Columbus on Saturday, February 17 and came away with a 6-1 victory. The Beavers were able to win the opening face-off and penetrate the Sycamore zone but a hand-pass put the next face-off just outside the Beaver's blueline. The early momentum looked to be in the Beaver's favor especially when Sycamore was whistled for a "check from behind" that earned them a 2 and 10 penalty. The Beavers power play did not provide the expected result; rather, individual effort by Sycamore earned them shots on goal while the Beavers did not mount a credible threat. The Beavers were called for a penalty of their own with 8:22 remaining in the 1st period. The Sycamore power play mustered a shot off the initial face-off that Beaver's net-minder Anthony Dann handled with ease. Mike Murphy turned the rebound around to go coast-to-coast for a shot on goal. Aaron Huber worked hard on the fore-check to keep Sycamore off balance. Lee McClure was able to steal the puck and wrap-around the net for a shorthanded attempt that drained the remaining time on the Sycamore power play. The Beavers went back on the power play with 6:01 remaining in the 1st period. The Sycamore goalie made a nice save as the Beaver's power play looked to get the initial score. Sycamore managed a break-out, but Dann stopped the shorthanded attempt. Matt Green was able to get a shot on goal before the Beaver's power play expired. Sycamore was able to put a couple more shots on goal with about three minutes remaining that once again tested Dann's metal to no avail. Huber and Mitchel Green were able to make an offensive move down the ice, but Green's shot was blocked by the Aves net-minder. The Beavers spent the last two minutes of the 1st period shorthanded. Matt Green made a takeaway to stymie the early Aves effort. Huber made a big hit in the Ave's zone as Mike Murphy launched a shot that hit the post. The first period with the game knotted at zero. The Aves had out-shot the Beavers 10-9. Both teams made early offensive rushes in the 2nd period with the Beavers Matt Green getting a shot on goal. Beau Slater made an aggressive fore-check in the Sycamore zone that created a loose puck. Lee McClure picked up the puck at the top of the right face-off circle. McClure skated unchecked into the high slot and put a backhand wrist shot high over the goalie's blocker into the net that put the Beavers up 1-0 just 1:57 into the 2nd period. Slater was award the assist on the even-strength goal. The goal energized the Beavers and they continued to mount the pressure on the Ave's defense. A Sycamore penalty with 10:26 remaining in the period put the Beavers on the power play. After the Beavers won the initial face-off into the Sycamore zone, the Aves were able to gain control but a failed clearing attempt put the puck on McClure's stick. McClure skated down the slot, cut left around an Ave defender, faked a shot to draw the Ave net-minder out, went to his backhand and skated around the goalie, stick handled the puck to his forehand, and put the puck between the post and the goalie into the back of the net. The unassisted power play goal gave the Beavers a 2-0 lead with 10 minutes remaining in the 2nd period. The Beavers seemed to be in control of the game but Sycamore showed some offensive spark with a goal at 8:05 remaining to close within a goal at 2-1. The Beavers would answer back when Matt Green seized control of the puck in the Beaver's zone and hit McClure with a pass moving into the neutral zone. McClure penetrated deep into the Sycamore zone on the right side and sniped a snap-shot that beat the Ave's goalie over his glove and send the water bottle flying off the net. The even-strength goal, assisted by Matt Green, put the Beavers up 3-1 with 6:55 remaining. The Beavers would give Sycamore the opportunity to get back in the game with back-to-back penalties that provided the Aves with almost 4 minutes of power play time. Sycamore managed several shots including a 2-on-1, that Mitch Green assisted in breaking up, over the next 4 minutes but Beaver goalie Dann stopped them all. The Beavers managed several shorthanded attempts during this time. Sycamore managed two more good scoring chances before the period expired. Backed up by his defense, Dann rebuffed each of the Aves scoring chances. Dustin Seeger picked up the puck in the Beaver's zone and made a pass to McClure in the neutral zone. McClure and Mike Mazza skated into the Aves zone on a 2-on-1. McClure skated down the left side of the slot and setup on the goaltender as if to shoot, then made the pass to Mazza moving through the slot to the far post. Mazza directed the puck into the net behind the Aves goalie for the 4-1 Beaver lead with 50 seconds remaining in the 2nd period. The Beaver's offense powered their way to a 18-9 shots on goal advantage in the 2nd

period. Sycamore started fast in the 3rd period bringing the puck into the Beaver's zone but the defense played aggressively led by Dustin Seeger and Adam Baldwin. The defensemen jumped up on offense to make deep penetrations into the Sycamore zone that took away the Ave's momentum. The Beavers held the puck in the Sycamore zone when McClure passed to Mitchel Green at the point, Mitchel hit a hard slap shot that Matt Green, stationed in the slot, tipped up over the goalie and under the cross bar to put the Beavers up 5-1 just 1:35 into the 3rd period. Assists on the even-strength goal were awarded to Mitchel Green and McClure. The Beaver's 3rd line skated hard to keep the pressure on the Ave's defense and Seeger continued to buttress the defense with solid play. Ben Steinhauer pressured the Aves on the fore-check while a line change was in process. Murphy joined the fore-check to create a loose puck that Steinhauer picked up. Ben skated around the net and backhanded the puck past the Ave's goalie. The unassisted goal put the Beavers on top 6-1 with 10 minutes remaining in the game. The Beavers took a penalty with 7:19 remaining in the game to put the Aves on the power play. The Aves elected to take long shots from the point that Dann handled easily. Mitchel Green made a key clear as McClure and Matt Green dumped the puck deep in the Ave's zone to kill time on the penalty. Sycamore did close the shots on goal margin for the 3rd period as they were able to get rid of the puck from long distances before the Beaver's defensemen arrived, but Dann played consistently and stopped all of their attempts and let the defense clear the zone. Sycamore took back-to-back penalties with 2:38 and 1:56 remaining to give the Beavers a 5-on-3 advantage but the Beavers returned the favor with an inadvertent tripping penalty with 1:33 remaining. The Beavers finished the game with their 4th line forwards skating 4-on-4. The final shots on goal total went to the Beavers 41-32. Dann finished with a stellar 96.9 save percentage. Lee McClure had a 2nd period hat trick and two assists for five points.

Game Summary

	1 st Period	2 nd Period	3 rd Period	Total
Beavers	0	4	2	6
Aviators	0	1	0	1

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

Period	Goal	1 st Assist	2 nd Assist
2	McClure	Slater	
2	McClure		
2	McClure	Matt Green	
2	Mazza	McClure	Seeger
3	Matt Green	Mitch Green	McClure
3	Steinhauer		

Goaltending Summary

	SOG	Saves	Save %
Dann	32	31	96.9
Aviators	41	35	85.4

Beavers Shutdown Celtics To Earn District Semifinal Berth

The Beavers battled the Jerome Celtics on Saturday, January 24 in the Dispatch Ice Haus at Nationwide Arena. The teams had tied 2-2 in December at the Allgeyer Tourney and the losers season would be over so the rematch looked to provide spirited play. The Beavers came out strong in the first minute to get the first shot on goal but Jerome turned the tables to earn several shots over the next two minutes. The Beavers went back on the offensive to earn consecutive face-offs in the Jerome zone. The Beavers took a penalty 4:05 into the game that gave Jerome an early golden opportunity. The Creek penalty kill team of Lee McClure, Matt Green, Adam Baldwin, and Dustin Seeger blocked several shot attempts by Jerome early in the penalty kill. Anthony Dann made two nice saves and Seeger was able to get a key clear to allow Aaron Huber on the ice for the final 34 seconds. Huber seized control of the puck in the Creek zone and moved through neutral ice, then dumped the puck deep into the Celtic's zone. With the penalty kill complete, the Beavers should have been ready to go back on the offensive but Jerome thought otherwise. Over the next three minutes, the Celtics put pressure on the Beavers with good shots on goal. Creek goalie Dann rejected each of the Celtic shots. Beau Slater buttressed the third line play with two good clears. Defenseman Mitchel Green looked to spark the offensive when he stick-handled coast-to-coast and drew a roughing penalty on Jerome with 5:06 remaining in the 1st period. However, the Beaver's power play was never really able to create a significant threat on the Jerome net. The Creek third line of Slater, Ryan Mantia, and Josh Weideling played a quality shift late in the 1st period. The Celtics were whistled for a cross-checking penalty with 2:23 remaining in the stanza. The Creek power play showed some improvement with good puck movement that gave Mitchel Green a good shot from the point but the Jerome tender made the stop. The long rebound created a breakout for the Celtics that forced the Beavers to take a hooking penalty as the Celtic forward crossed the Beaver's blueline with 1:05 remaining in the 1st period. The teams played 4-on-4 for 42 seconds followed by a short Jerome power play. Neither team mounted a threat in the last minute of the opening period. Jerome held a clear shots on goal advantage of 13-5 but steady goaltending yielded a 0-0 score. The 2nd period began with 55 seconds left in the Jerome power play. The Green brothers, Mitchel and Matt, made two clears to drain time off the Jerome penalty. Dann continued to reject Jerome shots on goal with two good saves. The Creek defense again looked to spark the offense and this time Dustin Seeger provided the effort as he moved through neutral ice into the Jerome zone to unleash a slapshot on the Jerome net. The Celtics picked up the rebound and moved the puck out of their zone into Creek territory. The Celtics were able to get two good shots off but Dann controlled each of them. Creek forwards Mike Murphy and Ben Steinhauer managed a good offensive rush to pressure the Celtic net-minder. The game resembled a tennis match as the puck flowed from end-to-end. Looking to break the trend, Lee McClure loitered at center ice when the Creek defense controlled the puck in the Beaver's zone. Mitchel Green hit McClure with the pass at center ice and McClure broke past the defensemen into the Jerome zone. McClure deked to his forehand to draw the goalie to the left post, then stick handled to his backhand, and slipped the puck through the goalie's five hole for the go ahead goal with 4:03 expired in the 2nd period. The even-strength goal, assisted by Mitchel Green, gave the Beavers the 1-0 lead. The Celtics did not fold their tent after the goal, in fact, they came right back into the Creek zone forcing the Beavers to take an icing call. Creek was able to stop Jerome's offensive momentum with a good save by Dann followed by good defensive play from Adam Baldwin. The teams traded shots on goal leading up to a Creek interference penalty with 5:08 remaining in the 2nd period. The Jerome power play went right to work getting a shot on goal off the face-off. The Creek penalty kill went to work with Aaron Huber blocking a shot, then clearing the puck. The next Jerome rush was thwarted when Seeger cleared the puck. Huber played aggressively on the fore-check to force Jerome to dump the puck into the Beaver zone as they crossed center ice. Seeger hustled to the puck to get his second clear of the kill. Huber held up the Jerome efforts with more fore-checking to kill the remaining penalty time. Baldwin continued to defend the zone well and Huber supplied the fore-checking with two big hits in the Jerome zone during the final minute of the 2nd period. Jerome had again out-shot Creek 12-9 and 25-14 overall but Creek net-minder Dann had not allowed the Celtics to reach the twine. Jerome came out flying in the 3rd period but the Beaver defense stiffened to

clear their early offensive rushes. Jerome pressured Creek and just missed on a good scoring chance from just outside the crease. The pressure forced a Creek penalty with 12:29 remaining in the game. Matt Green made a clear early in the penalty kill. Creek Goalie Dann made a big save when a Celtic came loose in the slot at point blank range and drilled a shot right on the numbers. The Beavers took a cross-checking penalty with 10:54 remaining to give Jerome a 25 second 5-on-3 followed by a power play. Huber won the ensuing face-off and McClure made the clear to kill off most of the 5-on-3. A Jerome crease violation moved the next face-off outside the Creek zone to effectively kill off the 5-on-3. The Beavers offense came alive when Seeger started a break-out with a pass to Murphy who put the puck on Huber's stick in the Jerome zone. Huber, looking for his 100th career point, sent a snap-shot into the post. Steinhauer tracked the rebound down to hold the puck in the Jerome zone and force a Celtic icing. McClure won the ensuing face-off and immediately put a shot on goal. Steinhauer and Murphy combined to keep the offensive threat alive and force another Jerome icing call. McClure won his third consecutive face-off, this time setting the shot up for Matt Green. With five minutes left in the game, Jerome made a 2-on-2 breakout that allowed a good shot from the slot but Dann gloved the puck. The Huber-Steinhauer-Murphy line combined to create another good scoring chance for Huber. With just under three minutes left, the Huber line came back out with the face-off in the Jerome zone. Huber won the face-off and put the puck on goal. A flurry ensued in front of the net with Murphy and Huber fighting for the shot. The Creek fans went wild when the red lamp went on to signal the second Creek goal. Huber was awarded the goal, his 100th career point, and Murphy earned the assist. The Beavers had their insurance goal with 2:48 remaining in the game. McClure continued the aggressive play by the Beavers with a penetration into the Celtic zone. Mitchel Green played solid defense but the referees sought to give Jerome one last chance when they called Creek for two minor penalties with 1:09 remaining in the game. Jerome called time-out to setup their power play. When Jerome came out of the time out, they had pulled their goalie for a 6-on-4 advantage. Jerome managed a shot early in the power play but Dann made another glove save. Murphy and Huber played an aggressive final minute to keep Jerome in check. Huber made the final clear to seal the victory. Despite being out shot in the 3rd period 13-7, the Beavers had the lone goal. The news of the 2-0 win sent the rumor mill into action that the Beavers good luck charm, Chic, would be in the house for the District finals if the Beavers could beat SWOHSHL foe Talawanda in Sunday's District semifinal. Beaver goalie Anthony Dann played outstanding in goal to earn the shut-out. Aaron Huber took home a game puck in honor of his 100th career point and outstanding play overall.

Game Summary

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

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

Period	Goal	1 st Assist	2 nd Assist
2	McClure	Mitch Green	
3	Huber	Murphy	

Goaltending Summary

	SOG	Saves	Save %
Dann	38	38	100
Celtics	21	19	90.5

Brave's Attack Chops Beavers in District Semifinal

The Beavers faced-off with the Oxford-Talawanda Braves for their District Semifinal match-up at the Dispatch Ice Haus in Columbus on Saturday, February 25. The Braves came out fast to score the first goal just 61 seconds into the game. A Brave forward popped the puck up and over from behind the net to put the puck in the slot. A good hit from a Tally forward kept the puck from being cleared and a Brave forward jumped on the puck and buried it high into the net over Creek Goalie Anthony Dann. Talawanda took a hooking penalty 4:48 into the 1st period to give the Beavers an opportunity to even up the score. However, the Braves fore-checking stymied the Beaver's power play. Mike Murphy and Matt Green did manage to get the puck deep into the Brave's zone but it was cleared in short order by the Braves defense. After Mitchell Green dumped the puck into the Tally zone, Aaron Huber chased it down and put a shot on goal. Ben Steinhauer worked hard in front to get the rebound but the Braves were able to get control. Mantia won a face-off in the Tally zone and Slater put a shot on goal but the Brave net-minder gloved it. After the ensuing face-off, Adam Baldwin held the puck at the blueline and Lee McClure picked up the loose puck, skated across the slot to put the shot between the pipes but the Brave goalie was true to the task. Talawanda responded with some pressure of their own over the final five minutes of the 1st period. Beaver Goalie Dann stopped a point blank shot launched from the left side. The score after one period was 1-0 with Talawanda out-shooting the Beavers 15-12. Talawanda's offense came out strong in the 2nd period putting early pressure on the Beaver's defense. Beaver net-minder Dann made two early saves and Mitchel Green made a good play to clear the puck. A hooking penalty on the Beavers 1:45 into the 2nd period put Talawanda on the power play. With the penalty cleared and the face-off in the Talawanda zone, the Beavers were looking for a score but the Braves had a different idea. A well-executed break-out play allowed the Braves to penetrate the Beaver zone with speed. The Brave forward was able to cut across the slot untouched and backhand the puck between the post and pads to put Talawanda up 2-0 with 10:38 remaining in the 2nd period. The Beavers responded with a modest bit of offense that allowed Mike Mazza to get a shot on goal. Seeger made a good defensive play in the middle of the second to break-up a 2-on-2 push by the Braves. The Beavers took a cross-checking penalty with 6:32 remaining in the 2nd period. Mitchel Green and Huber made clears early in the penalty kill to keep the Braves attack at bay. Matt Green chipped in a good fore-check and a clear of his own. Ben Steinhauer and Mike Murphy joined the fore-check late in the penalty kill and Mitchel Green made the final clear. Mazza and McClure combined to create some excitement in front of the Tally net but McClure's blind, backhanded shot bounced off the near post and play was stopped when coincidental minor penalties were called. Talawanda went up 3-0 with 1:43 remaining when the Hoover brothers combined to beat the Beaver defense with a pass from behind the net into the slot that was one-timed into the Beaver net. The Beavers would answer back about one minute later to get their first goal of the game. Huber won a face-off in the Tally zone over to Matt Green along the left boards. Green cycled the puck up to McClure as he moved in from the left point. McClure beat the Braves defense as he skated across the slot, deked the goalie to his knees, and put the wrist shot over the goalie's shoulder on stick side. The goal allowed the Beavers to draw to within 3-1 with 31 seconds left and carry momentum into the 2nd period as the Braves were called for unsportsmanlike conduct after the goal. The penalty call created some controversy on the Creek side as Coach and fans lobbied for a stiffer penalty since the slashing occurred well after the whistle and away from the play as McClure circled around to celebrate the goal with his teammates. Nonetheless, Creek was on the board and on the power play. Shots on goal in the 2nd period favored Talawanda again 14-

11. The Beavers started the 3rd period with a 1:28 power play. Creek gained control of the face-off when Huber won it over to Murphy who hit Matt Green in the neutral zone. Green passed to Huber as they charged into the Tally zone and Huber was able to get an early shot on goal that the Tally net-minder gloved. The Beavers continued to pressure the Braves in their zone. The emotions ran high when physical play from the Braves went uncalled but the Beavers were called for a slashing penalty that killed their momentum early in the 3rd period. Beaver Goalie Dann continued to make the saves to keep the Beavers in the game as the Braves peppered him with shots over the next six minutes. The pressure would pay-off for the Braves when a defenseman made a good play at the blueline to hold the puck in the zone. The Braves picked up the loose puck and made a pass to an open Brave who scored on a slap shot from the right circle with 7:01 remaining in the game to extend the Tally lead to 4-1. Approximately one minute later, a Tally forward snuck behind the Beaver defense for a breakaway that gave them their final goal. The Brave deked to his backhand to put the puck between the pads and the post for the goal with 6:07 remaining in the game and a 5-1 lead. The Beavers did not give up and forced Talawanda into a holding penalty with 5:45 remaining. A good hold by Mitchel Green at the blueline enabled his brother, Matt Green, to get a shot on goal but the Tally net-minder gloved the puck. Creek Coach Tramonte called time-out to set-up the power play and offer words of encouragement to his beleaguered team. The inspiration proved itself when good puck movement found Mitchel Green at the top of the slot. Green hit a blazing slap shot that powered its way through a Brave forward laying across the high slot and continued through traffic in front of the crease under the Brave goalie into the net. The power play goal, assisted by Murphy and Huber, earned Green his 99th career point and drew the Beavers within 5-2 with 4:14 remaining. The Beavers continued with more scoring chances but the Braves were content to drain the remaining time off the clock. Coach Tramonte showed class by putting five seniors – Aaron Huber, Ryan Mantia, Mike Murphy, Dustin Seeger, and Mitchel Green on the ice for the closing shift to finish their fine careers. Shots on goal for the game favored the Braves 40-34.

Game Summary

	1st Period	2nd Period	3rd Period	Total
Beavers	0	1	1	2
Braves	1	2	2	5

Beavercreek Scoring Summary

Period	Goal	1st Assist	2nd Assist
2	McClure	Matt Green	
3	Mitch Green	Huber	Murphy

Goaltending Summary

	SOG	Saves	Save %
Dann	40	35	87.5
Braves	34	32	94.1