

2007-2008 Creek Hockey Game Recaps

| Game Number | Opponent | Date | Location | Result |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|----------|
| 1 | Springboro | Nov. 23, 2007 | Kettering Rec. (Frozen Creek) | W 6-1 |
| 2 | Athens | Nov. 23, 2007 | Kettering Rec. (Frozen Creek) | L 2-4 |
| 3 | Oakville | Nov. 24, 2007 | Kettering Rec. (Frozen Creek) | L 0-5 |
| 4 | Troy | Nov. 25, 2007 | Kettering Rec. (Frozen Creek) | L 3-4 |
| 5 | Whitmer | Dec. 1, 2007 | Toledo Ice House | L 1-3 |
| 6 | Start | Dec. 2, 2007 | Toledo Ice House | W 7-4 |
| 7 | HSE "C" | Dec. 8, 2007 | Louisville Iceland | W 6-0 |
| 8 | Trinity | Dec. 9, 2007 | Louisville Iceland | T 4-4 |
| 9 | Coffman | Dec. 14, 2007 | Chiller North | L 1-6 |
| 10 | Maumee | Dec 15, 2007 | Dublin Chiller | L 2-3 SO |
| 11 | Gahanna | Sunday, Dec 16 | Dublin Chiller 2 | Lost 1-4 |
| 12 | Alter | Thursday, Dec 20 | South Metro | Lost 2-4 |
| 13 | Sycamore | Friday, Dec 21 | KRC | Lost 0-3 |
| 14 | St. Xavier | Saturday, Dec 22 | KRC | Lost 1-3 |
| 15 | Springboro | Friday, Dec. 28 | KRC | Lost 1-4 |
| 16 | Troy | Saturday, Dec 29 | KRC | Tie 2-2 |
| 17 | Centerville | Sunday, Dec 30 | KRC | Won 5-2 |
| 18 | Lexington Catholic | Friday, Jan 4, 2008 | KRC | Won 4-1 |
| 19 | Trinity | Saturday, Jan 5, 2008 | KRC | Won 4-3 |
| 20 | Talawanda | Friday, Jan 11, 2008 | Oxford - Miami University | L 0-5 |
| 21 | Troy | Sa., Jan 12, 2008 | Hobart Arena | W 2-0 |
| 22 | Gahanna | Friday, Jan 18, 2008 | Strongsville- Ehrnfelt Tourney | L 2-4 |
| 23 | Maumee | Sat. , Jan 19, 2008 | Strongsville- Ehrnfelt Tourney | L 1-3 |
| 24 | Olentangy Liberty | Sunday, Jan 20, 2008 | Strongsville- Ehrnfelt Tourney | W 3-2 |
| 25 | Upper Arlington | Monday, Jan 21, 2008 | Strongsville- Ehrnfelt Tourney | T 3-3 |
| 26 | Alter | Friday, Jan 25, 2008 | KRC | W 5-4 |
| 27 | Moeller | Sat., Jan 26, 2008 | KRC | L 1-2 |
| 28 | Springboro | Friday, February 1 | South Metro | W 6-0 |
| 29 | Centerville | Saturday, February 2 | South Metro | L 3-6 |
| 30 | Alter (SWOHSHL Tourney) | Thursday, February 8 | South Metro | L 3-6 |
| 31 | Dublin Coffman (District Tourney) | Sat., February 16 | Dispatch Ice Haus | L 0-3 |

Mazza Hat Trick Powers Creek of Springboro

Beavercreek opened their Regular Season at the Kettering Recreation Center on November 23, 2007 against Springboro in the Opening Round of the 11th Annual Frozen Creek Invitational Hockey Tournament. Creek struck first blood 3 minutes thirty-six seconds into the game when Sean Denny hit a slapshot from the top of the face-off circle that beat the Panther netminder low on the stick side. Good work in the offensive side by Mike Mazza earned him the assist on the goal. The Beavers Penalty Kill metal was tested shortly after the goal when a hooking penalty put them a man down. Matt Green and Adam Baldwin proved true to the task by providing key clears. Green and Kyle Stout combined to get a good short-handed scoring chance. Just after the successful penalty kill, Beau Slater hit Mazza with a pass in the offensive zone. Mazza hit a wrist shot from the face-off dot that found the back of the Panther net to put Creek up 2-0 with 6:38 expired in the 1st Period. Springboro attempted to get back in the game, but Denny provide some good defense to stymie their attack and Stout showed some physical play to keep the Panthers off balance. Late in the 1st period, Stout hustled to a loose puck in the Springboro zone and sent it back out to Baldwin at the point. Baldwin hit a slapshot the Green tipped into the Panther net to give the Beavers a 3-0 lead 11:55 into the 1st. On the ensuing face-off the Beavers were able to control the puck and get it into the Springboro zone. Tony Pugnale picked the puck off the boards and centered as pass to Mazza at the left side of the net. Mazza one-timed the pass between the Panther netminder's pads and the pat for the 4-0 lead with 2:55 remaining in the 1st. The Beavers out-shot the Panthers 8-6 in the 1st period. An early penalty by Creek put the Panthers on the Power Play just fifty-one seconds into the 2nd period. An offside and a clear by Baldwin kept Springboro at bay initially, but they were able to penetrate the Creek zone and setup a successful screen in front of the Creek net. A slapshot from the point gave Springboro a goal one minute forty-one seconds into the second period. Just twenty-seven seconds later Creek would commit another penalty to put the Panthers back on the Power Play. Creek Netminder Anthony Dann made two nice saves to fend off the Springboro attack. After the successful penalty kill, the Creek offense went back to work in the Panther zone. Stout earned his second assist of the game by digging the puck out deep in the zone and feeding Baldwin at the point twice. Baldwin found the twine on the second slapshot from the point to put the Beavers up 5-1 with 5:48 expired in the 2nd Period. Springboro gave the Beavers a golden opportunity to win the period when they took a tripping penalty to put Creek on the Power Play. The Panthers turned the tables on Creek with a good shorthanded scoring chanced the Creek Goalie Dann turned away. The Creek Power Play managed some good puck movement in the Panther zone but did not connect. The Power Play was cut short by a Creek Penalty with 6:08 remaining in the 2nd. After a short 4 on 4, the Panthers went on the Power Play. Dann made a good save and Pavi Kullar provided a key clear to kill the penalty. Stout and Baldwin tried to renew their connection late in the period, but could not find pay-dirt. Dann made three late period saves to keep the Panther scorers on ice. The Creek offense fell victim to two offside calls that stopped offensive rushes in their tracks. The Panthers out-shot Creek 10-5 in the 2nd Period, but steady Goaltending by Dann enabled Creek to take a 5-1 lead into the locker room. Creek started aggressively in the 3rd Period but the anxiousness led to a Too Many Men penalty just eight seconds into the third period. Dann continued his excellent play in net and Creek was able to clear the puck out of the zone several times. Late in the Penalty Kill Mazza chased down one the clears behind the Panther net and backhanded the puck looking for Slater in front of the net. The Panther goalie and a defenseman tied each other up at the edge of the crease and allowed the puck to carom off them into the net. Credit Mazza with the hustle play to earn an unassisted goal and the hat trick two minutes fifty-four seconds into the 3rd period. Forty seconds later Creek put the Panthers back on the Power Play with a hooking penalty. Mazza had

a shorthanded breakaway that the Panther goalie made a nice save to thwart. Baldwin and Kullar provided key defensive plays to clear the puck and Dann made several saves to kill the penalty. Five consecutive face-offs in the Beaver zone provided the Panthers with opportunities to get back in the game but Creek Netminder Dann continued to turn away their scoring attempts. About half way through the 3rd Period the Creek offense showed some spark and controlled the puck for about two minutes, but could not score. Two Springboro penalties in the final four minutes eliminated any chance the Panthers would have of mounting any serious offense. Mazza and Slater had good scoring chances late in the 3rd period for Creek. Third period shots on goal were even at nine. Totals for the game were Springboro 25 and Creek 22. Despite being out-shot, Creek dominated the scoring for a 6-1 win. More importantly, they took 4 1/2 out of 5 tournament points.

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| | <u>1st Period</u> | <u>2nd Period</u> | <u>3rd Period</u> | <u>Total</u> | |
| Creek | 4 | 1 | 1 | 6 | |
| Springboro | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | |
| Beavercreek Scoring Summary | | | | | |
| <u>Period</u> | <u>Goal</u> | <u>1st Assist</u> | <u>2nd Assist</u> | | |
| 1 | Denny | Mazza | | Even | |
| 1 | Mazza | Slater | | Even | |
| 1 | Green | Baldwin | Stout | Even | |
| 1 | Mazza | Pugnale | | Even | |
| 2 | Baldwin | Stout | | Even | |
| 3 | Mazza | Slater | | Even | |
| Goaltending Summary | | | | | |
| | <u>SOG</u> | <u>Saves</u> | <u>Save %</u> | | |
| Dann | 25 | 24 | 96.0 | | |
| Springboro | 22 | 16 | 72.7 | | |

Big 2nd Period Nets Bobcats Win Over Creek

The second round of the Frozen Creek Tournament pitted the Beavercreek Beavers against the Athens Bobcats for a Friday Evening, November 23, 2007 contest. The Bobcat offense started strong earning consecutive face-offs in the Beaver zone. Creek Netminder Eddie Davis made three solid saves in the first two minutes of action. After an icing call put another face-off in the Beaver zone, Creek spring to life. Matt Green won the face-off over to Kyle Stout on the wing. Stout skated the puck out of the Beaver zone and hit Green streaking across center ice with a pass. Green penetrated the Athens zone and sniped the Bobcat goalie high on the glove side to put the Beavers up 1-0 two minutes thirty-two seconds into the contest. Thirty seconds later a Beaver holding penalty would give Athens a chance to even the game. Stout and Beau Slater provided good clears during the penalty clear and Ben Steinhauer showed some physical play with a big hit. The Athens Power Play expired without a significant threat. Mike Mazza forced a turnover in the Athens zone that resulted in a good scoring opportunity. The effort led to a Bobcat crosschecking penalty with seven minutes fourteen seconds expired in the first period. Unfortunately, the Creek Power Play was unable to get organized and establish any serious threat. Another Bobcat penalty at 9:05 of the 1st period gave Creek a ten second 5 on 3 and extended the Power Play deep into the 1st period. Despite the extended man advantage, the Creek Power Play resembled a power outage. After killing the penalties, Athens penetrated the Creek zone several times late in the 1st. Creek Netminder Davis sealed the period win by keeping the net clear of Bobcat pucks. Athens out-shot Beavercreek 8-4 in the 1st. The Bobcats took control of the opening face-off in the 2nd period, marched into the Beaver zone, and promptly scored in just twelve seconds. The goal came after Davis made the initial save but was unable to cover the rebound. Athens continued to pressure the Beavers, but Creek Goalie Davis was able to thwart a 2 on 1 rush with a save. Creek was able to muster some modest offense when the 1st line penetrated the Bobcats zone. Consecutive icing calls on Athens allowed Matt Green to get a good shot on goal but could not find the back of the Bobcat net. Creek thwarted another 2 on 1 rush with good defense from Adam Baldwin and a save by Davis. The 2nd line turned the tables on Athens with three consecutive shots, but again, the Bobcat Netminder rejected all of them. At seven minutes fifteen seconds expired in the 2nd, a costly mental mistake resulted in the second Athens goal. A Creek Defenseman made an ill-advised pass into the slot that was intercepted by a Bobcat and drilled deep into the Creek net to put Athens up 2-1. Just twenty-five seconds later, a second mistake in the slot would give Athens their third goal of the period. Bobcat fore-checking resulted in a turnover and a shot from the slot that put Athens up 3-1 with 7:40 expired in the 2nd. Creek survived a close call when Davis rejected several shots with a flurry of activity in his crease. Back to back Athens penalties at 9:28 and 10:22 gave Creek a 5 on 3 Power Play for 67 seconds. A Power Outage ensued as Creek was unable to generate any sort of scoring opportunity in the 5 on 3 or the ensuing man-up advantage. Two simultaneous Creek Penalties with one minute thirty five seconds remaining gave Athens a 5 on 3 of their own. The Creek Penalty Kill team had some initial success when Davis made the save and Green cleared the rebound, but Athens kept the pressure with a good break-out into the Creek zone. After some good puck movement, the Bobcats put the puck on net and Davis made the initial save, but the Athens attackers crashed the net and jammed one of the rebounds past the Creek goalie with thirty-six seconds remaining in the 2nd. Athens four unanswered goals allowed them to take a 4-1 lead into the locker room. The Bobcat offensive attack out-shot Creek 17-4 in the 2nd period. The third period opened with Athens on a short twenty-five second power play. Creek was able to kill the penalty, but Athens continued to put pressure on the Creek defenders during the first eight minutes of the third period. An Athens penalty with 8:12 expired in the 3rd gave Creek a great opportunity to get back in the game. The Creek

Power Play showed some organization with good puck movement, but was not able to convert the rotation into shots on goal. After killing the penalty, the Athens offense sprung to life over the next several minutes but Creek netminder Davis rejected their scoring chances. A Creek penalty with 2:59 remaining put Athens on the Power Play. Davis made two consecutive saves off face-offs. Aggressive play by the Creek Penalty Kill team forced the Bobcats to take a interference penalty with 1:25 remaining in the game. A twenty-seven second 4 on 4 yielded resulted in a lot of back and forth but not scoring opportunities. With thirty-three seconds remaining and Creek on the Power Play, Mike Mazza grabbed the puck and skated into the Bobcat zone. Mazza cut across the slot and backhanded the puck into the Bobcat net to close the margin. The game ended with Athens up 4-2 an out-shooting the Beavers 37-11.

| Game Summary | | | | | |
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| | <u>1st Period</u> | <u>2nd Period</u> | <u>3rd Period</u> | <u>Total</u> | |
| Athens | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 | |
| Creek | 1 | 4 | 1 | 2 | |
| Beavercreek Scoring Summary | | | | | |
| <u>Period</u> | <u>Goal</u> | <u>1st Assist</u> | <u>2nd Assist</u> | | |
| 1 | Green | Stout | | Even | |
| 3 | Mazza | | | Power Play | |
| Goaltending Summary | | | | | |
| | <u>SOG</u> | <u>Saves</u> | <u>Save %</u> | | |
| Athens | 11 | 9 | 81.8 | | |
| Davis | 37 | 33 | 89.2 | | |

Oakville Turns Up The Heat In 3rd To Seal Victory

The third round of the Frozen Creek Tournament afforded the Beaver Creek Beavers the opportunity to play the Oakville Trafalgar Red Devils from Ontario, Canada. The first several minutes were spent in the Creek zone with Creek netminder Dann recording the first save. Consecutive Oakville penalties at 2:50 and 3:44 gave Creek a golden opportunity with a sixty-six second 5 on 3. The Oakville Penalty Kill responded with consecutive clears that bled off the remainder of the first penalty. Some good puck movement from Josh Weideling to Matt Green freed up Adam Baldwin for a shot from the point, but the Red Devil goalie was able to make the save. A clear off the ensuing face-off ended the Creek Power Play. With the return to full strength, the Oakville offense went to work. Creek managed to ice the puck while netminder Dann staved off several good shots from Red Devil attackers over three minutes in the middle of the 1st period. The Creek Offense would turn the table on Oakville about eight minutes into the 1st when Beau Slater, Ben Steinhauer, and Mike Mazza would make a good rush down the ice into the Red Devil zone. After a line change Kyle Cochran's hard work enabled him to feed Sean Denny at the blueline for a shot. The Oakville netminder turned the attempt away and the Red Devils broke out of their zone. Another Creek line change put fresh legs on the ice. Kyle Stout moved the puck out of the zone onto the tape of Weideling's stick. Weideling put a shot on goal that forced the Oakville netminder to cover the puck. Creek was able to control the next face-off and get the puck out to Denny at the blueline. His long shot was mishandled by the Oakville goalie, but no Creek attacker was near the net to scoop up the rebound. An Oakville interference penalty with twenty-seven seconds left in the period gave Creek a late power play but the Beavers were unable to find the net. The score was knotted 0-0 after the 1st with Oakville holding a 10-6 shot on goal advantage. Creek opened the 2nd on the power play, but did not muster much of an attack. Another Oakville penalty just one minute thirty-three seconds into the 2nd would extend the Creek power play. Oakville sprung free into the Beaver zone, but Zack Noble provided good defense that resulted in a weak shorthanded attempt. A Beaver hooking penalty 2:34 into the 2nd, ended the Creek power play to setup a fifty-six second 4 on 4 followed by an Oakville power play. The next four minutes was all Red Devil offense. Creek netminder Dann recorded at least seven saves during the onslaught. A second Creek penalty, after the first expired, extended the Oakville power play. Despite excellent puck movement on their power play, the Red Devils were unable to get the puck past Dann. Pavi Kullar made a good poke check to stymie the Red Devil attack. After successful back to back penalty kills, Creek managed a 2 on 1 when Brandon Sheffer moved the puck Green who moved into the Oakville zone with Stout. Green's pass to Stout was a little too hot to handle, but their rush earned Creek a face-off in the Oakville zone. Steinhauer and Mazza combined to get a good scoring attempt that rebounded off the Oakville goalie but was soon covered. Oakville won the next face-off and broke-out of the zone. A Red Devil attacked cut unchecked across the slot and hit a backhand shot high on the stick side into the Creek net to Oakville a 1-0 lead 8:21 into the 2nd period. The goal sparked the Oakville offense, but Dann recovered and made several saves over the next three minutes. The Red Devil momentum was killed with they were whistled for interference with 3:18 remaining, then at 2:44 remaining for hooking. The penalties set Creek up with a one minute forty-nine second 5 on 3. After an initial clear by the Red Devils, Creek was able to setup in the Oakville zone and get long shots from the point by Denny and Adam Baldwin. Both were rejected and the rebounds were cleared away from the net by Oakville defenders. A Creek slashing penalty ended the 5 on 3. The balance of the 2nd was played 4 on 4 with neither team mounting a threat. Creek had to feel good going into the locker room having been out shot 13-3 in the 2nd, but being down only 1-0. Oakville started the 3rd on a one minute thirteen second power play. The Red Devils took the game straight to the Beavers who had yet to get their legs

back under them after returning from the locker room. Creek managed to kill the penalty, but Oakville was still in the zone hammering the puck at netminder Dann. After several rebounds were left in front of the net, the Red Devils finally managed to convert for the 2-0 lead just 1:36 into the 3rd period. Creek showed some spark over the next three minutes. Mazza made a good play to hold the puck in the Oakville zone. Slater and Steinhauer followed his lead with some aggressive play. Stout made a 1 on1 rush into the Oakville zone. Unfortunately, Creek could not convert any of these opportunities into goals. Oakville turned the puck around with a long pass out to center ice to hit a streaking attacker. The Red Devil forward shredded the Creek Defense to get a clear breakaway and with some nice stickhandling put the puck into the Creek net for the 3-0 lead with eight minutes expired in the 3rd. The Red Devils kept the pressure on, but Pavi Kullar played solid defense to take away a 2 on 1 less than a minute later. Oakville kept on coming and their aggressive play paid off again when an attacker came free in close and sniped a shot high into the net for a 4-0 lead with 4:54 remaining in the 3rd. The only answer the Beavers had was to ice the puck and rely on netminder Dann to make saves on consecutive scoring attempts by the Red Devils. Good puck movement and an effective screen in front of the net allowed a slap shot from the high slot to find the back of the Creek net to put Oakville up 5-0 with 2:22 remaining. Kullar managed a long shot on goal from outside the blueline to keep the Oakville netminder honest, but the Creek offense was unable to solve the Red Devil defense. Shots on goal went to Oakville by a huge 37-11 margin.

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| | <u>1st Period</u> | <u>2nd Period</u> | <u>3rd Period</u> | <u>Total</u> | |
| Oakville | 0 | 1 | 4 | 5 | |
| Creek | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Beavercreek Scoring Summary | | | | | |
| <u>Period</u> | <u>Goal</u> | <u>1st Assist</u> | <u>2nd Assist</u> | | |
| None | | | | | |
| Goaltending Summary | | | | | |
| | <u>SOG</u> | <u>Saves</u> | <u>Save %</u> | | |
| Oakville | 11 | 11 | 100.0 | | |
| Dann | 37 | 32 | 86.5 | | |

Seesaw Battle Ends in Troy Favor

Beavercreek found themselves in the Fifth Place Consolation Game by virtue of losing the tiebreaker to Athens on head-to-head competition. The game would pit Creek against a familiar SWOHSHL foe Troy for the early Sunday morning battle. Troy waster no time penetrating the Creek zone and getting a shot on goal from the point that Creek Netminder Eddie Davis turned away. Creek managed to turn the puck around after the face-off and get an opportunity of their own in the Troy zone. The action went back and forth for the first half of the 1st period. A Troy penalty at 6:22 of the 1st put Creek on the power play. Pavi Kullar and Mike Mazza put shots on goal during the power play, but could not convert into goals. Just after the power play expired, Troy missed a golden scoring opportunity when Davis stoned a Trojan attacker on a breakaway. A second Troy penalty at 8:59 of the 2nd put the Beavers back on the power play.

Unfortunately, Creek was unable to get the offense going and the man advantage was ultimately cut short by a Creek penalty for holding. When the Troy penalty expired, Creek was forced into penalty kill mode and netminder Davis responded with a nice save. A Beaver slashing penalty at 11:43 provided Troy with a fifty-four second 5 on 3. Creek made a clear off the initial face-off to buy some time. Troy penetrated the Creek zone with a 1 on 1, but Davis turned away the shot. Sean Denny made a good clear to kill time off the 5 on 4 advantage. Following the clear, Troy was able to setup in the Creek zone and move the puck around with a well organized power play. Davis made a fine save after a Troy attacker received the puck right in front of his crease. The Creek offense had one good rush stymied by offsides. Creek netminder Davis made two saves in the final ten seconds to hold the game scoreless after the 1st. Troy maintained a lopsided shots on goal advantage of 12-2 after the 1st. An early 2nd period breakaway by a Creek forward was stoned by the Troy netminder. The attempt gave Creek the early 2nd period momentum, but they were not able to mount a credible scoring threat. Troy regained their composure to keep the game on a even ground. The back and forth play continued until about ten minutes left in the 2nd. Troy penetrated the Creek zone with a 2 on 1 and converted when a good pass allowed the 2nd Troy attacker to put the puck into the Creek net high on the stick side with 5:05 expired in the 2nd. Creek stepped up the physical play when Denny made big check to thwart the a Trojan attacker. Jacob Stone and Kyle Stout combined to work the puck to get Creek a scoring opportunity. Stone hit a slapshot from the high slot that the Troy netminder was bale to control. Troy had some good opportunities of their own. A breakaway was thwarted when Davis covered just enough of the net and forced the Troy attacker to hit the post on the shot. A Troy 1 on 1 was broken up with good defense by Denny. With about six minutes remaining in the 2nd, Adam Baldwin and Kyle Cochran were able to move the puck into the Troy zone and get a shot on goal. Troy turned the save back around to get a shot on goal of the own. Matt Green won the ensuing face-off and Kullar started a successful break-out play. Kyle Stout put the shot on goal that the Troy goalie did not cover. Green put the rebound high into the Troy net on the stick side to tie the game 1-1 with 4:19 remaining in the 2nd period. Credit Stout and Kullar with assists on the even strength goal. The goal did not faze Troy as their offense went to work forcing Davis to make several saves over the next three minutes. The pressure would pay off when a Troy attacker penetrated the Creek zone 1 on 1, cut across the slot, and sent a backhand low between the pads and the post to give Troy a 2-1 lead with just seventeen seconds left in the 2nd. Creek managed to narrow the shots on goal margin in the 2nd, but were still out-shot 12-10 by Troy in the 2nd period. The Creek offense seemed to start fast in the 3rd period by getting the first shot on goal within the first minute. A Troy penalty with 1:41 expired gave Creek a power play. The Creek attack had some trouble getting started but was eventually able to get a face-off in the Troy zone with fifty-nine seconds remaining in the power play. Mazza won the face-off and Kullar held the puck in the Creek zone. Kullar made the pass to his defensive partner Sean

Denny who hit the slapshot from the point. Mazza and Beau Slater provided a screen in front of the net that allowed Ben Steinhauer to put the rebound low inside the post on the glove side to even the game at 2-2 with 2:50 expired in the 3rd. Credit the power play goal to Steinhauer from Denny and Kullar. Creek kept the pressure on Troy when Mazza supplied a big hit on a Troy defender. The Mazza-Slater-Steinhauer line was able to get a good shot. The 1st line of Green-Stout-Weideling followed up with a good shift of their own and a scoring opportunity. A 2nd line returned to the ice with a 3 on2 rush into the Troy zone. This time Slater converted the Steinhauer pass into the go ahead goal to put Creek up 3-2 with 5:54 remaining in the game. The euphoria was short-lived. Creek dodged the initial bullet when an apparent Troy goal was waived off as the Troy attackers pounced on the loose puck in front of the Creek net with 5:19 remaining. Troy kept the pressure on and converted a rebound into the game tying goal with 4:51 remaining. Creek was able to get a scoring opportunity when Denny held the puck in the Troy zone and Weideling made he pass to Green. Kullar was able to get a shot on goal. Troy sprung to life with a 2 on 1 during a line change. Adam Baldwin provided the defense to force the Troy attack away from the crease, but the Troy forward was able to put a backhander on net. Creek netminder Davis made a sprawling dive back across the crease to cover the puck before it reached the goal line. It looked as though Creek had avoided disaster. However, they were unable to control the ensuing face-off. A Troy forward cut across the slot and hit his winger with a pass charging the net from behind. The Troy winger one-timed the puck over the glove inside the post to put Troy up 4-3 with 2:43 remaining. Two good scoring attempts by Creek in the final ninety seconds were rejected by the Troy goalie earning his team the win and the 5th Place in the Frozen Creek Tournament. 3rd period shots on goal were almost even: Troy 13 Creek 11. Total shots on goal for the game went to Troy on the basis of the big 1st period 37-23.

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| | <u>1st Period</u> | <u>2nd Period</u> | <u>3rd Period</u> | <u>Total</u> | |
| Troy | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 | |
| Creek | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| Beavercreek Scoring Summary | | | | | |
| <u>Period</u> | <u>Goal</u> | <u>1st Assist</u> | <u>2nd Assist</u> | | |
| 2 | Green | Stout | Kullar | Even | |
| 3 | Steinhauer | Kullar | Denny | Power Play | |
| 3 | Slater | Steinhauer | | Even | |
| Goaltending Summary | | | | | |
| | <u>SOG</u> | <u>Saves</u> | <u>Save %</u> | | |
| Troy | 23 | 20 | 87.0 | | |
| Davis | 37 | 33 | 89.2 | | |

Whitmer Holds Creek Off for 3-1 Win

The Beavers squared off against Whitmer Panthers on December 1 at the Toledo Ice House for the first of two games on the road in Toledo. The Panthers set the tone early by taking the opening face-off into the Creek zone and getting the first shot. Creek responded with a penetration into the Whitmer zone but despite a diving attempt by Matt Green they could not record a shot on goal. A line change later Creek worked the puck in the Beaver zone but still could not get a look at the net. A Whitmer forward took control and skated end-to-end and took a shot the Creek netminder Dann blocked over the glass. After a short clear out to center ice, the Panthers spent the next two minutes moving the puck around the Creek zone. The Panthers continued to control the pace of the game earning consecutive face-offs in the Beaver zone during the first six minutes of the game. Creek Goalie Dann recorded at least five solid saves. A Whitmer penalty for interference at 6:33 of the 1st looked to kill their offensive momentum and marked the first face-off in the Whitmer zone in six minutes. Following a Whitmer clear, their fore-checking team created a shorthanded 2 on 1 but the Panther fore-checker elected to shoot rather than pass. Netminder Dann had a clear view of the puck and turned away the shot. The Creek power play expired without a serious threat to the Panther goal. An icing call on Creek put the face-off back in their zone. Creek's 2nd line made a brief penetration into the Whitmer zone, but it was quickly cleared and play returned to the Creek zone. Dann continued to play solid in net while Whitmer took shooting practice. The Creek 1st line stepped up the energy when Matt Green put a good hit on a Panther along the boards and Zach Noble forced an errant pass that found the tape of Kyle Stout's stick. Stout moved the puck end-to-end and put it on the Panther goal. Green slid into the goalie in an attempt to create a loose puck. Josh Weideling stepped up his physical play with a hit in the offensive zone. Creek seemed to be on the offensive, but Whitmer regained their legs and forced play in the Creek zone. A Panther forward picked up a loose puck in the Whitmer zone, skated across center ice, and put a long shot on net that Dann turned away. Creek was unable to clear the puck allowing the Panthers to get it deep into the Creek zone. A shot from the Panthers just outside the crease resulted in a flurry in front of the Creek net forcing Dann to cover the puck. Whitmer was able to control the face-off and get another good scoring chance from the slot. Creek netminder Dann turned away the backhand and the Creek defense was able to clear the puck albeit for icing. Pavi Kullar controlled the puck off the face-off and brought it out the Creek zone. Whitmer was able to clear the puck back to center, but the Creek 1st line quickly returned it to the Panther zone. Kyle Stout hit Green with a pass but Green's one-timer went wide of the net. Kullar was able to hold the puck in the zone and Green corralled a loose puck near the boards. He sent a sizzling pass to Stout at the back door, but the Panther keeper batted the puck away. A Whitmer forward picked up the loose puck and skated into the Beaver zone with three defenders marking his way. The initial shot attempt was blocked, but the Panther recovered the puck and sent a sharp angle shot at the Creek net that found its way between the Creek goalies skate and post to put Whitmer up 1-0 with 1:28 remaining in the 1st period. The 2nd line made an effort to control the puck in the Whitmer zone, but the Panthers eventually broke the puck out and quickly skated the puck into the Beaver zone and put a shot on goal that netminder Dann gloved. With thirty four seconds remaining, the 1st line returned to the ice, Sean Denny made two good defensive plays to break the puck out, but the offense could not connect. The first period shots on goal were a lopsided 17-6 in favor of the Panthers. Despite being out-shot, superior goaltending allowed the Beavers to go to the locker room down only 1-0. The Beavers needed to change the momentum of the game in the 2nd period, but the Panthers had a different idea. The first two minutes were mostly played in the

Creek zone with Dann forced to make some early saves on shots from in close. The Panthers seemed content to keep shooting even if many of their shots would sail wide. They used their speed and strength to get to loose pucks and move it back deep into the Beaver zone. Denny continued to play solid defense breaking up plays with a poke-check of the puck on two occasions with a one minute span. Kullar showed his speed & stick-handling by skating the puck out of the Creek zone across center ice and hitting it deep into the Panther zone. Unfortunately, the Panthers tracked the puck down and broke it out of their zone with relative ease over the first five minutes of the 2nd period. Dann made a good save on a pass backhanded into the slot then one-timed by a waiting Panther forward. Noble broke up a pass into the slot with a nice poke check. Creek goalie Dann showed his quick reactions by blocking a shot from the edge of the right face-off circle then sliding to the left post to cover a wraparound shot by the Panther attacker that tracking down the rebound. With five minutes expired in the period, Whitmer had put at least five shots on goal while Creek had yet to test the Panther netminder. The ensuing face-off spelled disaster for Creek. Whitmer controlled the puck out to the left point, sent a pass across to the open left point, then hit slapshot on net that Dann blocked, but the rebound came out to the right and a Whitmer forward slapped it into the back of the net between the glove and the post. The Panthers had a 2-0 lead with 5:05 expired in the 2nd period. After some end-end action that failed to yield any shots for Creek, Whitmer continued to play a similar game - control the puck in the Creek zone find and pass to the open man at the point, then shoot. Fortunately for Creek, netminder Dann was on to their game and on his game - consistently trapping the shots for face-offs. Creek finally seemed to get a break when the Panthers were whistled for cross-checking 6:43 into the 2nd period. The first forty five seconds of the power play did not go well, but Creek kept working and Green broke free with the puck across center ice and into the Panther zone with Stout. The Panther goalie made a nice play at the top of his crease to break-up the pass just as Stout arrived at the far post. While the Beavers recorded their first shot on goal of the 2nd, a completed pass would most certainly have resulted in pay dirt. Whitmer cleared the rebound into the Beavers zone. The next rush into the Whitmer zone was broken up by a Panther defender laying on the ice blocking a close in shot from Beau Slater. Kullar again showed his speed in getting the puck out of the Creek zone, across center ice, and into the Whitmer zone. Whitmer was able to gain control, clear the zone, then get a face-off when Creek made an offside pass. Creek was able to win the face-off and get the puck into the Panther zone for the final fifteen seconds of the power play plus more. Denny was able to get a hard slapshot on net from the top of the slot, but the Panther goalie blocked it. Whitmer was able to clear the long rebound. The small amount of Creek momentum was killed by a cross-checking penalty at 9:33 of the 2nd period. The Panther power play put on an impressive display by holding the puck in the zone for one minute twenty seconds while recording six shot attempts with three making it on goal. The Beaver penalty kill team was equal to the task by blocking three of the attempts and Dann turned away the rest in usual fashion. After the clear, Steinhauer and Slater momentarily held the Panthers up with some fore-checking, but when the Whitmer forward broke free he skated through the defense to go one on one with Dann. The Creek netminder made a key pad save on the shot from right at the top of the crease. Whitmer was unfazed and moved the puck out to the point and returned a shot that Denny blocked before it reached Dann. Slater was able to tie up the puck on the boards at the point to kill of the remaining penalty time. The Panthers continued to pressure Creek in their zone forcing a turnover that resulted in another good scoring attempt averted by the goaltender's best friend - the post. Creek was able to make a couple late period penetrations into the Whitmer zone, but did not get a real good look at the net. A Creek penalty for interference put the Panthers on the power play for the last one minute fourteen seconds of the 2nd period. The Creek penalty kill team held off the Whitmer attack to hold the deficit at 2-0 at the end of the second. Creek was

badly out shot 12-2 in the second period and 29-8 for the game. Whitmer opened the 3rd period with a forty seven second power play. The Panthers worked the puck into the Creek zone quickly and recorded their first shot on goal in the first fifteen seconds. After a face-off, play continued in the Creek zone with the Panthers showing some good puck movement. This action would pay-off as they picked up a loose puck behind the net and centered it to an open man standing in the slot for the on-timer into the net behind Dann. Whitmer held a 3-0 lead just fifty five seconds into the third period. A Creek penalty with 3:09 expired in the 3rd stymied any chance of mounting offense. The penalty kill team and Netminder Dann held off the Panther power play for the third consecutive time. A Whitmer penalty 6:44 into the 3rd penalty gave Creek a big opportunity to get back in the game. Green created a nice opportunity at the left edge of the creased, but missed high and right. Kullar hit a slap shot from the top of the left face-off circle that was saved with the Creek attackers fighting for the rebound. Unfortunately, the power play team could not connect. Whitmer's penetrations into the Creek zone were ineffective. Kyle Cochran blocked a shot from the point and Brandon Sheffer put a body on an attacker skating across the slot. Netminder Dann continued to do his part by covering the puck. As the power play finished Eddie Davis was able to put a shot on goal that forced the Panther netminder to glove the puck. The whistle also resulted in another Whitmer penalty with 4:12 remaining that sparked another ray for hope for the visiting Beavers. A good power play offensive sequence followed. Noble hit several shots from the point that provided some rebounds in front of the net. Again, the Creek attackers had tried, but just could not get a bounce to go their way. Green put a backhand shot on net that rebounded off the Panther goalie. Their aggressive play did force a third consecutive Whitmer penalty and Creek was awarded a forty-six second 5 on 3 with 2:57 remaining in the game. The 5 on 3 expired after several attempts to hold the puck in the Whitmer zone failed. Baldwin made a nice poke check in a 1 on 1 duel with a Panther attacker. The lone Creek goal would come late in the third period on the power play. Baldwin took control of the puck in the Creek zone and hit Green with a pass as he neared center ice. A burst of speed and a good move put Green past the Panther defender as he crossed the blue line. Green hustled the puck down at the goal line and backhanded the puck into the slot. A hard-charging Mazza one-timed the puck on the ice between the post and the pad of the sliding goaltender. The goal was a well-earned treat that came as Creek rebounded for eleven shots in the 3rd to more than double their total for the previous two periods. Creek played a solid third period even up with the Panthers. In particular the offense garnered eleven shots on goal to the Panthers twelve. Shots on goal for the game went to the Panthers in a lopsided margin of 42-19.

| Game Summary | | | | | |
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| | <u>1st Period</u> | <u>2nd Period</u> | <u>3rd Period</u> | <u>Total</u> | |
| Creek | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | |
| Whitmer | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | |
| Beavercreek Scoring Summary | | | | | |
| <u>Period</u> | <u>Goal</u> | <u>1st Assist</u> | <u>2nd Assist</u> | | |
| 3 | Mazza | Green | | Power Play | |
| Goaltending Summary | | | | | |

| | <u>SOG</u> | <u>Saves</u> | <u>Save %</u> | | |
|---------|------------|--------------|---------------|--|--|
| Dann | 42 | 39 | 92.9 | | |
| Whitmer | 19 | 18 | 94.7 | | |

Creek Offensive Comes Alive for 7-4 Win Over Start

The second game of the Toledo road trip saw Creek face-off against Start High School Spartans on Sunday, December 2 at the Toledo Ice House. A pleasant surprise was in store for the Faithful Creek Fans as a completely different Creek Offense would show up on the ice. Creek was the aggressor from the outset getting their first shot on goal with the first thirty seconds of the game off the stick of Kyle Stout. The 3rd line would get an early shot from Josh Hill off a break-out play from Sean Denny and Cody Leiher. During the same shift, Adam Baldwin hit a slap shot from the point that Leiher re-directed towards the net, but an alert Spartan defender knocked puck away. The Spartans would get their first shot on goal three minutes thirty seconds into the game from just outside the crease. Creek goalie Eddie Davis turned the shot away with relative ease. Creek fans tasted excitement early as Pavi Kullar fore-checked to trap the puck along the boards. Mike Mazza came over to help out and kicked the puck out to center ice where Ben Steinhauer picked it up. Steinhauer skated into the Start zone 2 on 1 with Mazza and made a sweet backhand drop to a trailing Mazza who put a wrist shot on goal. A hustling Start defender knocked Mazza off his feet into the Start goal as Slater shot the loose puck high into the goal. Unfortunately for Creek, the net had become dislodged and the goal was waived off. Creek would get another good chance when Baldwin sent a pass to Defense partner Zach Noble who sent the puck to center ice for Josh Weideling. Matt Green picked up the pass from Weideling and put a nice move on a Spartan defender to get loose in the Start zone and put the puck on net. The Start goalie was able to cover the puck before Weideling could get to it. Creek would get another shot on goal right off the face-off that the Start netminder gloved. Davis would record his second save on shot from the left side just outside the crease. A Spartan tripping penalty at 7:28 into the 1st gave Creek their first power play. Creek got off to a good start with Green centering a pass in front of the net but could not make the connection with Stout. Noble received the puck at the point twice in a row the first shot was blocked by the defense, the second shot was on net. Green picked up the loose puck at the left of the net, skated in to the top of the crease and put a shot on net. Creek kept the puck in the zone and moved it around the zone looking for a shot but turned it over. Creek recovered the puck and moved it back into the Start zone. Noble received another pass from Green and shot the puck, Weideling tipped the puck wide of the net. Green put a shot on goal near the end of the power play that the Spartan goalie covered. The 2nd line came on for the final nine seconds of the man advantage. Denny was able to get a shot from the point, but the Spartans were able to clear the puck and move up ice into the Creek zone. Kullar blocked a long shot attempt by a Spartan. Mazza hustled for the carom in the Creek zone and sent a pass into the slot, but could not connect with his linemates. Baldwin skated the puck end to end working with the 3rd line. The 4th line was able to get a scoring change when Denny broke the puck out from behind the net with a pass to Kyle McClure who hit Tony Pugnale along the boards. Pugnale skated the puck into the Spartan zone and put a shot on net that the goalie blocked but initially failed to cover, but then recovered and froze the puck. The ensuing face-off was won by the 1st line but the rebound on the shot from the high slot was controlled by Start. The Spartans moved the puck into the Beaver zone and setup their offense

with some good puck movement. Creek briefly seized control of the puck, but a Start takeaway lead to a pass out to the high slot. With a good screen setup in front of the Creek goalie, the defenseman high a slap shot that found the back of the net to put Start up 1-0 with 2:56 remaining in the first. Twenty seconds later Creek would answer back when Denny hit Beau Slater with a pass at the blueline but the Start fore-check broke up the play. Joey Ives sent the puck into the Start zone where a Spartan defender controlled the puck. Mazza stormed in and put a hit on the defender, took the puck, skated in on the goalie and put a shot on net. The puck rebounded off the Start goalie, but Mazza hit it again, and it rebound off the goalie. The third (or fourth) attempt did the trick as Mazza was able to force the puck past the Start keeper to knot the game at one with 2:36 left in the 1st. About a minute later Davis made a nice save on a shot from the left side to keep the game tied. Creek looked for the go ahead goal in the last thirty seconds when Kullar and Green teamed up to get a shot, but could not find the net. Creek peppered the Spartan goalie with fifteen shots in the 1st period while only allowing five shots on their goal. The Beavers continued their aggressive played into the 2nd period. The 1st line was able to penetrate the Start zone and get two good scoring opportunities on their first shift of the period. The 2nd line and 3rd lines repeated their teammate's success with forages into the Start zone and shots on goal, but could not put the puck away. A Spartan penalty 4:22 into the 2nd period looked to give Creek the go ahead goal. Right off the face-off Steinhauer was able to get the puck out to Kullar whose shot was a near miss but ended up ricocheting off the boards and ultimately out of the zone. The Start Defense made a good play with a blocked shot and a clear. the best scoring opportunity came when Green found Weideling in front of the net at the end of the advantage. Weideling put the puck high, but just over the cross bar and it landed on top of the net. The 3rd line came on and was able to get in and hold the Start zone. Josh Hill hit a good shot that rebounded high of the goalie. The 4th line came on and continued the pressure on the Spartan goal. Rich Davis hit Tony Pugnale with a pass, Pugnale skated into the Spartan zone and put a shot on goal, then scooped up the rebound and put it on net too. Start took a penalty with 6:13 remaining in the 2nd, but was able to clear the zone on the face-off. An icing call put the face-off back in the Creek zone with 1:36 remaining in the penalty. Green skated the puck into the Start zone and put a nice hard shot on net. The rebound was controlled by Creek. Baldwin controlled the puck at the blueline on a failed clearing attempt by Start. Baldwin passed low to Green who centered the puck to Noble charging from the point to the far post for the one-timer into the net. The power play goal came with 5:16 remaining in the 2nd to put the Beavers up 2-1. On the following shift Mazza and Steinhauer both had scoring chances that were stopped by the Spartan goalie. The 3rd line came on and looked to keep the pressure on. Baldwin skated the puck end to end, cut across the slot and put it on net. The rebound came out into the slot and the Start defense missed the clear. Hill pounced on the rebound and put it over the prone Start goalie to give Creek the 3-1 lead with 3:53 remaining. Creek took a penalty ten seconds later to give Start a chance to get back in the game. A failed clear gave Start a good scoring chance from the point that Davis stopped, then sprawled across to the far post to block the rebound. Mazza won the face-off back to Noble who hit the puck up the boards. Mazza stole the puck at the blueline and had a clear breakaway but was hooked down just over the blueline, but inexplicable was not awarded a penalty shot. The hooking penalty at 3:14 remaining setup a 4 on 4 for one minute thirty two seconds. Creek controlled the puck for the first minute of the 4 on 4 and was bale to get two shots on goal. Start made one penetration into the Creek zone and put a shot on net from the left edge of the right face-off circle that Davis blocked into the corner. After a clear, the Spartans came right back into the Creek zone and were able to get a quality scoring chance from the left side at the top of the crease, but Creek netminder Davis stayed solid in net. Start had gained the offensive momentum and made another foray into the Creek zone with under thirty seconds left in the 2nd. Again, Davis stopped the Start shot, but Creek was whistled

for interference with 9.3 seconds left. Start won the face-off and got an immediate shot from the point that Davis covered with 5.8 seconds remaining. The Start Coach made a bold move to pull the goalie in favor of the extra attacker. The move paid off as the Spartans won the face-off back to the point, the shot rebounded off Davis' pads and a waiting Start attacker put the puck into the Creek net to make the score 3-2 at the end of 2nd period. Creek won the second period shots on goal battle 13-9. Start came out in the 3rd period and immediately put pressure on Creek. Davis covered the puck for face-off twenty-three seconds into period. The Spartans won the face-off out to the high slot and hit a slapshot through traffic that went in the net between the post and the stick side with twenty-seven seconds expired in the 3rd. Start's second unanswered goal within thirty five seconds tied the game at 3-3. Creek needed a spark to get back in the game. The 4th line would provide the answer. After a face-off in the Start zone, Pugnale chased the puck down behind the net, and dropped a pass to Rich Davis in the slot. Davis shot rebounded off the goalie. A flurry ensued in front of the net where Davis, Pugnale, and Kyle McClure would fight for the puck. Ultimately, McClure seized control and made room at the far post with a toe drag to a flip shot into the net for his first varsity goal and a 4-3 Creek leave with 1:39 expired in the third. Mazza had a good backhand on net from the top of the crease, but the Start goalie had a clear view and made a good save. Noble hit a shot from the point that was blocked into the corner by the Start keeper. The Spartans responded with a offensive rush that ended with a shot on goal covered by Davis for the face-off. Kullar skated the puck into the Start zone and handed off to Stout. As Stout went to the net, a Spartan defender tripped him to give Creek a power play 5:45 into the 3rd period. The 2nd line came on and displayed good puck movement on the power play. Mazza played the puck out of the corner to Noble at the point. Noble's shot was captured and redirected by Slater, but was blocked by a defender. Slater recovered and wheeled around with a pass to Steinhauer waiting at the lower edge of the right face-off circle. Steinhauer roofed the puck over the glove into Start net for the 5-3 lead with 6:13 expired in the 3rd. A holding penalty with o Creek at 6:51 expired temporarily stifled the Creek momentum. Davis made a sliding pad save when a Start attacker that was camped out in the slot received a pass a loose Spartan attacker allowed to skate behind the Creek net. Just after the penalty expired, Stout picked the puck up along the boards and hit it out to center ice where Mazza picked it up and skated unchecked across the blueline. Mazza lasered a snap shot from the right face-off dot through the five hole on the Start goalie for the 6-3 lead with 9:01 expired in the 3rd. Creek continued to pressure the Spartans. Mazza dug the puck out along the boards and backhanded a pass to Kullar who skated it out of the zone across center ice and into the Start zone. Meanwhile Mazza and Davis had beaten the defense down the ice to give Creek a 3-0 with three Spartans nipping at their heels. Kullar passed the puck to Mazza in the slot who tipped the puck into the net for the 7-3 lead with 4:05 remaining in the game. Mazza's goal gave him a hat trick and four points for the game. Start would end the string of Creek goals with one of their own with 3:19 remaining to close the margin to 7-4. Shots on goal for the 3rd period went to Creek 16-6 and 44-20 for the game. The offensive burst and victory ended a four game slide for the Beavers.

| Game Summary | | | | |
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| | <u>1st Period</u> | <u>2nd Period</u> | <u>3rd Period</u> | <u>Total</u> |
| Creek | 1 | 2 | 4 | 7 |
| Start | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
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| Beavercreek Scoring Summary | | | | | |
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| <u>Period</u> | <u>Goal</u> | <u>1st Assist</u> | <u>2nd Assist</u> | | |
| 1 | Mazza | | | Even | |
| 2 | Noble | Green | Stout | Power Play | |
| 2 | Hill | Leiher | Cochran | Even | |
| 3 | McClure | Pugnale | Davis, R | Even | |
| 3 | Steinhauer | Slater | Mazza | Power Play | |
| 3 | Mazza | Stout | | Even | |
| 3 | Mazza | Kullar | | Even | |
| Goaltending Summary | | | | | |
| | <u>SOG</u> | <u>Saves</u> | <u>Save %</u> | | |
| Davis, E | 20 | 16 | 80.0 | | |
| Start | 44 | 37 | 84.1 | | |

Creek netminder Dann Records 1st Shut-Out of Season in 6-0 Rout of HSE "C"

The first game of the Beavercreek Beavers road trip to Louisville pitted Creek against the Hamilton Southeastern Royals "C" from Fishers, IN for a Saturday Evening match up at Iceland. The game was off to a late start due to an inoperative scoreboard and ultimately as played with a stopwatch for timekeeping. Early action looked to be all HSE as they recorded the first three shots on goal, but netminder Dann handled them all with ease. The Creek offense was able to get going after the first couple of minutes and get a few shots on goal. HSE would help the Creek cause when they were whistled for an holding penalty at 4:01 into the 1st period. After a face-off in the HSE zone, Creek move the puck around for about a minute before getting a shot. The rebound was cleared, and HSE appeared to have a chance at a 1 on 1 but an uncalled tripping penalty allowed the Beavers to recover the puck in their zone. Adam Baldwin skated the puck out of the zone, across center ice, and into the HSE zone, then put a shot on the HSE goal. The rebound lay uncovered at the far side of the crease when Matt Green jumped on it and put the puck into the back of the net for the 1-0 lead 5:18 into the game. The momentum was short-lived as Creek took an interference penalty at 6:38 into the 1st. Ben Steinhauer was able to get a shorthanded shot on goal during the penalty kill. Sean Denny worked hard in the defensive zone without his stick to get the puck to Steinhauer who carried it out of the zone. HSE took high sticking penalty 7:42 into the 1st to make it a 4 on 4. Green would get another good scoring opportunity in close to the net. Unfortunately, Creek committed a high-sticking penalty of their own less than a minute later to make it a 4 on 3 at 8:11 into 1st. Creek was able to kill the twenty-seven seconds of the two man HSE advantage with a face-off win and some good fore-

checking by Green. Then, Creek killed the twenty-nine second HSE power play allowing only one shot total. Creek was able to get three good shots while on the penalty kill. The effort seemed to give Creek confidence as they began to step-up the energy level in their play, especially in the offensive zone. A turnover did give HSE a 2 on 2 that turned into a 3 on 2. Denny and Baldwin played the attackers well, but they managed to get a shot on goal that Dann blocked. The third HSE attacker was there to put the rebound on net, but Creek goalie Dann rebuffed his scoring attempt and Baldwin cleared it hard away from the crease. Creek went directly back to the offense. Mike Mazza was able to get a good shot on goal that the HSE goalie blocked. Creek took a tripping penalty 12:08 into the 1st period that killed their offensive momentum. Baldwin was able to get a clear, followed by fore-checking from Green and Pavi Kullar. A second clear from Baldwin and good hustle from Green to get to the loose puck afforded Creek a shorthanded shot on goal. HSE did manage to get a shot on goal during the power play, but Dann handled it easily. Creek was able to get another good shot on goal from just outside the crease late in the period, but could not solve the HSE netminder. Despite the three penalties, Creek out-shot HSE 10-9 in the first and held a 1-0 lead. An early 2nd period penalty gave HSE a golden opportunity to get back in the game just 1:14 into the 2nd. Good hustle from Zach Noble allowed him to get control of the puck after HSE put one deep into the Creek zone. Noble passed it off the boards behind the net to Baldwin who looked to ice the puck. Instead, he hit Green with a pass at center ice for the breakaway. Green skated across the blueline in on the HSE goalie and wristed a shot high under the glove-side armpit of the keeper into the net for the shorthanded goal and a 2-0 lead with 1:29 expired in the 2nd period. Just after the Creek penalty expired, they took another one at 3:22 into the 2nd to give HSE the equivalent of a four minute power play. Good fore-checking continued to keep HSE out of the Creek zone and even give Creek more short-handed opportunities during a penalty kill that seemed to last for ever. Again just after the penalty expired, Creek took a third consecutive penalty at 5:50 to extend the HSE power play. Fortunately for Creek, Dann played solid in net and Creek killed the penalty. Aggressive play from the Beavers forced HSE to take a penalty 7:48 into 2nd to put Creek on the power play. After Baldwin and Denny teamed up to crush an HSE push into the Creek zone, Mazza skated the puck end-to-end to setup the power play. With Slater and Steinhauer stationed in front of the net, Mazza centered the puck to the top of the crease. As Slater fought for the puck both HSE defenders closed on him, this left Steinhauer all alone to scoop up the deflection off Slater's stick and put the puck in the net behind the goaltender. The power play goal gave Creek a 3-0 lead 7:35 into the 2nd period. Creek went to a long bench giving the 3rd and 4th lines ice time. Creek controlled the puck in the HSE zone, eventually earning a power play through an HSE hooking at 12:20 into the 2nd period. After a clear from HSE, that Dann tracked down and handed off to Baldwin behind the Creek net. Baldwin moved the puck out to Green who skated through the HSE defense and behind the enemy net. As he emerged from the other side, two HSE defenders and the goalie focused on him leaving Kyle Stout open low on the edge of the opposite face-off circle. Green threaded the pass through to Stout who one-timed a shot between the pad and post as the goaltender slid to cover the post. Creek's third power play goal of the game gave them a 4-0 lead at 12:53 into the 2nd. Creek out-shot HSE 12-7 in the second period. Creek got off to a quick start in the 3rd period. Green controlled the opening face-off and kicked it over to Stout who sent it back to Denny who put it up on the boards where Green controlled it and skated into the HSE zone. Green weaved through defenders and hit a shot that rebounded hard off the post to the stick of Kullar who had followed Green into the zone. Kullar knocked the puck right back into the net for a 5-0 lead just twelve seconds into the 3rd period. The goal took the life out of the HSE team who would muster only three shots the entire third period. Meanwhile, Creek would control the period with seven shots on goal, but had many more go off target in their exuberance to unshackle the offense. 4th liners Davis and Pugnale

were fighting the HSE defense for the puck just outside the crease, when the a defender managed to move the puck to the high slot. Green was charging in after a line change and hit the puck from his knees into the back of the net. The final tally of the game would earn Green a hat-trick and his fifth point of the evening 14:50 into the 3rd period. Creek netminder Dann earned his first shut-out of the season. Creek out-shot HSE overall 30-19. Kullar and Stout both earned their first career varsity goals.

| Game Summary | | | | | |
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| | <u>1st Period</u> | <u>2nd Period</u> | <u>3rd Period</u> | <u>Total</u> | |
| Creek | 1 | 3 | 2 | 6 | |
| HSC "C" | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Beavercreek Scoring Summary | | | | | |
| <u>Period</u> | <u>Goal</u> | <u>1st Assist</u> | <u>2nd Assist</u> | | |
| 1 | Green | Baldwin | | Power Play | |
| 2 | Green | Baldwin | Noble | Shorthanded | |
| 2 | Steinhauer | Slater | Mazza | Power Play | |
| 2 | Stout | Green | | Power Play | |
| 3 | Kullar | Green | | Even | |
| 3 | Green | | | Even | |
| Goaltending Summary | | | | | |
| | <u>SOG</u> | <u>Saves</u> | <u>Save %</u> | | |
| Dann | 19 | 19 | 100.0 | | |
| HSE "C" | 30 | 24 | 80.0 | | |

Two Unanswered Goals Allow Trinity to Tie Creek

The second game of the Beavercreek Beavers road trip to Louisville pitted Creek against the Trinity Shamrocks from Louisville for a Sunday Morning Dec 9 match up at Iceland. The Shamrocks struck 1st when a turnover in the Creek zone allowed the Trinity attacker to skate the puck across the slot for the open shot. The puck popped off the Davis' stick straight up over his head into the net to put the Shamrocks up 1-0 with just 2:32 into the game. The action went end to end for the next several minutes with neither team getting a significant advantage. The Shamrocks looked up ice for a long pass, but Sean Denny broke up the pass. Pavi Kullar was hustling back on the play, controlled the puck at center ice, and attempted to hit the puck deep into the Trinity zone but it caromed off the defense where Kyle Stout picked up the loose puck just across the blueline. Stout skated the puck to top edge of the left face-off circle and put a forehand shot on net the went through the goalie's five hole to knot the game at 1-1 with 5:38

expired in the first. The action went back to a back and forth game with not many shots on goal. A Creek penalty at 2:38 remaining gave the Shamrocks a chance to get up on the Beavers. Davis made consecutive saves as the Shamrocks penetrated the Creek zone. Mike Mazza won the ensuing face-off and Brandon Sheffer cleared the puck down the ice. Sheffer made a second clear from center ice. The Shamrocks would get another shot on goal that Davis blocked and Sheffer muscled the Shamrock forward and the puck away from the net. Mazza made the clear down the ice. Trinity made a bad change that resulted in a Bench Minor for Too Many Men on the ice. Matt Green won the face-off into the Trinity zone and hustled to control the puck after a Shamrock defender attempted to clear. Green wheeled around, skated through the face-off circle, and was surrounded by four Shamrocks. Green sniped a wrist shot that beat the Trinity goalie high on the stick side just under the cross bar and just inside the post to put Creek up 2-1 with 0:51 remaining in the 1st period. Shots on goal were paltry with a 5-4 margin going to Creek. The 2nd period started with Creek on a fifty-seven second power play, but did not connect. Following the penalty kill, Trinity was able to hold the Creek zone for an extended period. Davis blocked a shot from the point, then blocked the shot off the rebound. A failed clear allowed the third Shamrock attacker to get the puck in the high slot, spin and put the shot between the Creek goalie and the post to tie the game 2-2 with 2:39 expired in the 2nd. Creek would answer back a minute later when Sheffer cleared the puck up the boards to Mazza streaking across center ice. Mazza skated into the Trinity zone to put a shot on goal from a sharp angle that the Shamrock keeper blocked the shot but did not cover the puck. An alert Kullar backhanded the puck into the net from the top of the crease to put Creek up 3-2 3:41 into the 2nd period. A roughing penalty by Creek at 4:50 of the 2nd gave Trinity the opportunity to get even, but Davis and the Penalty Kill team were able to kill the man advantage. Trinity returned the favor with a high-sticking penalty at 7:08 of the 2nd. In the waning seconds of the Power Play, Baldwin held the puck behind the Creek net and passed out to Zach Noble on the boards. Noble moved the puck across the blue line and passed to Beau Slater at center ice. Slater moved the puck into the Trinity zone where he handed off to Mazza as the defense collapsed on him. Mazza skated in unchecked towards the goalie and wristed the puck between the pads and the post to give Creek a 4-2 lead with 9:06 expired in the 2nd. Trinity answered back about a minute later to trim the margin to 4-3 with 10:12 expired in the 2nd. The second period shots on goal battle went to Creek 16-6. Creek continued to be the aggressor in the third period, but the Trinity goalie rebuffed all of their scoring attempts. A Trinity penalty 2:35 into the 3rd gave Creek a golden opportunity to extend the lead, but they Power Play team did not connect. The Shamrocks on the other hand would tie the game with 6:37 expired in the 3rd. The Creek offense continued to put shots on goal, but chance after chance were blocked. A Trinity high-sticking with 2:04 remaining in the game put Creek on the Power Play. A furious effort to get the game winner ensued, but to the Creek fans dismay the Beavers could not find the net. The shots on goal for the 3rd period were 14 for Creek and 7 for the Shamrocks. Overall Creek out-shot Trinity 43-19.

| Game Summary | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| | <u>1st Period</u> | <u>2nd Period</u> | <u>3rd Period</u> | <u>Total</u> |
| Creek | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Trinity | 1 | 2 | 1 | |
| Beavercreek Scoring Summary | | | | |

| <u>Period</u> | <u>Goal</u> | <u>1st Assist</u> | <u>2nd Assist</u> | <u>Type</u> | |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|--|
| 1 | Stout | Denny | | Even | |
| 1 | Green | Kullar | | Even | |
| 2 | Kullar | Mazza | Sheffer | Even | |
| 2 | Mazza | Slater | Noble | Power Play | |
| Goaltending Summary | | | | | |
| | <u>SOG</u> | <u>Saves</u> | <u>Save %</u> | | |
| Davis, Eddie | 19 | 15 | 78.9 | | |
| Trinity | 43 | 39 | 90.7 | | |

Coffman Rocks Creeks World With Four Unanswered

The opening game with in the Allgeyer Tournament in Columbus pitted the Beavers against the Coffman Shamrocks for a Friday evening December 14 match-up. The underdog Beavers were to have their mettle tested. Coffman would strike early with a goal 3:18 into the 1st period. Creek played hard to keep the Shamrocks at bay until the final minute of the period. The Rocks made the game 2-0 with fifty-six seconds left in the 1st period. Shots on goal went to the Rocks 11-5. Creek continued their spirited play into the 2nd period. Mike Mazza skated into the Rocks zone and made a drop pass to a trailing Beau Slater who put a shot on goal. The rebound came out to the top of the crease. Mazza, Slater, and Ben Steinhauer crashed the net to get the loose puck. Mazza would get his stick on the puck first to pop it into the net 5:55 into the second period to draw the score to 2-1. The game stayed close up to the final minute of the 2nd period. Coffman scored the first of four unanswered goals with fifty-four seconds remaining in the 2nd to make the score 3-1. Creek continued to fight during the first six minutes of the 3rd. Back to back goals at 6:35 and 6:57 into the 3rd period by Coffman took the life out of the Beavers and put the Shamrocks up 5-1. The final Coffman goal came 12:29 into the third period to make the score 6-1. Coffman pounded the Creek net with 42 shots on goal, while Creek managed 16 shots on the Coffman keeper.

| Game Summary | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|--|
| | <u>1st Period</u> | <u>2nd Period</u> | <u>3rd Period</u> | <u>Total</u> | |
| Coffman | 2 | 1 | 3 | 6 | |
| Creek | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | |
| Beavercreek Scoring Summary | | | | | |
| <u>Period</u> | <u>Goal</u> | <u>1st Assist</u> | <u>2nd Assist</u> | <u>Type</u> | |

| | | | | | |
|----------------------------|------------|--------------|---------------|------|--|
| 2 | Mazza | Slater | | Even | |
| | | | | | |
| Goaltending Summary | | | | | |
| | <u>SOG</u> | <u>Saves</u> | <u>Save %</u> | | |
| Coffman | 16 | 15 | 93.8 | | |
| Dann | 42 | 36 | 85.7 | | |

Beavers Suffer Shoot-Out Loss to Maumee

The second game of the Allgeyer Tournament placed Creek against the Maumee Panthers for a Saturday Evening game on December 15. Creek opened up fast scoring in the first thirty seconds. Pavi Kullar cleared the puck deep into the Panther zone. Adam Baldwin trapped the Maumee clearing attempt and hit it up to Kyle Stout who skated into the face-off circle and put a shot on goal. The Panther goalie blocked the puck, but did not control it. Matt Green slapped the puck into the net to give the Beavers the early 1-0 lead. The 1st line would get the second Creek tally of the 1st period after Green won the face-off over to Stout just outside the blueline. Stout dished to Green who passed the puck to Kullar at center ice. Kullar hit the puck deep into the Panther zone. Stout hustled down the ice to beat the Panthers to the puck and passed to Green circling back into the slot. Green put the shot on net, again, the Panther keeper made the initial stop, but this time Kullar was there to put the rebound inside the post for the 2-0 lead 8:21 into the 1st period. Davis played solid in net stopping twenty-one panther shots in the 1st period. Creek put eight shots on net in the 1st period. Maumee struck early in the 2nd period with a goal 1:38 into the second. After Creek failed to clear the puck out of the zone, the Panthers held the blueline and turned the puck down into the zone. The cross ice pass hit the attacker waiting at the far post for the one-timer into the Creek net to draw within 2-1. The teams played even up on shots at eleven for the second period. The third period would tell much the same story. Creek took a penalty 1:45 into the 3rd to put the Panthers on the power play. Maumee penetrated the Creek zone. The defense stiffened, but the man-advantage played to the Panthers power as they skated around defenders to get a 2-0 at the top of the crease. The pass to the far side of the crease was one-timed high into the net to tie the score at 2-2 just 2:38 into the final period. The rest of the period was played back and forth. Shots on goal were 8-7 in favor of Creek, but Maumee had a game advantage of 39-27. The game would be decided on a Four Man shoot-out. The first Panther shooter would score when his shot hit off the Creek netminder's blocker into the post, then into the net. The remaining three Maumee attempts were stopped by Creek goalie Davis. None of the Creek shooters were able to find the net. The Panthers took the hard fought game 3-2. Pavi Kullar was named Creek player of the game, while the Panther goalie took home honors for Maumee.

| Game Summary | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|--|
| | <u>1st Period</u> | <u>2nd Period</u> | <u>3rd Period</u> | <u>Total</u> | |
| Maumee | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 Shoot-Out | |
| Creek | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | |
| | | | | | |
| Beavercreek Scoring Summary | | | | | |
| <u>Period</u> | <u>Goal</u> | <u>1st Assist</u> | <u>2nd Assist</u> | <u>Type</u> | |
| 1 | Green | Stout | | Even | |
| 1 | Kullar | Green | Stout | Even | |
| | | | | | |
| Goaltending Summary | | | | | |

| | <u>SOG</u> | <u>Saves</u> | <u>Save %</u> | | |
|--------|------------|--------------|---------------|--|--|
| Maumee | 27 | 25 | 92.6 | | |
| Davis | 39 | 37 | 94.9 | | |

Creek Lets Lions Escape with 4-1 Win

The Beavercreek Beavers faced-off with the Gahanna Lions on Sunday, December 13 in their 3rd game of the Allgeyer Tournament at the Dublin Chiller. Gahanna took the game right to Creek early in the first mounting several offensive rushes into the Creek zone. A Creek Penalty 2:34 into the 1st period put the Lions on the Power Play. Creek was able to kill off the penalty, but Gahanna had several good scoring chances. The pressure would pay-off as the Lions would strike first with an unassisted goal at 5:49 of the 1st. Near the end of the 1st period the Lions would take back to back penalties at 12:58 and 13:44 to give Creek a Power Play and a 5 on 3. Creek would tie the game with twenty-six seconds remaining in the 1st period. Ben Steinhauer earned the unassisted Power Play goal to knot the game at 1-1. Gahanna out-shot Creek 19-6 in the 1st period. Creek started the 2nd with a fifty-eight seconds power play but did not connect. They went back on the power play about thirty seconds later, but again could not solve the Lions netminder. Creek took a hooking penalty at 3:50 into the 2nd period that would prove costly. The Creek penalty kill team would hard to kill off the penalty, but Gahanna struck pay-dirt with eleven seconds left. Good puck movement allowed a Lions attacker to receive the puck at the far post and knock the one-timer into the Creek net for a 2-1 lead 5:39 into the 2nd period. Gahanna again to consecutive interference penalties at 7:27 and 9:22 to give Creek four minutes of power play time. Creek did not make good use of the man-advantage and the frustration ended the second Power Play early at 9:52 into the 2nd due to a holding penalty. Creek held their own during the 4 on 4 and the short Gahanna power play. The Lions gave Creek another chance to even the game when they were whistled for holding with 3:25 remaining. The Creek power play failed to get on-track and ended up giving up a breakaway that gave Gahanna a 3-1 lead with 2:21 remaining in the 2nd period. The second period saw Creek muster only four shots on net while the Lions put seventeen between the pipes. An early third period interference penalty put the Lions on the power play. Gahanna continued their offensive onslaught through the first eight minutes of the third. Creek netminder Dann was bale to rebuff their scoring chances. The Gahanna momentum slowed late in the 3rd period with a string of penalties. Despite having a power play for almost the last four minutes of the game and most of it a 5 on 3, Creek was not able to score. In fact, they gave up a 2 on 1 that the Lions converted into a 4-1 lead with 1:17 remaining in the game. Shots on goal for the 3rd period favored the Lions 13-8. The game total shots were 49-18 for Gahanna. Anthony Dann played admirably in net for the Beavers, but the preponderance of shots took their toll.

| Game Summary | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|--|
| | <u>1st Period</u> | <u>2nd Period</u> | <u>3rd Period</u> | <u>Total</u> | |
| Creek | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | |
| Gahanna | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 | |
| Beavercreek Scoring Summary | | | | | |
| <u>Period</u> | <u>Goal</u> | <u>1st Assist</u> | <u>2nd Assist</u> | <u>Type</u> | |
| 1 | Steinhauer | | | Power Play | |
| | | | | | |
| Goaltending Summary | | | | | |
| | <u>SOG</u> | <u>Saves</u> | <u>Save %</u> | | |
| Dann | 49 | 46 | 93.9 | | |
| Gahanna | 18 | 17 | 94.4 | | |

Creek Does Not Answer As Knights Rally in 3rd Period

The Beavercreek Beavers opened SWOHSHL play on the road against the Alter Knights at South Metro on Thursday, December 20. Creek was looking to turn their year around after a dismal performance at the Allgeyer Tourney where they lost three in a row. The action opened up with both teams getting into each others zones in the first minute and recording shots on goal. A Beaver penalty for high-sticking at 4:17 into the 1st put the Knights on the power play with the face-off in the Creek zone. Ben Steinhauer was able to control the puck and pass to Mike Mazza who was able to get the puck into the Alter zone. The Knights recovered and penetrated the Creek zone, but Adam Baldwin made a good clear. The Knights were able to get two shots on goal in during the man-advantage, but Creek Netminder Anthony Dann was a characteristically solid in net. Creek was able to kill the last fifteen seconds of the power play in the Alter zone. Forty-five seconds after the power play expired, an Alter forward hit a long slapshot from the point just as he crossed the blueline with a Creek defender in front of him. The shot was initially blocked but trickled through the pads to put the Knights up 1-0 with 6:54 expired in the first. Creek would get a power play opportunity when Alter was whistled for a slash at 8:52 into the 1st. The man-advantage would be cut short due to a Creek penalty just thirty seconds later. Creek did manage two penetrations into the Alter zone during the 4 on 4, on of which ended with a shot on goal. Creek was able to kill the thirty second Alter power play. In fact, good hustle by Mazza at the conclusion of the penalty kill found him in the Alter zone with the puck. Mazza wristed the puck from the right side face-off circle just inside of the far post to knot the game at 1-1 with 11:26. Alter would answer back when they converted a 3 on 2 opportunity into their 2nd goal of the game at 12:39. The 1st period concluded with the Knights holding a 2-1 lead and out-shooting Creek by a modest 9-6. The start of the 2nd period would give new life to the

Beavers as they tied the game 2-2 just eleven seconds into the period. Mazza won the opening face-off over to Beau Slater who put the puck deep in the Alter zone. Again, Mazza out-hustled the Knight defense to take possession of the puck on the board behind the left side of the net. Mazza centered the puck into the slot and benefited when a Knight defender deflected the puck past his own goaltender. Both teams managed shots on goal through the first half of the 2nd period. A Creek tripping penalty would give Alter a power play 6:47 into the 2nd period. The Creek penalty kill team played with a lot of energy and managed a shorthanded shot on goal when Beau Slater hit Matt Green with a pass. Green skated the puck into Alter zone and put the puck on net. Sean Denny made a clear, Slater contributed a poke check, and forechecking from Steinhauer killed the power play. An Alter penalty at 11:23 gave Creek a power play late in the 2nd period. Unfortunately, the Alter penalty kill team proved to be formidable and forced Creek goalie Dann to make several saves to avoid a shorthanded goal. Creek survived the letdown to hold the score even at 2-2 going into the locker room. The later period onslaught by Alter gave the a shot on goal advantage of 14-6 for the 2nd period and 23-12 overall. Alter had early success in the 3rd period when they converted a 2 on1 into the go ahead goal just twenty-six seconds into the period. A nice pass allowed the Alter forward to find the five hole as netminder Dann slide to cover the far post to put Alter up 3-2. Four minutes into the period, a poke check at center ice by Brandon Sheffer and a good hit by Denny allowed Green to control the puck and get a shot on goal, but the Alter goalie turned it away. An Alter penalty for slashing at 5:08 into the 3rd, gave Creek an opportunity to tie the game. Creek did have one good sequence that showed good puck movement and earned them a shot on goal, but they could not find the net. After the man-advantage expired, Mazza had a breakaway, but could not convert. Alter on the other hand would get a goal at 7:39 into the 3rd period to go up 4-2. Creek would get a golden opportunity when Alter was whistled for a double minor Roughing penalty to give them a four minute power play at 8:37 into the 3rd. The first two minutes of the Creek power play were stifled by the Knights. A Creek time-out looked to get Beavers organized for the final two minutes of the man-advantage. Creek did get a shot on goal coming out of the time-out then managed to hold the zone by cycling the puck but did not get another shot on goal. Time expired on the power play, then two minutes later expired on the Creek efforts to break their three game skid. A lackluster 3rd period sent the Beavers home to their fourth straight defeat. Alter out-shot Creek 8-6 in the 3rd period and 33-20 overall.

| Game Summary | | | | | |
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| | <u>1st Period</u> | <u>2nd Period</u> | <u>3rd Period</u> | <u>Total</u> | |
| Creek | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | |
| Knights | 2 | 0 | 2 | 4 | |
| Beavercreek Scoring Summary | | | | | |
| <u>Period</u> | <u>Goal</u> | <u>1st Assist</u> | <u>2nd Assist</u> | <u>Type</u> | |
| 1 | Mazza | | | Even | |
| 2 | Mazza | Steinhauer | | Even | |
| Goaltending Summary | | | | | |

| | <u>SOG</u> | <u>Saves</u> | <u>Save %</u> | | |
|---------|------------|--------------|---------------|--|--|
| Dann | 32 | 28 | 87.5 | | |
| Knights | 20 | 18 | 90.0 | | |

Aves Fly By Beavers With Shutout

The Sycamore Aves traveled late Friday evening on December 21 to face-off with the Beavers in the Ice Box at Kettering Recreation Complex. Creek was looking to end a four game losing streak. An early momentum that Creek had was lost with an early Creek tripping penalty at 1:56 into the 1st. Creek netminder Eddie Davis made two good saves during the Aves power play. Matt Green contributed a clear and Sean Denny used his stick effectively with two good poke checks during the penalty clear. Creek managed a good opportunity when Kyle Stout, Pavi Kullar, and Green worked together cycle the puck after a face-off in the Sycamore zone. Green's shot on goal was blocked by the Aves netminder. Both teams showed the physical side of hockey with Ben Steinhauer and Denny providing the hits from the Creek side. A Creek tripping penalty with thirty-five seconds remaining in the 1st put Sycamore on the power play. Creek goalie Davis made consecutive saves on shots from the slot to keep the game even at the end of the 1st. The Aves out-shot Creek 14-5 in the 1st period. Sycamore opened the 2nd period on the power play with a vengeance. Beaver netminder Davis was equal to the task stopping all of the power play chances plus several more during the first four minutes of the 2nd period. Creek looked to change the momentum when Sycamore took a hooking penalty at 4:18 of the 2nd. The face-off outside the Sycamore blueline positioned Creek to setup their power play. Unfortunately, a Creek turnover resulted in a shorthanded breakaway for an Ave forward who converted the opportunity into a 1-0 lead at 4:35 in the 2nd. The deflated Beavers proceeded to give up two more good scoring opportunities to the Aves during the Creek power play. Only a good save by Davis and bounce off the post after a 2 on 1 would keep the game close. Creek's luck would run out about a minute after their power play expired. An Ave forward skated the puck into the Creek zone. As he came across the top of the right face-off circled he sniped a slapshot into the upper left corner of the Creek net for the 2-0 lead 7:09 into the 2nd period. Shortly after the goal, Creek took a charging penalty to put Sycamore on the power play. Creek netminder Davis averted total disaster by stopping several shots during the Aves power play. However, it was clear that Sycamore was in control of the game. Consecutive Sycamore penalties at 12:00 and 13:57 gave Creek the effect of a four minute power play and a big opportunity to get back in the game. Much to the dismay of the Creek fans, the power plays provided only one shot on goal. The second period saw Sycamore out-shoot Creek 20-4 and take a 2-0 lead. Creek opened the 3rd with a fifty-seven second power play. Good puck movement looked to get Creek a shot, but an errant passes resulted in the puck going out of the zone, then Creek was whistled for icing. Despite the icing, Creek seemed determined to get their offense going when Mazza and Slater penetrated the Aves zone and put the puck on the net forcing the Aves goalie to cover the puck. Three consecutive face-offs in the Sycamore zone each resulted in shots on goal. One flurry in front of the Sycamore net seemed to indicate that Creek just could not get a bounce to go their way. A Sycamore penalty 2:40 into the 3rd period was another golden opportunity to Creek to draw within one goal. Unfortunately, the Creek power play never really established the zone. Sycamore on the other hand was able to get a shorthanded attempt. Creek did get a breakaway late in the power play, but was stopped on the scoring attempt. The

rebound was picked up quickly by the Aves defenseman and sent up ice to a streaking Sycamore attacker. The breakaway resulted in a Sycamore goal, their 2nd shorthanded breakaway of the game, and a 3-0 lead 4:31 into the third period. The Creek offense showed some spark in the third period by more than doubling their shot total from the previous two periods, but the snake-bit offense could not find the net. Creek managed to out-shoot Sycamore in the 3rd period 14-11, but overwhelming lost the SOG battle for the game 23-46. The loss sent creek to their fifth consecutive defeat and put their SWOHSHL record at 0-2 and the overall record at 3-9-1.

| Game Summary | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|--|
| | <u>1st Period</u> | <u>2nd Period</u> | <u>3rd Period</u> | <u>Total</u> | |
| Aves | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 | |
| Creek | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Beavercreek Scoring Summary | | | | | |
| <u>Period</u> | <u>Goal</u> | <u>1st Assist</u> | <u>2nd Assist</u> | <u>Type</u> | |
| | None | | | | |
| Goaltending Summary | | | | | |
| | <u>SOG</u> | <u>Saves</u> | <u>Save %</u> | | |
| Aves | 23 | 23 | 100.0 | | |
| Davis | 46 | 43 | 93.5 | | |

St. X Bombs Creek Net To Earn 3-1 Win

The final game of the three game weekend home stand brought the St. Xavier Bombers into the Ice Box to face-off with the Beavercreek Beavers on Saturday, December 22 for an afternoon match-up. Early action was in the Creek zone with Creek netminder Dann recording two saves in the first minute. An offside call on Xavier put the face-off on blueline outside the Beaver zone. Mike Mazza won the face-off and put the puck deep into the Xavier zone. Xavier controlled the puck but Mazza put a hit on the Bomber as he attempted to clear the zone. Kyle Stout picked up the loose puck, skated into the slot, and wristed the shot past the Bomber goalie to put the Beavers up 1-0 with 2:49 into the first period. Xavier was not to be deterred as they moved the puck into the Beaver zone after the ensuing face-off and held the Creek zone for nearly a minute. The result was a flurry of shots right in front of the Beaver goal that resulted in a Bomber goal at 4:12 in the 1st to even the game 1-1. The Bombers would keep the pressure on using their superior speed to beat Creek down the ice to score the second goal of the period at 5:57 to go up 2-1. Xavier continued to pressure Creek with shots on goal, but Creek goalie Dann was on task at stopping the scoring attempts. A Creek interference penalty at 9:01 put the Bombers back on the offense. A bad pass, a crease violation, and clears by Mike Mazza and Sean Denny coupled with fine goaltending by Dann allowed Creek to kill the penalty. A Bomber holding penalty at 11:48 put Creek on the power play. The Creek attackers did not mount much of an attack. The

final two shot on goal of the period went to St. Xavier, but Dann rejected both of the them. Creek was fortunate to be down by only one goal as St X mounted 19 shots to only 4 from Creek. Early in the second St X was still on the attack but their shots missed and a crease violation stymied the offensive momentum. At 2:33, 3:32, and 4:31, the Bombers took consecutive penalties to give Creek a Power Play and consecutive 5 on 3's of fifty-one and sixty-two seconds, respectively. Creek squandered the opportunity by not getting an effective power play setup in the Creek zone. In fact, Creek gave up a shorthanded goal with thirty-one seconds remaining in the third penalty. The Bombers converted on a shorthanded 2 on 1 with a shot the found the net high inside the near post at 6:00 into the 2nd period to extend their lead to 3-1. A fourth St X penalty at 12:33 gave Creek another power play, but again the Beavers could not convert. Despite four power plays in the 2nd period Creek could muster only 6 shots on goal, while the Bombers had 8. Down by 3-1 and being out-shot 27-10, Creek would need to a major change of tides to get back in the game. A sixth consecutive St X penalty taken early in the 3rd period at 1:17 could have been the game changer. Unfortunately, the Creek power play would complete the night 0 for 6. St X would go on to out-shoot Creek 14-3 in the 3rd and 41-13 overall. Only an outstanding save percentage of 92.7 by Creek netminder Dann kept the game close for the Beavers. Creek went down to their sixth straight defeat.

| Game Summary | | | | | |
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| | <u>1st Period</u> | <u>2nd Period</u> | <u>3rd Period</u> | <u>Total</u> | |
| Bombers | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | |
| Creek | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | |
| Beavercreek Scoring Summary | | | | | |
| <u>Period</u> | <u>Goal</u> | <u>1st Assist</u> | <u>2nd Assist</u> | <u>Type</u> | |
| 1 | Stout | | | Even | |
| Goaltending Summary | | | | | |
| | <u>SOG</u> | <u>Saves</u> | <u>Save %</u> | | |
| Bombers | 13 | 12 | 92.3 | | |
| Dann | 41 | 38 | 92.7 | | |

Springboro Surprises Beavers With 4-1 Shocker

The opening game of the Mayor's Cup on Friday afternoon December 28, 2007 matched winless teams from the SWOHSHL North Division, the Beavercreek Beavers vs. the Springboro Panthers. The early 1st period action was up and down the ice with neither team gaining an advantage. Creek looked to get the upper hand when the Panthers were whistled for a penalty 2:22 into the 1st. Creek managed to get a shot off, but the rebound was cleared. The power play was cut short by a Beaver slashing penalty at 3:10. The 4 on 4 was uneventful. The Creek

penalty kill was working effectively as both Sean Denny and Adam Baldwin were able to clear the puck. The Panther power play was ultimately cut short by an Interference penalty at 5:41. After a twenty-six second 4 on 4, Creek went on the power play. Just over a minute into the man advantage Zach Noble controlled the puck near the top of the left face-off circle. When no defenders came out to meet him, Noble ripped a slap shot low on the ice that went through the Panther goalie's five hole to put Creek on top 1-0 at 7:19 in the 1st period. The goal seemed to relax Creek to the extent that they proceeded to give up and stop skating. The lack of effort resulted in five consecutive face-off in their zone that provided Springboro many good scoring opportunities with shots on goal. The only momentum stopper was Panther holding penalty at 14:09 into the first. Creek finished the period on the power play but did not mount any significant offense. Despite leading 1-0, Creek had been out-shot 8-3 and out-played by the Panthers. An ominous feeling overtook the Creek fans as the 2nd period started with the Beavers on the power play. The feeling proved to be well-warranted as the Panthers would get a good shorthanded scoring chance early in the second. A Beaver penalty at 1:53 of the 2nd put the Panthers on the power play. It took Springboro less than a minute to convert, as they were able to get the puck to an attacker at the top of the crease. The Panther made a nice pop shot to put the puck over the goalie and just under the cross-bar to knot the game at 1-1 at 2:37 of the 2nd. Creek fans hope the tide would turn when the Panthers took a 2/10 penalty for interference and unsportsmanlike conduct at 3:19 in the 2nd. Initially, the Creek power play look liked they were on-track with good puck movement. Unfortunately, none of the shots could find the back of the net. Simultaneous Creek penalties at 6:04 gave the Panthers a full two minute 5 on 3. Creek netminder Davis recorded a save and Mike Mazza made two clears in the first minute of the two man advantage. Coincidental minors were awarded to Creek and Springboro at 7:51. With only thirteen seconds remaining in the 5 on 3, it appeared Creek would escape unscathed. As the Creek returned to full strength and hustled to get back on the ice, the Panthers hit a slapshot from the point that was tipped past the Creek netminder at 8:08 of the 2nd for a 2-1 lead. While not technically a power play goal, the tally definitely was aided by the two man advantage. Creek fans felt the collective air go out of the arena as the Panthers gained the upper hand and a distinct mental advantage. A Panther holding penalty at 8:46 could have sparked a comeback by the Beavers but it was not to be. The power play continued to be ineffective. The Beavers took a "Too Many Men" penalty at 11:46. The penalty kill showed some spark led by Denny and Steinhauer. Mazza and Green did manage to get a shorthanded attempt, but the shot was missed. The 2nd period ended with the Panthers up 2-1 and a 2nd period SOG advantage of 10-9 and 18-12 overall. Creek fans hoped the locker room atmosphere would light a fire under the Beavers. The opposite proved true the first four minutes of the 3rd. Springboro controlled the play getting several shots on goal. Only a crosschecking penalty at 4:32 looked to stymie their momentum. The Creek power play was able to get nothing started due to an icing and an offsides. A second Panther penalty at 5:59 gave Creek a thirty-three second 5 on 3. The Creek power play did manage two good shots during the 5 on 3 and subsequent power play, but could not solve the Panther netminder. A Back to back Creek penalties, Roughing at the 10:00 mark and a crosschecking, 12:03, gave the Panthers consecutive power plays. While Springboro could not connect, the power plays forced Creek to expend a lot of energy fending off the Panther attack. Creek netminder Davis continued to keep his team in the game with excellent play in front of his net. With fourteen seconds left in the Panther power play, Springboro was whistled for two simultaneous minor penalties at the 13:50 mark. Creek called timeout to setup their strategy for the final seventy seconds. The Beavers were down 2-1 but in fourteen seconds they would have a 5 on 3 and the face-off was in the Springboro zone. Creek elected to pull their goalie to setup the 5 on 3 and then a 6 on situation. The move would back fire when the Beavers failed to control the face-off. Springboro was able to clear the zone, then much to the Creek fans dismay,

control the puck along the boards and deposit the puck into the empty net with a shot from outside the Creek zone for a 3-1 lead. Creek left the net empty and history repeated itself when the Panthers scored their second empty net goal within a 15 second span. Creek had failed to play the third period with much energy garnering only four shots on goal versus twelve from Springboro. The Panthers earned the victory out-shooting Creek 30-16. Creek felt the agony of defeat for the seventh consecutive time dropping their overall record to 3-11-1 and their SWOHSHL record to 0-4-0.

| Game Summary | | | | | |
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| | <u>1st Period</u> | <u>2nd Period</u> | <u>3rd Period</u> | <u>Total</u> | |
| Panthers | 0 | 2 | 2 (empty net) | 4 | |
| Creek | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | |
| Beavercreek Scoring Summary | | | | | |
| <u>Period</u> | <u>Goal</u> | <u>1st Assist</u> | <u>2nd Assist</u> | <u>Type</u> | |
| 1 | Noble | | | Power Play | |
| Goaltending Summary | | | | | |
| | <u>SOG</u> | <u>Saves</u> | <u>Save %</u> | | |
| Panthers | 16 | 15 | 93.8 | | |
| Davis | 28 | 26 | 92.9 | | |

Creek Comes Back Then Hangs On To Tie Trojans

The second game of the Mayor's Cup pitted the Beavercreek Beavers against the Troy Trojans for a Saturday morning contest at the Kettering Recreation Complex on December 29, 2007. The game started in ominous fashion with Troy getting the first shot on goal in the first fifteen seconds. Creek Netminder Dann alertly turned the scoring chance away. The Trojans continued to take the game to Creek with at least four more shots in the first four minutes. Fortune would smile on the Beavers as Dann continued to defend the net flawlessly and Cody Leiher would hit Matt Green with a pass out to center ice. Green skated the puck into the Troy zone and went wide left. As he crossed the face-off dot, [Green let rip a slap shot that went over the goalie's stick-side shoulder and into the upper left corner just under the crossbar to strike first blood at 4:15 in the first period.](#) The even-strength goal ended a five game point drought for the young sophomore. Troy went back on the offensive getting a good scoring chance on a turnover in the Beaver zone. A Creek penalty for head-checking at 6:16 into the 1st. The Creek penalty kill team did a great job of limiting the Trojans power play. Green and Adam Baldwin contributed

two clears, Beau Slater showed good defensive fundamentals, and Ben Steinhauer chipped in a clear. Steinhauer and Pavi Kullar combined on the fore-check as well. Troy was whistled for a head-check penalty of their own at 8:25 into the 1st. The Creek power play started off with some good puck movement, but three consecutive clears by the Troy defense took the momentum away. The referees continued to show that head-check is a point of emphasis when the Beavers were whistled a second time for the infraction at 9:53 in the 1st. The penalty cut the Creek power play was cut short. After a short 4 on 4, the Creek penalty kill team went back to work. Sean Denny worked hard to earn two clears, Leiher contributed a clear, and Slater worked with Green to fore-check the Trojans. In spite of the effort, Troy worked the puck in the Beaver zone during the final minute of the power play to get a good shot from the slot that resulted in the tying goal at 11:13 into the 1st period. The goal put Troy back on the offensive as they put several shots on goal in two minutes and earned consecutive face-off in the Beaver zone. The 2nd of which would prove costly. The Trojans won the face-off back to the top of the face-off circle and the attacker one-timed a shot into the upper right corner of the net for a 2-1 lead at 13:28 into the first. Troy came right back into the Creek zone to put three more unanswered shots that Dann scrambled to block as his defense was out-hustled. Creek did manage two shots in the final minute to trim the first period shots on goal battle to 16-7 in favor of Troy, but the scene was all too familiar to Creek coaches and fans - out-shot and out-hustled the Beavers were down 2-1. Creek had their work cut-out for them as Troy came out straight into the Creek zone with a shot on goal. The Beavers did answer back with a shot on the Troy net within the first thirty seconds of the 2nd period. Creek held their own during the first five minutes of the 2nd period until a elbowing penalty at 5:28 forced them to go on the penalty kill. Kyle Stout made the initial clear for Creek and Zach Noble played good defense. Creek netminder Dann continued to block everything that came near his net. Leiher played physical and enabled Steinhauer to clear the puck, then Green worked hard on the fore-check to keep Troy off balance. Steinhauer made another clear, and Troy missed a pass that resulted in an icing call and a face-off in their zone. Denny gained control of the puck at center ice and hit it deep to kill the remaining power play time. The teams traded icing calls over the next several minutes as the action slowed down. Creek gained some momentum in the final three minutes as they were able to get the puck into the Troy zone and force the Trojan keeper to cover the puck. The pressure resulted in a Trojan hooking penalty at 13:55 to put Creek on the power play for the final minute. Creek cycled the puck in the Troy zone, but could not get a real good look at the net or record a shot on net. The 2nd period expired with the Trojans up 2-1. Creek managed to limit Troy to only seven shots in the 2nd period while getting seven of their own. Creek began the third with a short power play and did penetrate the Troy zone to get the first shot on goal of the period. The Trojans responded quickly with an excursion into the Creek zone that Dann covered at the side of the net. A Troy high-sticking penalty at 2:20 looked to take the wind out of their attack, but such was not the case. The Trojans managed two separate 2 on 1 attacks on the Creek net while shorthanded. Steady net minding by Creek goalie Dann thwarted both attacks, but an uneasy feeling swept through the Creek faithful. Consecutive face-offs in the Beaver zone and a takeaway allowed Troy to get another scoring chance on the Creek power play. Another Troy penalty, this time for boarding, at 5:24 seemingly would give Creek an advantage. The shorthanded Trojans seemed to revel in putting long shots on net even from center ice, but Dann stayed alert and focused to keep Creek in the game. A Creek penalty for hooking at 5:48 setup a 4 on 4. The teams traded shots on goal during the 4 on 4. After the teams returned to full strength, Troy took up the offensive. The second biggest save of the game by Creek goalie Dann came when a Troy attacker was allowed to skate unchecked across the slot and get a good look at the net, albeit blocked by the sliding Creek netminder. Three saves by Dann later it looked as though Troy was going to pound out the period to take the win. After a face-off in the Creek

zone, Denny was able to control the puck and skate up ice. His pass found Slater streaking across the blueline. The Troy defense forced Slater wide, but he kept up his speed and went hard around the net. [Slater's wraparound shot went through the Troy goalie's five hole at 9:40 into the 3rd to tie the game at 2-2.](#) Creek fans went wild with the sight of the game tying effort from Slater and Denny. The goal buoyed the Creek hopes and a Troy penalty at 10:02 only added fuel to the fire. Creek had a better power play but could not put the puck away. Even after Troy returned to full strength, Creek rode the wave of enthusiasm to propel two more good shots. The Troy Coach called a wise timeout with 1:15 remaining to get his troops back in order. The move almost paid off. After the 2nd consecutive face-off in their zone, a Troy Team Captain Colin Trudeau sprung free with a breakaway. He skated the into the Creek zone on the right side, cut left across the slot to go to his backhand. Dann started his slide to the far post, but Trudeau popped the puck back up towards the right corner of the net. [Dann reacted with his glove hand to capture the puck for the save.](#) The Beavers were able to win the face-off and clear the zone to preserve the tie and end their seven game losing streak. Third period shots on goal were 14-9 in favor of Troy and 37-25 overall for Troy. Dann's outstanding individual effort earned him a 94.6 save percentage and a game puck. With the losing streak snapped, Creek could set their sights on an upset win over archrival Centerville in the third game of the Mayor's Cup.

| Game Summary | | | | | |
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| | <u>1st Period</u> | <u>2nd Period</u> | <u>3rd Period</u> | <u>Total</u> | |
| Troy | 2 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Creek | 1 | 0 | 1 | | |
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| Beavercreek Scoring Summary | | | | | |
| <u>Period</u> | <u>Goal</u> | <u>1st Assist</u> | <u>2nd Assist</u> | <u>Type</u> | |
| 1 | Green | Leiher | | Even | |
| 3 | Slater | Denny | | Even | |
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| Goaltending Summary | | | | | |
| | <u>SOG</u> | <u>Saves</u> | <u>Save %</u> | | |
| Troy | 25 | 23 | 92.0 | | |
| Dann | 37 | 35 | 94.6 | | |

Creek Notches Big Win Over Centerville

The final game of the Mayor's Cup pitted the Beavercreek Beavers against the Centerville Elks for a Sunday morning contest at the Kettering Recreation Complex on December 30, 2007. In an uncharacteristic turn of events Creek was able to get the first shot on goal. The momentum did last long as Creek was whistled or hooking at 0:45 into the 1st period. Creek netminder Dann

recorded four saves as the Beavers held off the Elks 1st power play. Back at even strength Creek would turn the tide with a good breakout from Adam Baldwin to Kyle Stout to Mike Mazza into the Centerville zone. Thirty seconds later, Mazza would penetrate the Elks zone, but would be met by the defense. Mazza made a spin move to recover the puck on his backhand and put it between the goalie's pads and the near post at 4:22 of the 1st to give Creek a 1-0 lead. The goal lifted the Creek faithful spirits and seemed to fire up the Beavers who made good efforts into the Elks on zone on consecutive rushes. Mazza would score a second time when he retained possession of the puck as he was being pulled to the ice and managed to get a shot off the found the gap between the surprised goalie's pads and the post. The goal at 7:35 gave Creek a rare 2-0 1st period lead. Credit Stout and Sean Denny with the assists. The Elks offense sprung to life in the face of the two goal deficit. Dann rejected a good scoring chance and Baldwin cleared the puck out of the zone. Baldwin followed that up with good defensive work that allowed Green to clear the puck. Rich Davis chipped in a clear of his won on the Elks third consecutive trip into the Beaver zone. Frustration set in as the Elks then attempted a long shot from the redline that Creek netminder Dann turned away. The Elks took an interference penalty at 9:50 to put Creek on the power play. The ensuing face-off was won by Creek back to Baldwin who hit Mazza with a pass. Mazza skated into the Elks zone, but was forced wide by the Elks defense. Mazza kept his feet moving and went around the back of the Elks net to hit a net-crashing Beau Slater with a pass in the slot. Slater put the biscuit in the basket to give Creek a 3-0 lead at 10:06 into the 1st. Credit the assists to Mazza and Baldwin on the power play goal. The Elks would take a slashing penalty at 10:36 to give Creek their second consecutive power play. Creek did not fare as well on their 2nd power play. Centerville managed two consecutive 2 on 1 rushes, one at the end of the power play and one after teams returned to even strength. Dann continued his solid play in net throughout the first period turning away a total of fourteen Elks shots. Creek managed seven shots on goal during the 1st. The beginning of the second period saw both teams skating with a lot of energy as the action proceeded end to end. Creek earned a face-off in the Elks zone and Baldwin was able to hold the zone at the blueline, then get the puck to Mazza down low at the left side of the goal. [Mazza, surrounded by four Elk defenders, fought his way to the crease on the left side and put the puck inside the far post for a 4-0 Creek lead at the 1:39 mark in the 2nd period.](#) The Elks did not lay down as they earned four consecutive face-offs in the Creek zone that resulted in three good shots on goal. Creek netminder Dann was on his game and kept the Elks scoreless. Creek would stymie the Elks momentum when Pavi Kullar skated the puck into the Elk zone and made a nice drop pass to Slater trailing the play. Slater put a shot on net that rebounded into the slot. Josh Hill had crashed the net and was in position to pick up the rebound and put it into the net before the Elk netminder could cover the far post. Hill's even strength goal, assisted by Slater and Kullar, put Creek up 5-0 at 4:44 expired in the 2nd period. Creek settled in with the five goal lead and changed their style of play much to the dismay of Coaches and Fans. The Elks offense started to get better and better looks at the goal as the 2nd period progressed. An Elk interference penalty at 8:58 into the 2nd period. Creek proceeded to put on one of the best power plays of the year. Good puck movement highlighted the effort, but did not yield a goal. Back at even strength, the Elk offense continued to get shots on goal. They would strike pay dirt after a face-off win at the Creek blueline allowed them to get an odd-numbered rush into the Creek zone. The Elks scored at 12:49 into the 2nd period to trim the margin to 5-1. Creek averted a second late period score by the Elks when Dann was able to cover the puck within a bevy of bodies at the top of his crease. The Elks held a 12-8 shots on goal margin over Creek in the second period and 26-15 for the game, but still trailed 5-1 going into the locker room. The Elks came out in the third period determined to get back in the game and the Beavers seemed content to let them do it. A Creek tripping penalty at 2:07 was just what the Centerville doctor ordered as their power play took only thirty-three seconds to score. The Elks goal at 2:40

in the 3rd made it a 5-2 game with Creek still in the lead, but the momentum had definitely had shifted to Centerville. Another Creek penalty, this time for tripping, at 4:35 could have spelled trouble for Creek. Kullar made the initial clear on the penalty kill that enabled Green to get a good scoring chance. Clears by Denny and Baldwin got the Beavers back to even strength unscathed. The real saving grace for Creek was the continued fine net play from goaltender Dann. The Elks did not give up as they proceeded to get six good shots on goal over the next three minutes. Creek Coach Tramonte called timeout at the 5:00 remaining mark and invited all the Beavers to sit on the bench. He delivered a serious tongue lashing to the team questioning their will to win and delivering a call to action. The Elks handed Creek a late Christmas present with slashing penalty at 10:13, just thirteen seconds after the timeout. Unfortunately, the Creek power play had lost its form and did not amount to much. The final three minutes of the game would see the Elks record five more shots on goal that Creek keeper Dann rejected all of them. Dann's 40 out of 42 save performance equated to a 95.2 save percentage in route to earning his 50th career victory. Mazza's hat trick and four points powered the offense while Slater scored for the second consecutive game. Twenty minutes of solid play had earned Creek their first victory in nine games. The win put their SWOHSHL record at 1-4-1 and the overall record at 4-11-2. Next up for Creek are non-league opponents from Kentucky - Lexington Catholic and Trinity on January 4th and 5th.

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| | <u>1st Period</u> | <u>2nd Period</u> | <u>3rd Period</u> | <u>Total</u> | |
| Elks | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | |
| Creek | 3 | 2 | 0 | 5 | |
| Beavercreek Scoring Summary | | | | | |
| <u>Period</u> | <u>Goal</u> | <u>1st Assist</u> | <u>2nd Assist</u> | <u>Type</u> | |
| 1 | Mazza (unassisted) | | | Even | |
| 1 | Mazza | Stout | Denny | Even | |
| 1 | Slater | Mazza | Baldwin | Power Play | |
| 2 | Mazza | Baldwin | | Even | |
| 2 | Hill | Denny | | Even | |
| Goaltending Summary | | | | | |
| | <u>SOG</u> | <u>Saves</u> | <u>Save %</u> | | |
| Elks | 18 | 13 | 72.2 | | |
| Creek | 42 | 40 | 95.2 | | |

Creek Shakes Off Holiday Rust With Three Unanswered Goals to Down Ice Knights

The 1st Game of the Weekend "Border War" between teams from Ohio and Kentucky brought the Lexington Catholic Ice Knights to the Kettering Recreation Complex to battle the Beavercreek Beavers on Friday Evening January 4, 2008. Creek won the opening face-off and penetrated the Ice Knights zone. This would be theme through the first six minutes of the game. Unfortunately, the Beavers could muster only one shot on goal and no goals during the offensive display. The Ice Knights finally got their offense working to record three shots in a twenty second timeframe. A Creek slashing penalty at 6:34 into the 1st put Lexington on the Power Play with the momentum. However, the Creek penalty kill team was able to shut the Ice Knights down without a serious threat Lexington did earn a string of six consecutive face-offs in the Creek zone. Several of these face-off led to shots on goal directly from the face-of circle. Creek Netminder Dann played with great awareness to stop these scoring attempts. Another Creek penalty at 12:03 into the 1st for High-sticking gave the Ice Knights a second power play of the period. Cody Leiher was able to clear the puck and Matt Green and Ben Steinhauer combined on the fore-check. Green was able to get a shot on goal for Creek, while the Ice Knights were held shot-less for their power play. During the last minute of play, the Ice Knights did mount an excellent offensive rush that allowed them to get at least five shots on goal to close the period. Creek goalie Dann survived the onslaught with focused net play. The period ended with no

score. The Ice Knights out-shot Creek six to two in the first period. Despite the last minute of the 1st period, the game appeared to be controlled by Creek, but the scoreboard showed the game all even. That would change early in the second period. Sean Denny made a good play at the blue line to hold the puck in the zone and move it down low to Rich Davis who moved the puck in the slot to Kyle Stout. A one-timer from Stout between the pads and the post put Creek up 1-0 1:20 into the 2nd period. Lexington would answer back at 3:44 into the second to knot the game at 1-1. A failed clearing attempt and loose puck that was recovered by the Ice Knights allowed them to get the puck into the slot for the one-timer into the Creek net. The goal bolstered the Ice Knights as they began to play with a more aggressive style. That led to an interference penalty at 8:35 into the second. Unfortunately, the Creek power play did not execute. The man-advantage went down as a wasted opportunity. Back at even strength the Ice Knights were able to get two shots from the top of the crease that Dann was able to stop. A Lexington penalty for Roughing at 12:01 into the 2nd offered Creek another opportunity to get back on top. Creek was able to get one shot on goal during the power play, but a Creek penalty for crosschecking at 13:07 ended the man-advantage. The 4 on 4 yielded the Ice Knights a shot on goal. Lexington went on the power play, but Adam Baldwin was determined to not let them make use of the time as he hit the puck deep into their zone. The Ice Knights were able to penetrate the Creek zone, but Baldwin was able to gain control of the puck again. As he made the clear, Mike Mazza was coming off the bench during a change and caught the puck on a breakaway. Mazza cut across the slot and beat the Ice Knight goalie with a backhand shot just inside the far post to put Creek up 2-1 with 5.3 seconds remaining in the 2nd period. Creek managed to out-shoot the Ice Knights 8-6 in the 2nd period. The first couple of minutes to the 3rd period were spent with the teams moving up and down the ice. A Creek crosschecking penalty at 2:25 put the Ice Knights on the power play. Early in the power play Lexington was able to get a shot on goal. Consecutive clears by Baldwin and Leihner bled significant time off the clock. At the end of the power play, Dann stopped an Ice Knight forward 1 on 1 to keep Creek up 2-1. A Lexington penalty for holding at 5:22 into the 2nd period put Creek on the power play. Pavi Kullar hit Matt Green with a pass as Green skated into the slot. Green rippled the twine for the third Creek goal at 6:44 into the 3rd period. The power play goal put the Beavers up 3-1 with 8:16 remaining in the game. Lexington was awarded a four minute power play when a Creek forward was whistled for Interference and Unsportsmanlike Conduct at 6:48 into the 3rd period. Creek netminder Dann recorded three saves within the first thirty seconds of the power play. Ben Steinhauer chipped in a clear, then Stout, Zach Noble, and Baldwin combined to get the puck deep into the Ice Knights zone and forced Lexington to take an icing call. Brandon Sheffer was able to hold the puck in the Ice Knights zone that allowed Green to get a shot on goal. Creek continued to play the shorthanded in the Lexington zone until about 1:30 left in the power play. The Ice Knights finally setup in the Creek zone and were able to get two good shots on goal. Dann gloved the second of the shots to allow Creek a line change. During the final forty seconds of the power play, Lexington was able to get one more shot on goal, but Creek goalie Dann blocked the puck aside. The teams returned to even strength, but the Ice Knights continued to look for opportunities to get back in the game. Their aggressive play allowed Baldwin to hit Green with a long pass to center ice late in the third period. Green skated the puck into the Lexington zone hit a slap shot from the right face-off dot high into the left corner of the net for his second goal of the contest. The 3rd unanswered goal by the Beavers came at 12:54 into the 3rd to give them a 4-1 lead. Lexington played hard through the end of the game earning three face-offs in the final minute in the Creek zone, but the Creek defense and Dann shut the Ice Knights down. Shots on goal for the third period went to Lexington 11-8 and 23-18 for the game, but the Beavers came away with their 2nd straight win.

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| | <u>1st Period</u> | <u>2nd Period</u> | <u>3rd Period</u> | <u>Total</u> | |
| Lexington Catholic | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | |
| Creek | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 | |
| Beavercreek Scoring Summary | | | | | |
| <u>Period</u> | <u>Goal</u> | <u>1st Assist</u> | <u>2nd Assist</u> | <u>Type</u> | |
| 2 | Stout | Davis | Denny | Even | |
| 2 | Mazza | Baldwin | | Even | |
| 3 | Green | Kullar | | Power Play | |
| 3 | Green | Baldwin | | Even | |
| Goaltending Summary | | | | | |
| | <u>SOG</u> | <u>Saves</u> | <u>Save %</u> | | |
| Lexington Catholic | 18 | 14 | 77.8 | | |
| Dann | 23 | 22 | 95.7 | | |

Shamrocks Leave Town Feeling Green After Beavers Score Late to Win

The 2nd Game of the Weekend "Border War" between teams from Ohio and Kentucky brought the Trinity Shamrocks to the Kettering Recreation Complex to battle the Beavercreek Beavers on Saturday Afternoon January 5, 2008. Creek was looking to avenge a tie from earlier in the year at Louisville. The Beavers made three penetrations into the Trinity zone within the first two minutes of play but did not get a shot off. Trinity was able to get the first shot on goal but Creek netminder Dann blocked the puck and sent it wide. Creek responded with a good scoring chance when Matt Green found Beau Slater at the far post, but the Trinity defense was able to break up Slater's shot. Adam Baldwin recorded the first Creek shot on goal with a slapshot from the from the blueline three minutes into the game. The Beavers attack missed a golden opportunity with a 3 on 1 but played was stopped when a Creek forward knocked the net off. Trinity would strike first when an errant pass from behind the Beavers net from a Creek forward would be picked up in the slot by Trinity. The Shamrock forward wristed the puck high over the glove side to score with a deflection off the cross bar at 3:51 into the first. The Beavers were whistled for consecutive icing and offside on their next three possessions. Cody Leihner was able to get a shot from the point to hold the puck in the Shamrock zone. Creek goalie Dann made consecutive glove saves as it appeared that Trinity had the momentum. Matt Green was able to break free in the Trinity zone and rip a shot on goal that the Shamrock netminder gloved. Just as the tide began to swing, Creek was whistled for a tripping penalty at 8:23 into the 1st period. Sean

Denny made consecutive clears and played aggressive defense to single-handedly kill off almost one minute of power play time. Leiher followed up with a clear of his own that Ben Steinhauer hustled down the ice to get to the loose puck before the Trinity defense. Steinhauer put the puck on net as Mazza crashed but he was crosschecked by the Shamrock defense. The Trinity penalty at 9:35 setup a forty-nine second 4 on 4 followed by a 1:11 Beaver Power Play. Mazza won the face-off back to Steinhauer who one-timed the puck on net, but the Shamrock netminder forced the puck wide. A second consecutive face-off win by Creek, this time from Matt Green, enabled Beau Slater to get a shot on net through traffic, but again the Trinity goalie made the save. As Creek transitioned to the power play, they picked up the momentum. Kyle Stout was able to get a good shot on net after Slater tied the defense up along the boards and a pass from Green. Trinity cleared the puck, but the Beavers moved it right back in the Trinity zone and held it in from almost forty seconds. Just after the power play expired, Stout passed the puck to Baldwin at the top of the slot just inside the blueline. Baldwin hit a slapshot on net that rebounded off the Shamrock goalie. Green was right in front of the goalie and quickly put the rebound back behind the keeper into the net to knot the game at 1-1 at 11:42 in the 1st. Credit Baldwin and Stout with assists on the even strength goal. Creek went on the attack after the goal with aggressive offensive play to force Trinity to commit a holding penalty at 13:07. The Beavers power play started with the face-off in the Trinity zone. Creek held the zone for the first twenty-five seconds of the man-advantage and mustered two shots on goal. The second penetration was just as long but not as successful from the shot standpoint. The third time down Creek did get a good look at the net but the rebound was quickly cleared. With thirty seconds remaining in the 1st Creek started a break-out from behind their net led by Baldwin who passed up to Noble for the quick penetration and shot on goal that the Trinity keeper gloved. Mazza won the ensuing face-off and Steinhauer hit a shot from within the face-off circle that found daylight between the far post and the goalie's pads to put Creek up 2-1 with 2.8 seconds left in the period. Uncharacteristically, out-shot their opponent in the 1st period by a margin of 16-6. Creek started fast in the 2nd period getting two shots on goal in the first thirty seconds. A Shamrock interference penalty at 1:20 put Creek back on the power play. Despite a well-executed power play with several good shots, Creek did not stretch the lead. The Beavers committed a hooking penalty at 5:07 into the 2nd to give the Shamrocks an opportunity to get even. A hit post early in the power play saved the Beavers. Clears from Baldwin and Denny helped kill the penalty. Dann two good saves to defend the Creek net. The power play ended when the Beavers made a shorthanded rush on the Trinity net that forced the Shamrocks into a tripping penalty. To add injury to insult, the Trinity keeper was cut on the play and a 15 minute injury time-out followed as their backup keeper was home sick. Action returned after an ice cut, but Creek came out and committed an interference penalty at 7:48 to cut the power play. A one minute 4 on 4 saw Trinity get a good shot that Creek netminder Dann rejected. The Trinity power play got off to a slow start as Baldwin hit the puck deep into their zone, then proceeded to break-up their next penetration into the slot and move the puck up along the boards. Steinhauer put a long clear on net that ended up with a Creek offside but gave the Beavers a face-off outside the Trinity zone with twenty seconds left in the Shamrock power play. Creek penetrated the Trinity zone and held it for the next forty-five seconds with contributions from Kullar, Denny, and Green. At even strength, Steinhauer fore-checked a Shamrock defender into giving the puck up to Green at the point. As the defense collapsed on him, Green sent the puck back to Steinhauer, who returned the pass back to Green as he came in from the point. Green put a wrist shot inside the far post to give the Beavers a 3-1 lead at 10:14 into the 2nd period. Creek captured the momentum and proceeded to get three more scoring opportunities including a breakaway during the next three minutes but could not extend the lead any further. Just when it looked as if Creek was in control, the Shamrocks sprung to life. A failed clear at the blueline gave Trinity a breakaway that Dann stopped, Creek

failed to clear the puck again. Trinity took a shot from the point that was deflected to an uncovered Shamrock at the left side of the net who put the puck into the Creek net at 13:21 into the 2nd to cut the Creek lead to one at 3-2. The Beavers found the net at the end of the 2nd, but the referees ruled that the puck had not crossed the goal line before the buzzer sounded. Creek had continued to out-shoot the Shamrocks in the 2nd 15-10 but could not extend their one goal lead. Trinity used their late goal as fuel to fire a comeback in the 3rd period. The Shamrocks came out in 3rd and proceeded to get their first shots on goal forcing Creek goalie Dann to stay on task. A Beaver tripping penalty at 2:10 put the Shamrocks on the power play. An offside and a fore-check by Steinhauer stymied the Trinity power play early, but they recovered and tested Dann's concentration with some puck movement and a quick shot. Creek was able to get a 2 on 0 shorthanded breakaway but did not convert. A clear by Denny and fore-checking from Stout and Green brought Creek back to even strength. Unfortunately, a Creek unsportsmanlike conduct penalty at 5:56 put Trinity back on the power play. Denny and Baldwin made clears during the penalty kill and Dann continued to block everything the Shamrocks could put on net. Creek could not stay out of the penalty box as they were whistled for hooking at 8:04 to give Trinity their fourth consecutive power play. The penalty proved costly as it took only nineteen seconds for Trinity to back door the Creek net to tie the game 3-3 at 8:23 into the third. A fifth consecutive Beaver penalty, holding, elicited groans from the Creek faithful who had watched a 3-1 lead go away. Denny, Kullar, Mazza, Baldwin and Stout all contributed to keep the Trinity off balance during their man-advantage opportunity. Fortunately, Dann made consecutive saves on the power play to keep the game tied. Denny, Kullar, Mazza, Baldwin and Stout all contributed to keep the Trinity off balance during their man-advantage opportunity. Trinity would break the string of Creek penalties with a selfish tripping call at 12:25 into the 3rd. Creek held the zone during the first thirty seconds of their power play and put at least two shots on goal. Only a puck played with a high stick forced the face-off into the Beaver zone. Creek was able to get the power play set back up in the Trinity for almost one minute after Baldwin hit Stout with a pass that he dumped the puck deep into the zone. Trinity failed to clear as Baldwin made a key play at the blueline to hold the puck in and get it to Green who put a shot on goal that was deflected wide, but Mazza tracked down and fed it right back to Green for another shot. The long rebound was recovered by Baldwin who moved the puck low to Stout who found Mazza down on the goal line. Mazza skated behind the net and hit Baldwin with a pass in the high slot that he put on net. Mazza recovered the puck below the goal line and sent it to Green on the boards. Green put the puck back to Mazza who put a shot on net that deflected off the goalie's far skate into the Trinity net. Credit Green and Baldwin with assists on the power play goal at 14:23. The final thirty-seven seconds could not run off fast enough as the Creek fans waited for the ringing of the Creek victory bell. Trinity pulled their goalie in favor of the extra attacker and the move almost paid off as Creek goalie Dann was forced to make several more saves including one just as the buzzer sounded. Shots on goal were all even for the 3rd period at 13 but Creek out-shot Trinity 44-29.

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| | <u>1st Period</u> | <u>2nd Period</u> | <u>3rd Period</u> | <u>Total</u> |
| Trinity | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Creek | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
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| Beavercreek Scoring Summary | | | | | |
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| <u>Period</u> | <u>Goal</u> | <u>1st Assist</u> | <u>2nd Assist</u> | <u>Type</u> | |
| 1 | Green | Baldwin | Stout | Even | |
| 1 | Steinhauer | Mazza | | Power Play | |
| 2 | Green | Steinhauer | | Even | |
| 3 | Mazza | Green | Baldwin | Power Play | |
| Goaltending Summary | | | | | |
| | <u>SOG</u> | <u>Saves</u> | <u>Save %</u> | | |
| Trinity | 43 | 39 | 90.7 | | |
| Dann | 29 | 26 | 89.7 | | |

Braves Sweep to Victory Over Beavers

Creek faced off with SWOHSHL foe Oxford-Talawanda Braves at the Goggin Ice Arena on Friday Evening January 11, 2008. The Braves jumped on the Beavers early with the first goal just 2:22 into the game off a wrist shot setup by a nice pass into the slot. Talawanda would make it 2-0 at 9:44 into the 1st after a turnover in the slot gave the Braves a gift as they converted the error into a goal. The first period shots on goal were heavily in the Braves favor 15-7. Down 2-0 after the 1st, Creek faced an up hill battle to get back in the game. The climb would only get tougher as a Creek holding penalty at 0:42 in the 2nd put them a man down. Creek managed to kill the power play, but the effort took its toll. The Braves scored their third unanswered goal at 4:13 into the 2nd. Dann had made the initial save on a 1 on 1 play, but the puck had just enough energy left to trickle into the net. Creek held on through the 2nd period though they didn't manage much offense. A late period penalty on the Braves at 10:13 looked to give Creek a lift, but Talawanda converted shorthanded for their fourth goal at 11:59 into the 2nd. The shots on goal battle went to the Braves 11-4. The 3rd period saw Creek go down 5-0 as the Braves scored at the 2:00 mark for their fifth unanswered goal. The Beavers managed only three shots in the third period and a total of fourteen for the game. Creek netminder Dann kept his chin up making 29 out of 34 save opportunities. The lone bright spot for the Beavers was successfully killing off all four of the Brave power play opportunities. Creek's league record dropped to 1-5-1 and overall to 6-12-2.

| Game Summary | | | | | |
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| | <u>1st Period</u> | <u>2nd Period</u> | <u>3rd Period</u> | <u>Total</u> | |
| Creek | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Braves | 2 | 2 | 1 | 5 | |
| Beavercreek Scoring Summary | | | | | |
| <u>Period</u> | <u>Goal</u> | <u>1st Assist</u> | <u>2nd Assist</u> | <u>Type</u> | |

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|----------------------------|------------|--------------|---------------|--|--|
| | None | | | | |
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| Goaltending Summary | | | | | |
| | <u>SOG</u> | <u>Saves</u> | <u>Save %</u> | | |
| Dann | 34 | 29 | 85.3 | | |
| Braves | 14 | 14 | 100.0 | | |

Davis Records Shut-Out to Lead Creek In Upset Over Troy

The 2nd game of the weekend road trip had the Beavercreek Beavers in Troy, OH to face the Troy Trojans on Saturday, January 12, 2008. Creek fans were interested to see which team would show up - the Creek team that upset Centerville or the one that was shut-out by Talawanda. The Beavers were able to get the first shot after taking the opening face-off into the Troy zone. The Trojans responded by getting a couple of shots on Creek netminder Davis - one that he blocked and one that he covered. The teams played back and forth through the first half of the 1st period. Some undisciplined play by the Trojans lead to consecutive penalties. The first occurred at 7:14 for roughing. The Beavers were able to get an early shot after the face-off in the Troy zone. Later in the power play a hit post kept Creek from getting a goal. Just after the power play expired, Troy was whistled for a boarding call at 9:49 in the 1st. Creek's 2nd penetration into the zone allowed them to get the power play setup. Matt Green worked the puck low behind the net then sent a sizzling pass into the slot that was too hot to handle. An alert Zach Noble controlled the puck at the top of the slot and unleashed a slap shot. As the puck neared the top of the crease, Kyle Stout redirected the puck into the net past the Trojan netminder. Credit the power play goal to Stout with the assist from Noble at 10:54 into the 1st for the 1-0 Creek lead. A late holding penalty by Creek at 13:01 gave the Trojans a golden opportunity to even the game. Davis made two good saves in the first fifteen seconds of the Troy power play. Noble chipped the puck out to center ice. The Trojans regrouped just before the end of the period to get a long shot on net from outside the blueline that Davis covered. Shots on goal in the first period was 11-6 in Troy's favor. The teams came out in the 2nd period skating wide open. Troy was looking to get the game even. Creek was looking to extend their lead. The Trojans were able to get good looks at the net, but their shots went wide. A Trojan committed two penalties, one for Interference and one for Unsportsmanlike to give Creek a 4 minute power play. Creek was able to get three shots on net during the power play all in the last half but could not penetrate the net. Back at even strength, Troy's offense regrouped to penetrate the Creek zone. After two shots went wide, the Trojans were able to one on net but Davis cleared it away. Mike Mazza and Ben Steinhauer combined to get the puck into the Try zone and record a Creek shot on goal. The Trojans recorded consecutive shots on goal, but again, Creek netminder Davis stayed focus to keep the Creek net clear. A Troy slashing penalty at 12:51 put Creek on the power play for the balance of the period. Late in the 2nd period Creek would get a good scoring chance with the puck laying in front of the net. A flurry ensued in front of the Trojan net and after the dust had cleared and the bodies separated three roughing penalties were awarded. Creek received one and Troy received two at the 14:33 mark into the

2nd period. The net effect would be a 5 on 3 power play for Creek for the rest of the 2nd and a 5 on 4 power play at the start of the 3rd. Shots on goal for the 2nd period were six for Troy and 7 for Creek. The Beavers were not able to make much of the power play at the start of the 3rd period. The Trojans would continue to give Creek opportunities as they were whistled for a tripping penalty at 1:47 into the 3rd. Green and Pavi Kullar combined to get a good shot from the slot, but the Troy goalie was able to block the shot. After the teams returned to even strength, a Creek turnover allowed Troy to get a good scoring chance from the slot, but Creek keeper Davis stayed focused and made the save. Troy could not stay out of the box as they were whistled for tripping at 5:33 to give Creek their 7th power play of the day. Unfortunately, Creek could not get it together and ended up giving Troy two shots on goal after a turnover. Creek netminder Davis continued his stellar play in net as he kept the Trojans at bay. Creek would take back to back penalties at 7:32 and 7:48 to give Troy a one minute forty-four second 5 on 3. Creek goalie Davis covered the puck for the first save within the first ten seconds of the Troy power play. Green and Mazza managed a short-handed chance after the ensuing face-off. Adam Baldwin was able to get two clears to that effectively killed the penalties. Creek was able to get an offensive surge going after they returned to even strength to get consecutive face-offs on the Troy side of center ice. Baldwin hit the puck deep into the Troy zone as Steinhauer made the hustle play to control the puck behind the Troy net. The Senior Co-captain center the puck to Mazza in the slot. Mazza had difficulty getting the puck into a shooting position, but stayed with the play and was able to get the shot off that snuck past the Troy goalie to put Creek up 2-0 at 10:54 into the 3rd. Credit Steinhauer and Baldwin with assists on the even strength goal. Down 2-0, the Trojans did not pack up and go home. The next five face-offs were in the Creek zone as the Trojans looked to get on the board. Creek played a defensive game to keep the Trojans from getting good looks at the net. Troy did get at least one good shot on goal in an attempt to answer back to Creek's end goal but Davis continued to block everything in sight. The Trojans played with an empty net for the last one minute forty-five seconds, but the extra attacker did not help them get a goal. On the other hand, the Beavers could not find the empty net left open by the Trojans. The game ended with Creek netminder Davis recording a shutout victory. The Creek faithful responded with loud cheers for the outstanding effort and result by the visiting Beavers. Shots on goal for the 3rd. period and overall went to Troy 11-7 and 28-20, respectively. Next up for Creek is the Ehrnflet Tournament in Strongsville with games against Gahanna, Maumee, and Liberty. Go Creek!

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| | <u>1st Period</u> | <u>2nd Period</u> | <u>3rd Period</u> | <u>Total</u> | |
| Creek | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | |
| Trojans | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Beavercreek Scoring Summary | | | | | |
| <u>Period</u> | <u>Goal</u> | <u>1st Assist</u> | <u>2nd Assist</u> | <u>Type</u> | |
| 1 | Stout | Noble | | Power Play | |
| 2 | Mazza | Steinhauer | Baldwin | Even | |
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| Goaltending Summary | | | | | |
|----------------------------|------------|--------------|---------------|--|--|
| | <u>SOG</u> | <u>Saves</u> | <u>Save %</u> | | |
| Davis | 28 | 28 | 100.0 | | |
| Trojans | 28 | 26 | 92.9 | | |

Beavers Doomed By 3rd Period Meltdown

The Beavercreek Beavers opened play at the Fifth Annual Ehrnfelt Memorial Hockey Tournament in Strongsville, OH against the Gahanna Lions on Friday, January 18, 2008. A Gahanna forward would take two penalties at 8:50 to give Creek a four minute power play. A fallen defenseman and poor decisions by Creek allowed Gahanna to score a shorthanded goal at 9:26 into the first period for the 1-0 lead. Creek took an interference penalty at 10:57 to create a 4 on 4 situation. Gahanna took a holding penalty at 11:35 to make it 4 on 3 for Creek. Baldwin led the Creek attackers into the zone cycled the puck to Denny whose shot was blocked Mazza took control of the puck and backhanded a pass to Baldwin at the left point who hit Ben Steinhauer with a pass at the right face-off dot. Steinhauer one-timed the shot between the goaltender and the post to knot the game 1-1 at 12:10 into the 1st period. Credit Baldwin and Mazza with assists on the Power Play goal. First period shots-on-goal total was Gahanna 11 and Creek 7. Gahanna took a holding penalty at 3:51 into the second period to put Creek on the Power Play. Another Gahanna penalty for boarding at 5:07 gave Creek a 5 on 3 for forty-four seconds. Baldwin took a nice shot from the high slot that the Gahanna netminder blocked and held. Denny hit a shot from the face-off dot that just missed the far corner of the net. Gahanna took an elbowing penalty at 11:28 to give Creek another Power Play. Then took Check from Behind at 12:15 to give Creek another 5 on 3. Good puck movement allowed Mazza to get the puck low, but the goaltender's best friend - the post- made the save on the point blank shot. Green hit a shot through traffic that the Gahanna netminder caught sight of for the pad save. Baldwin's host from the point was gloved by the Lions keeper. A Creek penalty for interference at 13:08 turned a 5 on 3 into a 4 on 3, then a 4 on 4 and a short Gahanna Power Play at the end of the 2nd. Gahanna had a 2 on 1 that ended with a Creek goalie Dann standing tall in net to make a big save off a shot from the slot. Despite five Gahanna penalties in the 2nd period and two 5 on 3 power plays, the Creek attackers could not find the net. The 2nd period shots on goal battle went to the Lions 12-9. The scoreless 2nd made the game 1-1 going into the final stanza. Gahanna took an interference penalty at 6:18 into the third to give Creek yet another power play. Creek did as good job of moving he puck initially, but Gahanna was able to clear the puck to center ice. Baldwin made a nice poke check to knock the puck away from a Gahanna forward looking for a breakaway. Denny controlled the puck and skated into the Lions zone with Kyle Stout, Green, and Pavi Kullar. Denny gave the puck to Kullar in the slot. Kullar stick-handled past the Gahanna defender in the slot and slid the puck between the pads and the near post off his backhanded to put Creek on top 2-1 at 6:53 into to the third period. The glory would be short-lived for Creek as they took a penalty at 6:56 off the ensuing face-off and another at 7:26 to give Gahanna a one minute thirty-one second 5 on 3. Creek goalie Dann made a quick play to block a back door shot and glove the puck just twelve seconds into the 5 on 3. Off the ensuing face-off, an alert Lions forward moved in to the face-off circle that lay at the feet of the players involved in the face-off and passed the puck to an open teammate at the top of the slot. The Lions attacker ripped a one-timer between the post and the Creek keeper on the glove side for the game tying

goal at 7:43 into the 3rd period. The goal sparked the Lions power play as they aggressively attacked the Creek net off the face-off. A Gahanna forward made a nice move around a Creek defenseman to get a shot on goal from close-in on the edge of the left face-off circle. Creek netminder Dann blocked the shot off his glove-side shoulder, but the rebound flew high outside the crease where a Lions attacker batted the puck out of the air into the net for the 3-2 lead at 8:23 into the 3rd period. Gahanna committed an interference penalty at 9:12 to give Creek a Power Play opportunity to get back in the game. Unfortunately, before the power play could bear fruit, Creek would take a tripping penalty at 9:46 to create a 4 on 4. Gahanna took advantage when Creek left an attacker open low at the edge of the face-off circle where he could get a pass and hit the one-time to extend the Lions lead to 4-3 at 10:22 into the 3rd period. Creek committed a check from behind at 11:04 into the 3rd to give Gahanna a thirty-four second 5 on 3 followed by a one minute seventeen second power play. A fourth consecutive Creek penalty at 12:56 for high-sticking extended the Gahanna power play almost to the end of the period. Creek had the upper hand in this penalty ridden contest, 11 for Gahanna and 9 for Creek. Lackluster play gave the Lions three unanswered goals in under three minutes mid-way through the third and put them on the power play for almost the entire last four minutes of the game. A disappointing loss for Creek as they had played well for two and a half periods but a complete meltdown handed Gahanna the game. Shots on goal in the 3rd period went to the Lions 18-12 and for the game to 37-32.

| Game Summary | | | | | |
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| | <u>1st Period</u> | <u>2nd Period</u> | <u>3rd Period</u> | <u>Total</u> | |
| Creek | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | |
| Gahanna | 1 | 0 | 3 | 4 | |
| Beavercreek Scoring Summary | | | | | |
| <u>Period</u> | <u>Goal</u> | <u>1st Assist</u> | <u>2nd Assist</u> | <u>Type</u> | |
| 1 | Steinhauer | Baldwin | Mazza | Power Play | |
| 3 | Kullar | Denny | | Power Play | |
| Goaltending Summary | | | | | |
| | <u>SOG</u> | <u>Saves</u> | <u>Save %</u> | | |
| Dann | 37 | 33 | 89.2 | | |
| Gahanna | 32 | 30 | 93.4 | | |

Three Unanswered Goals Sink Creek

The Beavercreek Beavers second game of the Ehrnfelt Hockey Tournament in Strongsville, OH was against the Maumee Panthers late on Saturday evening of January 19, 2008. Creek looked to rebound from the meltdown in the first game, but a Creek tripping penalty at fifty-two seconds into the first put them on the penalty kill. Creek drew first blood with a shorthanded goal from

Matt Green assisted by Zach Noble at 2:33 into the first period. The Beavers killed off the remainder of the Maumee power play. Back at even strength, Maumee went to work in the Creek zone with some good puck movement to get the tying goal at 5:13 into the period. A Maumee penalty 8:06 gave Creek a power play, but the Creek attackers could not connect. In fact, the Panthers would capitalize on a Creek mistake that allowed a shorthanded goal at 9:26 of the 1st period to give Maumee a 2-1 lead. A Creek roughing penalty at 9:34 followed by a second roughing penalty at 13:28 put Maumee on the power play for most of the last five minutes of the 1st period. Creek netminder Davis withstood twenty shots making eighteen saves in the first period. Creek managed only six shots on goal, and as a result was down 2-1 going into the second period. Creek returned to even strength early in the 2nd period. However, a penalty at 3:20 into the 2nd put Creek back on the penalty kill. Creek proved to be sound on the penalty kill as Netminder Davis provided solid goaltending. The Panthers took consecutive penalties in the middle of the 2nd period at 7:42 and 4:17 to give Creek two chances to get on the board in the second period. The Beavers power play could not get on track long enough put to put serious threat on the Panther net. Maumee extended their lead to 3-1 at 13:43 of the 2nd period with an unassisted goal on an aggressive individual effort. The Panthers out-shot Creek 13-5 in the 2nd to hold a 33 to 11 shot advantage for the game. A Maumee roughing penalty at the conclusion of the 2nd period gave Creek a power play at the beginning of the third. Creek fans hope the man-advantage would spark the Creek offense. Unfortunately, not much was heard from the Creek attackers. Back at even strength all Creek could do was take two penalties at 2:08 and 3:12 into the 3rd to set Maumee up with a 5 on 3 for fifty six seconds with one minute four second power plays on either side. The Creek defense, led by netminder Davis, played admirably to keep the Panthers out of the net and keep the deficit at two goals. Unfortunately, the Creek offense was nowhere to be found. A Creek roughing penalty at 9:39 into the 3rd gave Maumee their third consecutive power play. The net play of Davis and the penalty kill of the Beavers continued to be the only bright spots of the game. The Panthers did not score, but neither did Creek. The game ended with the Panthers up 3-1. Creek fans were left to wonder how a comeback would be manufactured out of only three shots in the third period versus twelve from the Panthers. Total shots on goal for the game went to the Panthers 45 to 14. As has been the case most of the season, goaltending kept the Beavers in the game but the inability to put shots on goal doomed the Beavers.

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| | <u>1st Period</u> | <u>2nd Period</u> | <u>3rd Period</u> | <u>Total</u> | |
| Maumee | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | |
| Creek | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | |
| Beavercreek Scoring Summary | | | | | |
| <u>Period</u> | <u>Goal</u> | <u>1st Assist</u> | <u>2nd Assist</u> | <u>Type</u> | |
| 1 | Green | Noble | | Shorthanded | |
| | | | | | |
| Goaltending Summary | | | | | |

| | <u>SOG</u> | <u>Saves</u> | <u>Save %</u> | | |
|--------|------------|--------------|---------------|--|--|
| Maumee | 14 | 13 | 92.9 | | |
| Davis | 45 | 42 | 93.3 | | |

1st Period Explosion Powers Creek To Win

The Beavercreek Beavers third game of the Ehrnfelt Hockey Tournament in Strongsville, OH was against the Olentangy Liberty Patriots for Sunday, January 20, 2008 mid-afternoon contest. Creek fans wondered when the dormant Creek offense would come to life. Early in the 1st period it appeared the Creek was content to let Liberty set the pace as the Patriots peppered Creek netminder Dann with shots on goal, many from in close. Dann proved true to the task by rebuffing all of their attempts. A Liberty interference penalty at 5:41 into the 1st period put Creek on the power play. The man-advantage proved to be just what the doctor ordered as Creek would get the first goal at 6:49 of the 1st period. The goal off the stick of Mike Mazza was assisted by Adam Baldwin. A potential set-back for Creek came in the form of a 2 plus 10 check from behind penalty at 8:42 into the first. However, the Creek penalty killers continued to live up to their name by not allowing the Patriots to score. Creek goalie continued to play efficiently in net. A Liberty 2 plus 10 check from behind penalty at 12:21 gave Creek a late 1st period power play. Creek would take only nine seconds to extend the lead to 2-0. Mazza's 2nd power play goal of the period as assisted by Sean Denny. The Creek offense wasn't done yet as they cycle the puck in the Patriot zone from Matt Green to Kyle Stout to Adam Baldwin at the point. Baldwin's slapshot made its way through traffic into the Patriot net at 13:41 into the 1st for the 3-0 lead. Creek's nine shots in the 1st period were almost as many as in the entire last game. The Patriots put twelve shots on goal, but Creek keeper Dann had rejected them all. Creek fans were buoyed by the offensive displayed and hoped it would continue in the 2nd period. Unfortunately, Liberty had a different idea - they wanted back in the game. Just 1:01 into the 2nd period, the Patriots would score to draw within 3-1. The goal came as the defense failed to clear the puck and a Liberty attacker was allowed to take an unchallenged shot from the slot. Creek goalie Dann made the initial save even with a Patriot attacked standing in front of him. The rebound came to the Patriot and he was allowed to put it back into the net despite two Beaver defenseman being in his midst. Despite three Olentangy penalties in the second period, the Creek offense went dormant again and managed only five shots in the 2nd period. The Patriots were allowed to take nine shots on the Creek goal that Dann handled with relative ease. Creek seemed to settle into a defensive mode of play in the third period content to sit on their 3-1 lead. A Beaver roughing penalty at 10:01 into the 3rd period gave Liberty the power play and the chance to draw the game closer. It took the patriots only thirty-six seconds to get a goal when a Patriot attacker made a move around an overly aggressive penalty killer to get a shot from the top of the crease at the left side of the net. Creek held on to earn the 3-2 victory despite being out-shot 9-4 in the third period and 9-18 overall.

| Game Summary | | | | |
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| | <u>1st Period</u> | <u>2nd Period</u> | <u>3rd Period</u> | <u>Total</u> |
| Creek | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| Olentangy | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |

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|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|--|
| Liberty | | | | | |
| Beavercreek Scoring Summary | | | | | |
| <u>Period</u> | <u>Goal</u> | <u>1st Assist</u> | <u>2nd Assist</u> | <u>Type</u> | |
| 1 | Mazza | Baldwin | | Power Play | |
| 1 | Mazza | Denny | | Power Play | |
| 1 | Baldwin | Stout | Green | Even | |
| Goaltending Summary | | | | | |
| | <u>SOG</u> | <u>Saves</u> | <u>Save %</u> | | |
| Dann | 26 | 24 | 92.3 | | |
| Olentangy Liberty | 20 | 17 | 85.0 | | |

3rd Line Sparks Comeback To Tie Golden Bears

After some late night wrangling of tournament match-ups agreement was reached to have the Beavercreek Beavers face-off with the Upper Arlington Golden Bears for the Bonus Game of the Ehrnfelt Memorial Hockey Tournament on Monday, January 21, 2008. The Beavers were looking to avenge a preseason loss to the Golden Bears. Upper Arlington recorded the first two shots on goal in the first twenty seconds leaving Beaver fans nervous as to which Creek team had showed up for the 6AM start. Creek goaltender Davis was wide awake as he gloved both of the Golden Bear shots on goal. The Beavers woke up and began to move their feet to get the puck in the UA zone. A Golden Bear interference penalty at 2:31 put Creek on the power play with the face-off in the UA zone. However, the Golden Bears won the face-off, tipped the puck out of the zone, and into the Creek zone. An aggressive clearing attempt by the Creek goalie backfired when the puck ricocheted off the UA forward's helmet back towards the Creek net. The UA forward knocked the rebound into the Creek net for a shorthanded goal at 2:49 into the first period for the 1-0 lead. The Beavers were able to penetrate the UA zone and work the puck for a good shot on goal in a effort to answer back. The UA goalie deflected the shot and the Creek attackers could not corral the rebound for another shot. Creek took a hooking penalty at 3:55 to setup a forty-six second 4 on 4 followed by a short UA power play. Creek was able to win the ensuing face-off and move the puck into the UA zone. The Golden Bears came right back with a penetration into the Creek zone and put a shot on goal from the point, then after a brief clear, a second shot from the point. Creek netminder Davis was solid in net as he blocked the first attempt the gloved the second shot. Beau Slater won a face-off and Adam Baldwin clear the puck to begin the penalty kill. Pavi Kullar worked the fore-check to keep UA in their zone. Kullar cleared the puck down the ice on the next UA possession in the Creek zone. Baldwin defended a 2 on 1 well as UA pushed the puck into the Creek zone one more time. Noble made the final clear of the penalty kill. Back at even strength, Mike Mazza and Kyle Stout had a 2 on 1 into the UA zone that resulted in a shot on goal. The Golden Bears took a tripping penalty at 6:35 into the 1st period to put Creek on the power play. The Beavers were able to get their power play unit setup and hold the UA zone for a full minute while getting several scoring attempts. A

blocked shot led to a UA 2 on 1 that the Golden Bears converted into another shorthanded goal at 8:06 into the 1st period and a 2-0 lead. Creek did not threaten during the remainder of their power play. UA took another penalty at 9:21 into the 1st period. The Creek power play had one brief possession in the UA zone with one shot on goal. UA on the other hand forced Creek netminder Davis to stay alert as they manufactured several shorthanded chances. The Beavers were able to get a good offensive sequence late in the first period but did not score. The Golden Bears out-shot the Beavers 12 - 6 in the 1st period and held a 2-0 lead. The Golden Bears came out in the 2nd looking to extend their lead by holding the puck in the Creek zone for almost two full minutes. Creek netminder Davis stopped several scoring attempts during the attack. Creek recovered and put two shots on the UA goal. UA took a tripping penalty at 2:05 and a boarding call at 3:16 to give Creek a two one minute ten second power plays sandwiched between a fifty second 5 on 3. The first power play did not result in a shot on goal though a nice back door pass was missed. The Beavers did get three good shots on goal during the 5 on 3. After the Golden Bears returned a man to the ice, a blocked shot gave them another 2 on 1 that they converted into their third unanswered shorthanded goal of the game at 4:30 into the 2nd period for 3-0 lead. Creek did not threaten during the remainder of their power play. A fifth consecutive UA penalty at 10:37 for elbowing put Creek back on the power play, but left Creek fans wondering if they could decline the penalty. Creek recorded three shots on goal during the power play, but did not score. Fortunately, UA did not add to their shorthanded tallies. The second period shots on goal battle went to UA 10-9. Prospects were bleak for the Beavers down 3-0 going into the 3rd period. Creek broke the trend by getting the first shots on goal of the period when they penetrated and held the UA zone off the face-off. Their tenacious play would pay off with the third line of Kyle Cochran, Josh Hill, and Rich Davis in the game. Hill won the face-off back to Baldwin at the point. Baldwin hit the puck deep and Cochran hustled to gain possession behind the net. Cochran put the shot on goal and Davis fought for the rebound and deflected the puck to Hill at the top of the crease. Hill put the puck into the back of the Golden Bear net to break the shutout at 1:26 into the 3rd period. Credit Cochran and Davis with the assists on Hill's goal that made the score 3-1 for UA. The Beavers broke the string of UA penalties with a Roughing call of their own at 1:57 into the 3rd period. Creek netminder Davis made three big saves off open shots that resulted from good puck movement and a one minute thirty second UA possession in the Creek zone. Mazza was finally able to clear the puck to allow the Beavers to get a much needed line change. Noble chipped in a clear, Kullar and Green fore-checked, and Baldwin made a clear to kill the remainder of the UA power play. Coincidental minors 4:17 stopped play but did not change the on-ice situation. Creek goalie Davis made a good save off a close-in shot following a face-off. Play went end to end for the next five minutes with neither team gaining any momentum, though Creek seemed to be skating better and UA seemed content with the 3-1 lead. A Golden Bear penalty at 9:05 left Creek fans wondering whether the man-advantage was good or bad for the Beavers. UA put a scare into the Beavers when they were able to get a shorthanded attempt off the ensuing face off. Fortunately, Creek goalie Davis stoned the UA attacker on the shot from the top of the crease on the right side. After several attempts to break-out and penetrate the UA zone Creek did not appear to have much of a power play going. Baldwin retrieved the puck from the Creek zone and setup shop behind his net. He hit Zach Noble with the breakout pass on the left side face-off circle. Noble skated the puck into the neutral zone and wristed the puck high into the UA zone after he crossed center ice. The flop shot was on net and bounced high in the slot such that it handcuffed the UA goaltender as Creek finally caught a bounce their way. The power play goal off Noble's stick, assisted by Baldwin, cut the UA lead to 3-2 at the 8:49 mark in the 3rd period. UA stepped up their offensive play, but the Beavers, led by goaltender Davis, were able to withstand the attack. The balance would tip to Creek's favor with a face-off on the neutral ice side of UA's blueline that was won by

Mazza back to Creek's side of the neutral zone onto Noble's stick. Noble chipped the puck up to Mazza who skated into the UA zone with Steinhauer hustling to net through slot. Mazza put a shot on net that rebounded off the UA goalie's pads to Steinhauer at the top of the crease. Steinhauer stick-handled to his forehand and knocked the puck into the back of the UA net to for the game tying goal at 12:18 of the third period. The final three minutes saw Creek get three good scoring opportunities, but the Beavers could not find the UA net again. The Creek defense held the Golden Bears in check to take a 3-3 tie. The Beavers out-shot UA 9-5 in the final period, but UA won the shots on goal battle for the game 27-24. Creek fans were buoyed by the comeback sparked by the goal for Hill and his 3rd line compatriots Cochran and Davis. Creek Netminder Eddie Davis held the Golden Bears scoreless for the final twenty-five minutes to allow he Beavers to get back in the game.

| Game Summary | | | | | |
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| | <u>1st Period</u> | <u>2nd Period</u> | <u>3rd Period</u> | <u>Total</u> | |
| Upper Arlington | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | |
| Creek | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | |
| Beavercreek Scoring Summary | | | | | |
| <u>Period</u> | <u>Goal</u> | <u>1st Assist</u> | <u>2nd Assist</u> | <u>Type</u> | |
| 3 | Hill | Davis, Rich | Cochran | Even | |
| 3 | Noble | Baldwin | | Power Play | |
| 3 | Steinhauer | Mazza | | | |
| Goaltending Summary | | | | | |
| | <u>SOG</u> | <u>Saves</u> | <u>Save %</u> | | |
| Upper Arlington | 24 | 21 | 87.5 | | |
| Creek | 27 | 24 | 88.9 | | |

Beavers Solve Knights To Capture SWOHSHL Win

The Beavercreek Beavers face-off with the Alter Knights on Friday, January 25 in the Ice Box at the Kettering Recreation Complex. Creek was looking to avenge two straight losses to the Knights in the SWOHSHL battle. The Knights set the tone early by winning the opening face-off and marching into the Creek zone for the first shot on goal. Creek did respond back with a shot on the Alter goal within the first minute of play. An Alter penalty for interference at 1:54 gave Creek an early power play opportunity. The Creek power play struggled to get established in the Alter zone as the Knight penalty killers cleared the puck several times. After the teams returned to even strength Creek was able to get a couple of shots on goal. The next four minutes

would see six consecutive face-offs in the Creek zone. Creek netminder Davis rejected at least six Knight shots on goal while Creek could muster only one during the same timeframe. A Creek hooking penalty at 8:44 put the Knights on the power play. Creek keeper Davis made another save early in the power play followed by a clear from Mike Mazza. Creek took a second penalty for elbowing at :28 to set the Knights up with a one minute sixteen second 5 on 3 followed by a forty-four second power play. Matt Green made a clear off the ensuing face-off to get the Creek penalty kill off to a good start. Alter moved the puck back into the Creek zone and held the zone for four shots. Creek netminder Davis played solid in net by covering all of the Knight scoring attempts to take the sting out of the Alter 5 on 3. Pavi Kullar was able to get a clear to stymie the remainder of the Knight power play. Alter took an interference penalty at 11:12 to setup a seventeen second 4 on 4 followed by a Creek power play. About fifteen seconds into the power play, Ben Steinhauer hit Mazza with a pass that allowed the Creek forward to get free in the Alter zone. Mazza hit a wrist shot from the left face-off dot between the Knight goalie and the short-side post to put Creek up 1-0 11:45 into the 1st period. Credit Steinhauer with the assist on the power play goal. Both teams would get one more scoring opportunity before the period ended but neither could convert. The Knights out-shot Creek 16 to 8 in the 1st period. The second period began with Creek getting the first shot on goal. The Knights responded with a penetration into the Creek zone. Creek goalie Davis remained focused to make a good save as bodies flew all over the slot in front of him. The action went up and down until; the Knights broke free with a 2 on 1 that allowed them to get the game tying goal at 2:15 into the 2nd period. Creek responded with a penetration into the Knight zone and a couple of shots on goal, but could not find the back of the net. The teams were whistled for coincidental minor penalties at 4:48 and again at 5:50. Creek took a hooking penalty at 6:00 to put Alter on the power play. Green played tough on the fore-check then followed up with a clear early in the penalty clear for Creek. Kullar broke up an Alter breakout at center ice, took possession of the puck, and hit a long slapshot as he crossed the blueline. The shot found the Knight net inside the post on the stick side to put Creek up 2-1 at 8:11 into the 2nd period. Zach Noble made two consecutive clears as Alter attempted to get their power play going. Creek had a different idea for the Knights. Noble took possession in the Creek zone, instead of a clear, he hit Kyle Stout with a pass. Stout skated through center ice and across the blueline then found Steinhauer moving left of the slot. Steinhauer rippled the twine of the Alter net to give Creek their second consecutive shorthanded goal of the penalty kill to put Creek up 3-1 at 7:57 into the second period. Credit Noble and Stout with assists on Steinhauer's goal. Alter made one final power play rush into the Creek zone, but Creek netminder Davis made the save. The Knights took a high-sticking penalty at 9:27 to put Creek on the power play. Creek goalie Davis had to stay on task though as the Knights were able to get a good shorthanded scoring attempt off the ensuing face-off. After several attempts, the Beavers finally were able to get a power play shot on goal from the point, but the Alter goalie gloved the puck. After the face-off was cleared, Kullar took possession and hit Green with a pass. Green skated into the Knight zone and wristed the puck into the Knight net on the stick side for a 4-1 Creek lead at 11:16 into the 2nd period. Alter took a cross-checking penalty at 12:23 to put Creek back on the power play. Unfortunately, a turnover in the Creek zone early in the power play gift wrapped a short-handed goal for the Knights at 13:08 into the 2nd period to draw the game to 4-2. Creek did not get their power play on track before they were whistled for high-sticking at 14:20. The 2nd period shots on goal were 12-9 in favor of the Knights. The Knights came out firing in the 3rd period with a goal just nine seconds into the period to draw within 4-3. The goal put the momentum squarely on the Knights side led by a raucous visiting Knights student section. The next five minutes of play forced Creek into a defensive posture. Creek netminder Davis made a stellar save at the four minute mark in the third period to preserve the Creek lead. The Beavers were able to get back into an

offensive groove after consecutive face-offs in the Alter zone. Mike Mazza won the last of these face-offs and made a pass to Kyle Stout in the slot. Stout tipped the pass into the Alter net just inside the far post at 7:01 into the third to give Creek a 5-3 lead. The teams played even up for the next three to four minutes. Alter turned up the heat in the Beaver zone and put a shot on goal from the point that Creek goalie Davis blocked. A Creek high-sticking penalty at 11:47 gave Alter golden chance to get back in the game with a power play. Green put on a textbook display of fore-checking to keep Alter out of the Creek zone early in the man-advantage. Unfortunately, Creek was whistled for a cross-checking penalty at 13:21 to give Alter a twenty-six second 5 on 3 and a one minute thirty-four second power play. Alter called a timeout and pulled their goalie to setup a 6 on 3. Creek survived being three men down, but failed to clear the puck. With their attackers flooding the zone, the Knights would score at 13:54 to make it a 5-4 game. Alter continued to play with the empty net through the end of the game, but the Creek defense rose to the occasion to hold off the Knights. Creek goalie Davis made two more excellent saves before the period ended to close-out a solid evening defending the Creek net to earn the win. Shots on goal for the 3rd period were 12-9 for the Knights and 40-26 overall for the Knights. The win brought the Beavers league record to 3-4-1.

| Game Summary | | | | | |
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| | <u>1st Period</u> | <u>2nd Period</u> | <u>3rd Period</u> | <u>Total</u> | |
| Alter | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 | |
| Creek | 1 | 3 | 1 | 5 | |
| Beavercreek Scoring Summary | | | | | |
| <u>Period</u> | <u>Goal</u> | <u>1st Assist</u> | <u>2nd Assist</u> | <u>Type</u> | |
| 1 | Mazza | Steinhauer | | Power Play | |
| 2 | Kullar | | | Shorthanded | |
| 2 | Steinhauer | Noble | Stout | Shorthanded | |
| 2 | Green | Kullar | | | |
| 3 | Stout | Mazza | | | |
| Goaltending Summary | | | | | |
| | <u>SOG</u> | <u>Saves</u> | <u>Save %</u> | | |
| Knights | 26 | 21 | 80.8 | | |
| Davis | 40 | 36 | 90.0 | | |

Dann Keeps Creek Close, But Crusaders Triumph

The Moeller Crusaders invaded the Ice Box at the Kettering Recreation Complex to battle the Beavercreek Beavers on Saturday, January 26, 2008. Prior to the game, Beavercreek honored Seniors Anthony Dann, Adam Baldwin, Eddie Davis, and Ben Steinhauer for their efforts and contributions to Creek Hockey during their varsity careers. When the festive atmosphere gave way to hockey, Creek fans were on the edge of their seat wondering how the Beavers would handle the Crusaders who were ranked 8th in the latest State poll. Moeller took the opening face-off into the Creek zone but did not get a shot. A tripping penalty on Moeller at 1:07 put Creek on the power play with the face-off in their own zone. Creek was able to clear the zone and make a rush into the Crusader zone but the centering pass was missed. The Beavers were able to penetrate the Moeller zone near the end of their power play and record a shot on goal, but the Moeller keeper turned the attempt away. After a couple of face-offs in the Beaver zone, it was apparent that the Crusaders were leaning hard to get on the board, Moeller's aggressive play would benefit Creek when Kyle Stout seized control of the puck in the Creek zone and hit Mike Mazza with a pass moving through neutral ice. Mazza had two steps on the Crusaders defense and hit a slapper at the top of the right face-off circle that found its way through the goalie's five hole. The even-strength tally of Mazza's stick, assisted by Stout, gave Creek a 1-0 at 5:15 into the 1st period. Creek took a tripping penalty at 5:52 to give the Crusaders a golden opportunity to get even. Moeller put a shot on goal at their first opportunity by Creek netminder Anthony Dann blocked the shot. Cody Leiher cleared the puck down the ice. Matt Green and Beau Slater managed a shorthanded 2 on 1 into the Moeller zone but did not connect. Adam Baldwin chipped in a clear and Mazza finished off the penalty kill with good fore-checking. Back at even strength, Moeller was not deterred by their lack of power play success as they penetrated into the Creek zone and put the shot on goal. Creek goalie Dann stayed focused to turn the Crusader shot aside and Zach Noble was their for the clear. The Crusaders came right back with another shot on goal that Dann blocked, but the rebound lay in front. One flurry of bodies later and several saves by Dann, the Beavers remained on top 1-0. A delayed penalty gave the Crusaders time to pull their goalie and enjoy a 6 on 5 advantage but they could not find the back of the Creek net. The Beavers roughing penalty at 11:36 gave Moeller a power play late in the 1st period. Beau Slater cleared the puck on the ensuing face-off, then Moeller took a tripping penalty at 12:16 to make it 4 on 4 for one minute twenty seconds then a Creek power play for forty seconds. Moeller took advantage of their speed on the 4 on 4 to get a shot on goal, but Creek relied on the talent of netminder Dann to keep the Crusaders out of the net. Creek rebounded when Steinhauer and Pavi Kullar played a little give and go to get Steinhauer into the Moeller zone free for a shot on goal. The Crusaders turned the puck around with a breakout play to move into the Creek zone and get consecutive shots on goal, but once again, Dann was solid in net as he made the initial save and then covered the puck on the second attempt. Creek would get one shot on goal while on the power play before the period ended. Despite losing the shots on goal battle to Moeller 12-4, Creek was on top 1-0 at the end of the first due to the fine goaltending by Dann. Moeller was not about to give up as they came out in the 2nd period, took the face-off into the Creek zone, and hit a shot that ricocheted off the post. The Crusaders controlled the rebound and put it right back on net, but Dann blocked the shot over the glass. The next six minutes was all Crusaders as they pounded the Creek net with shot after shot. A Creek cross-checking at 2:23 added fuel to the Moeller fire. The Crusaders power play was a textbook example of puck movement leading to opportunity, but Creek goalie Dann was equal to the task as he rejected their scoring attempts. Back at even strength Creek would finally get going with a rarely seen series of passes from Baldwin to Steinhauer to Mazza to Stout that allowed the Beavers to make an effective breakout into the Crusaders zone. Mazza would record the first Creek shot on goal in the 2nd period.

Moeller was relentless in their quest to solve the Creek net as there able to get multiple shots on goal with each foray into the Creek zone. Creek netminder Dann continued to play outstanding in front of the Creek net. A Creek roughing penalty at 7:09 into the 2nd to put the Crusaders on the power play. The penalty would prove costly as the Crusaders would finally get on the board at 7:25 into the 2nd with a low wrist-shot just inside the far post. The goal fired up the Crusaders as they would get eight unanswered shots over the next 4 minutes. If not for the journeyman-like work from Senior keeper Dann, Creek's hopes would have been doomed, but the score remained 1-1. Creek did manage a good offensive sequence in the final minutes of the 2nd period where they held the Moeller zone for about a minute with good work from Slater Brandon Sheffer, Mazza, Steinhauer, and Baldwin. Noble made a good defensive play in a 1 on 1 situation to allow Dann to get an easy save. At the conclusion of the second, Dann had held off the Crusaders making 23 saves on 24 shots in an unbelievable performance. Creek managed only four shots on goal in the 2nd. Creek fans breathed a sigh of relief, but also knew that the 3rd period would be a tough task for the Beavers to turn around the Crusader momentum. Their worst fears would materialize when the Crusaders would put the pressure on early in the 3rd period. Creek netminder Dann made the initial save off his mask, but lost sight of the puck as it lay in front of him. In the time it took for him to get his bearings, the Moeller offense had scooped up the puck and put it in the net for the 2-1 lead at 1:08 of the 3rd period. Creek's 3rd line attempted to jump start the offense when Josh Hill was able to get a shot on net, but the sharp angle did not provide enough room to find the net. Moeller was able to get three more shots on goal before they took a roughing penalty at 5:10 into the 3rd. The Beavers were able to get the puck deep a couple of times during the power play, but did not get a significant threat on the Crusader net. Kyle Cochran worked hard to get Creek into the Moeller zone in hopes of knotting the game. The Crusaders continued to respond in kind with pushes into the Creek zone. Creek goalie Dann continued to withstand the Moeller barrage with fine net play. A Moeller interference penalty at 13:40 put Creek on the power play for the rest of the game. Moeller called time-out to setup their penalty kill scheme. Creek came out with the goalie pulled in favor of six skaters. Unfortunately, the Beavers did not get the game tying goal, though they did keep the Crusaders from hitting the empty net. Moeller walked away with a 2-1 win after pounding the Creek goal with forty-six shots. The Beavers did manage eight shots in the 3rd while holding Moeller to "only" nine. Only the skillful goaltending from Dann kept the Beavers within striking distance.

| Game Summary | | | | | |
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| | <u>1st Period</u> | <u>2nd Period</u> | <u>3rd Period</u> | <u>Total</u> | |
| Moeller | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | |
| Creek | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | |
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| Beavercreek Scoring Summary | | | | | |
| <u>Period</u> | <u>Goal</u> | <u>1st Assist</u> | <u>2nd Assist</u> | <u>Type</u> | |
| 1 | Mazza | Stout | | Even | |
| | | | | | |
| Goaltending Summary | | | | | |

| | <u>SOG</u> | <u>Saves</u> | <u>Save %</u> | | |
|---------|------------|--------------|---------------|--|--|
| Moeller | 16 | 15 | 93.8 | | |
| Dann | 46 | 44 | 95.7 | | |

Dann Records Shut-Out As Beavers Roll Over Panthers

The Beavercreek Beavers faced-off with the Springboro Panthers for a SWOHSHL game at South Metro Sports on Friday, February 1. Back to back Panther penalties at 1:38 and 2:19 of the first period put Creek on the 5 on 3 power play early in the first period. The Beavers would make the Panthers pay for the infractions as Creek was able to get their power play setup and cycle the puck in the zone. [Matt Green passed the puck to Adam Baldwin at the point. Baldwin hit a slap shot into the Panther net low on the stick side for the first Creek goal at 3:10 of the first period.](#) The power play goal from green to Baldwin put Creek on top 1-0. beavers were not finished on the power play Baldwin recovered the puck behind the Creek net and hit Mike Mazza Crossing the blue line. Mazza skated untouched through neutral ice and into the Panthers on and wristed puck through the goalies five whole at 3:37 of the first period. C Credit Adam Baldwin with the assist on Mazza's power play goal. the two early goals gave Creek the momentum that they carried throughout the period. The Beavers out-shot the Panthers 17-1 in the first period. Despite the large shot advantage Creek managed only the two early goals. The beginning of the second period saw the actors come out with an offense of plush getting the first three shots on goal of the period. Creek netminder Dann handled the Panther shots on goal to keep shut-out going. Their momentum was stymied by a penalty at 2:25 of the second period. beavers manage their first shot on goal early in the power play but could not score. After the Panthers cleared the puck, Creek regained possession with Matt Green skating the puck through neutral ice [hitting Kyle Stout with a pass. Stout skated into the Panthers zone and hit a Pavi Kullar with a pass in the slot for the third Creek goal at 3:51 of the 2nd period.](#) Credit Green and Stout with the assists on the third Creek power-play goal of the game. Beavers were whistled for a penalty 6:36 of the second period. The Panthers managed four shots on goal during their power-play Creek netminder Dan turned each one of them away. Creek was whistled for another penalty 8:58 of the second period. The Panthers managed only one shot on goal during their power play, while the Beavers are able to get to shorthanded chances. Late in the power-play, Creek was able to get a third shorthanded chance that the converted into a goal. [Green controlled the puck on the boards behind the net as to Panthers converged on him. He made the pass to Kullar are positioned in the slot. Kullar wristed the puck from the top of the crease to beat the goalie on the glove side for the fourth Creek goal 10:53 of the second period.](#) Credit Green with his third assist of the game on a shorthanded goal off the stick of Kullar. A Creek penalty at 13:09 of the 2nd period put the Panthers on the power play. The Panthers out-shot Creek 11-7 in the second period, but were unable to penetrate the Creek net due to skillful goaltending from Creek goalie Dann. The Beavers built a 4-0 lead moving into the final stanza. Creek struck early in the 3rd period when Green controlled the opening face-off and burst into the Panther zone. Just as the Creek penalty expired, Green rippled the twine of the Panther net for an unassisted goal just ten seconds into the third period. The goal gave Green his fourth point of the game and Creek a 5-0 lead. Creek continued with the offensive push as defenseman Sean Denny got into the scoring column with an unassisted slapshot goal at 1:31 into the 3rd period. The even-strength goal put Creek up 6-0. The Creek coach stretched out the bench to get everyone some ice time. A Creek

penalty at 2:45 gave the Panthers a power play and a good opportunity to get on the board. The Springboro power play attack was able to get four shots on goal during the power but Creek keeper Dann had the net sealed off. A Panther penalty at 11:26 put Creek back on the power play. The Beavers were able to get six shots on goal during the power play but the Panther keeper showed good form and rejected the Beavers scoring attempts. The third period shots on goal battle went to Creek 14-9 and for the game 38-21. Creek netminder Dan recorded his second shut-out of the season. Matt Green had three assists and a goal for four points. Freshman Pavi Kullar chipped in the first two goal performance of his short varsity career.

| Game Summary | | | | | |
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| | <u>1st Period</u> | <u>2nd Period</u> | <u>3rd Period</u> | <u>Total</u> | |
| Creek | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 | |
| Panthers | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Beavercreek Scoring Summary | | | | | |
| <u>Period</u> | <u>Goal</u> | <u>1st Assist</u> | <u>2nd Assist</u> | <u>Type</u> | |
| 1 | Baldwin | Green | | Power Play | |
| 1 | Mazza | Baldwin | | Power Play | |
| 2 | Kullar | Green | Stout | Power Play | |
| 2 | Kullar | Green | | Shorthanded | |
| 3 | Green | | | Even | |
| 3 | Denny | | | Even | |
| Goaltending Summary | | | | | |
| | <u>SOG</u> | <u>Saves</u> | <u>Save %</u> | | |
| Dann | 21 | 21 | 100.0 | | |
| Panthers | 39 | 33 | 84.6 | | |

3rd Period Dooms Creek in Loss to Centerville

The Beaver Creek Beavers battled the Centerville Elks for 2nd place in the North Division of the SWOHSHL on late Saturday evening on February 2. Creek would get off to a slow start as the Elks would get the first goal at 1:09 into the 1st period. A Creek boarding penalty at 1:56 put the Elks on the power play. The fine net play of Creek netminder Davis kept the Elks from extending their lead. A second boarding by the Beavers at 7:33 of the 1st period gave the Elks their 2nd consecutive power play. Davis continued to play solid in net while Matt Green, Kyle Stout, and Sean Denny each chipped in a clear to kill the penalty. The Elks were whistled for interference at 9:01 of the 1st period. The Beavers were unable to penetrate the Elk net in the first period. The Elks held an 11-4 shots on goal advantage at the end of the 1st period and a 1-0 lead. The 2nd period started much like the first. A Centerville goal at 2:29 into the 2nd period extended their lead to 2-0. Creek netminder Davis made an excellent save off a laser shot from an Elk forward about five minutes into the 2nd. The tide turned when the Elks were whistled for Roughing at 5:28 of the 2nd. About one minute later Green and Kullar would hook up to get the Beavers on the board. Kullar scored on the power play at 6:24 with the assist to Green to cut the Elk lead to 2-1. Back to back Elk penalties at 7:08 and 8:18 gave Creek a fifty second 5 on 3 sandwiched between two power plays. Creek was unable to connect on the power play, but the Elks committed a fourth consecutive penalty to give Creek another power play. Much to the Creek fans dismay, the Beavers could not strike pay dirt. The Elks just couldn't stay out of the sin bin as they committed a Roughing at 13:06 of the second period. Creek's fifth power play of the period would be just what the doctor ordered. The Beavers worked the puck in the Elk zone from Beau Slater to Mike Mazza who put a shot on net. The Elk keeper stopped the shot, but the rebound came out to the stick of Ben Steinhauer for the put back. The power play goal by Steinhauer came at 13:46 to knot the game at 2-2. The Beavers out-shot the Elks 9-5 in the 2nd period. Creek took a hooking penalty at 14:45 of the 2nd period that put them a man down to start the 3rd period. The Beavers penalty kill team took care of business in 3rd period allowing only one shot on goal during the Elk power play. The euphoria would be short lived as the Elks would get the go ahead goal at 2:15 of the 3rd period. The Elks would go back to the penalty box for interference at 2:48 to put Creek on the power play with a chance to tie the game. However, a turnover inside the Creek zone left the puck for an Elk attacker who knocked the puck into the Creek net at 3:05 for the 4-2 lead. Centerville used the momentum from the shorthanded goal to kill the Creek power play. Back at even strength, the Creek 1st line would respond with good team play. Denny passed to Mazza in the neutral zone, then Mazza penetrated the Elks zone and left the puck for Slater who was trailing the play. Slater buried the puck in the Elk net to draw the Beavers to 4-3 at 5:43 of the 3rd period. The Beavers were looking to tie the game when a turnover in their own zone allowed an Elk attacker to gain possession of the puck in the clear. The Elks extended their lead to 5-3 on a laser shot from the right face-off dot at 7:22 into the third period. Centerville took a charging penalty at 8:32 to give Creek their eighth power play of the game. The Beavers managed to get four shots on goal but the Elk netminder would not let Creek find the back of the net. Back at even strength, the Elks would extend their lead to 6-3 with a goal at 10:53 of the in third period. With hope fading, the Elks gave Creek their ninth power play of the game due to a cross-checking penalty at 12:17 of the third. Unfortunately, Creek could manage only two shots early in the power play. Shots on goal for the third period were 10-9 and 26-22 for the game, both in favor of the Elks. The Creek Penalty Kill team was perfect for the even killing 3 of 3 penalties. The Creek Power Plat team converted on two of nine opportunities for a better than season average percentage of 22.2, but it was just not enough to stay even with the Elks. The Beavers finish with a regular season record of 10-16-3 and a SWOHSHL Record of 4-7-1.

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| | <u>1st Period</u> | <u>2nd Period</u> | <u>3rd Period</u> | <u>Total</u> | |
| Creek | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 | |
| Centerville | 1 | 1 | 4 | 6 | |
| Beavercreek Scoring Summary | | | | | |
| <u>Period</u> | <u>Goal</u> | <u>1st Assist</u> | <u>2nd Assist</u> | <u>Type</u> | |
| 2 | Kullar | Green | | Power Play | |
| 2 | Steinhauer | Mazza | Slater | Power Play | |
| 3 | Slater | Mazza | Denny | Even | |
| Goaltending Summary | | | | | |
| | <u>SOG</u> | <u>Saves</u> | <u>Save %</u> | | |
| Davis | 26 | 20 | 76.9 | | |
| Centerville | 22 | 19 | 86.4 | | |

Another 3rd Period Let-Down Ends Beavers SWOHSHL Tourney Hopes Early

The Beavercreek Beavers faced-off with Alter Knights for the third time this year in the opening round of the SWOHSHL Tournament at South Metro Sports on Thursday, February 7. Creek fans were looking for an upset over the Knights - the top seed in the North Division. The game plan was clear put shots on net to test the first year Knights keeper. The Beavers were off to a slow start by allowing the Knights the first shot on goal then taking a slashing penalty thirty-three seconds into the game. The Beavers penalty kill team was able to fend off the Knights by not allowing a shot on goal during the Alter power play. Unfortunately, the Beavers were not executing their game plan. Creek did not get their first shot on the Alter net until seven minutes into the game, then were able to get three quick shots in a one minute span, but nothing the fond the back of the Knights net. An Alter penalty for cross-checking at 10:00 looked to give Creek an opportunity to strike first blood. Creek managed two shots on goal during the power play, but the Knights netminder was steer each of them wide of the net. The first period ended with the game knotted at zero, but the Knights had out-shot the Beavers 9-5. Creek netminder Davis looked solid in net as he staved off several good scoring chances from open attackers. The Knights would strike first just twenty-nine seconds into the 2nd period with good individual effort. Creek came right back off the ensuing face-off to get a shot on the Alter net, the Knights keeper gloved the shot. A second shot on goal followed the face-off, but it was turned aside. The Knights took an interference penalty at 2:21 into the 2nd period. The Creek power play could no get on-track and did not muster a shot on goal. The Knights took a 2nd penalty at 4:11 to effectively extend Creek's power play another two minutes. Creek fared only slightly better on the 2nd power play by managing a single shot on goal. Meanwhile, Creek keeper Davis was

forced to make a huge save on a shorthanded attempt. Alter committed a fourth consecutive penalty at 7:49, but the Beavers committed a tripping penalty at 8:10 to setup a 4 on 4 for one minute thirty-nine seconds. The Beavers would catch a break when Pavi Kullar recovered a loose puck, skated into the Knight zone, and put a slapshot on net that trickled through the Knights keeper's five hole. The game tying goal cam at 8:18 into the 2nd period. The goal shook-up the Knights, but they responded by putting eight unanswered shots on the Creek net over the next four minutes. Skillful play by Creek goalie Davis kept the Knights out of the net and the Beavers in the game. Creek managed two shots on late in the period to bring the period total up to five, but the Knights had pounded the Creek net with seventeen. The Beavers were fortunate to be entering the 3rd period tied while losing the shots on goal battle 26 to 10 - certainly not part of the game plan. The trend continued in the 3rd period as the Beavers were only able to get one shot through the first six minutes while the Knights had four. Creek netminder Davis continued to play solid in net through the first half of the third period. The Knights stepped up the physical play which allowed them to continue to penetrate the Creek zone and get open shots at the Creek net. The Knights broke the tie at 8:39 into the 3rd period to go up 2-1. A second Knights goal at 11:17 put Alter up 3-1 and put pressure on the Beavers to make something happen quick. The Beavers were able to get two shots on goal from long range over the next three minutes, but they were not able to get to the net to put away the rebounds. An empty net goal at 14:38 of the 3rd put the nights up 4-1 and broke the back of the Beavers. The 4th line came out to take the last face-off and was able to get a long shot on goal just before the buzzer sounded but the Knights keeper was able to corral the bouncing puck. In the end, the Beavers managed only sixteen shots on goal versus thirty-six from the Knights. Ultimately, it was the Knights who executed better to keep the Beavers off their goaltender. The loss dropped the Beavers record to 10-17-3 and gave them the weekend off to contemplate and rest up for the start of the District tournament. Creek faces a formidable task with an opening round game against Dublin Coffman. The Beavers last win over Coffman dates back to the 2002-2003 season. Click the following link to view the complete Columbus District bracket:

<http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/ih/boys/results/2008/ColumbusBrkt08.pdf>

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| | <u>1st Period</u> | <u>2nd Period</u> | <u>3rd Period</u> | <u>Total</u> | |
| Creek | 0 | 1 | | 1 | |
| Knights | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 | |
| Beavercreek Scoring Summary | | | | | |
| <u>Period</u> | <u>Goal</u> | <u>1st Assist</u> | <u>2nd Assist</u> | <u>Type</u> | |
| 2 | Kullar | unassisted | | Even | |
| Goaltending Summary | | | | | |
| | <u>SOG</u> | <u>Saves</u> | <u>Save %</u> | | |
| Davis | 36 | 33 | 91.7 | | |
| Alter | 16 | 15 | 93.8 | | |

Shamrocks Close Out Creek With Shut-out

The Beavercreek Beavers drew the Dublin Coffman Shamrocks for the first round of the District Tournament. The game was played Saturday February 16 at the Dispatch Ice Haus of Nationwide Arena in Columbus, OH. The Beavers were off to a fast start in the first period by uncharacteristically getting the first two shots on goal. The Shamrocks responded by ringing the post with their first shot. The action continued up and down the ice with the Creek skaters holding their own. Creek netminder Anthony Dann stayed on task as the Shamrocks attempted long range shots in the first seven minutes of the 1st period. Dann also survived a close encounter in front of his net by making a quality save. Kyle Stout and Mike Mazza combined on a offensive rush but could not get the puck past the Shamrocks keeper. Cody Leiher, Adam Baldwin, and Stout strung together a series of passes to penetrate the Coffman zone in the middle of the first. Sean Denny contributed physical defensive play to keep the Shamrocks from hitting their stride. Matt Green put a long shot on net as he crossed the Shamrocks blueline. Creek netminder Dann made two saves on consecutive Shamrock rushes into the Beavers zone. Mazza penetrated the Coffman zone with a good individual effort to get a good scoring chance. Coffman made a nice breakout play to get into the Creek zone and put pressure on the Beavers. Creek goalie Dann bailed the Beavers out with a great save. Following the face-off, the Shamrocks moved the puck around and attempted a shot from the point but Beau Slater sacrificed himself for the block. The Rocks came right back in the Beavers zone and Dann made another stellar save to keep the Rocks at bay. The Rocks took a tripping penalty at 13:23 of the first to give Creek a later period power play. The Beavers put together a good offensive set that resulted in a flurry in front of the Rocks net, but could not get a goal. The Shamrocks responded with two late period short-handed chances that Creek keeper Dann blocked. The score remain knotted at zero with the Shamrocks out-shooting the Beavers 13-10. Creek started the 2nd period with a brief power play and was able to penetrate the Coffman zone, but did not manage any shots on goal. The Shamrocks offense began to click as the were able to penetrate the Creek zone several times early in the 2nd period. Creek goalie Dann continued to play a fantastic game in net with several rejections of good scoring attempts. Ben Steinhauer, Denny, and Pavi Kullar combined to get a good penetration into the Shamrocks zone. A Creek penalty for boarding at 4:58 put the Shamrocks on the power play. The Beavers were able to clear the puck off the face-off, but the Shamrocks were intent on setting up in the Creek zone. A failed clear allowed the Rocks to hold the zone and find an open attacker at the left face-off circle near the boards. The Shamrocks forward lasered a one-timer into the Creek net to give Coffman a 1-0 lead at 5:38 of the 2nd period. The Beavers came right back to get four unanswered shots, but the Rocks keeper was able to keep the Beavers out of the net. A Coffman penalty at 8:04 put Creek on the power play with the momentum. The Beavers managed to get several shots on goal during the man-advantage but nothing in the back of the net. After the penalty expired, the Rocks turned their offense back on, but Dann continued his outstanding play to fend off the Rocks. A Creek slashing penalty at 11:12 put the Rocks on the power play. Coffman setup a screen in front of the Creek net, but Dann was able to make the initial save. The rebound was not cleared and a Rocks attacker tipped the puck to his counterpart who put the puck in the net at 11:32 of the 2nd for the 2-0 lead. Coffman had the 2-0 lead and the momentum. A Creek slashing penalty at 14:08 put the Rocks on the power play for the last minute of the 2nd period. The Rocks continued to pepper the Creek net, but Dann played with composure to keep the deficit at two. Shots on goal for the 2nd period were 13-10 in favor of Coffman. The Rocks power play came out firing and forced Dann to make two early 3rd period saves. Mazza would get the Creek

offense started about four minutes into the 3rd period with a shot on goal. Matt Green would follow up with a shot the ringed off the post. Ben Steinhauer worked hard on the back-check. Green worked equally hard on the fore-check and garnered another Creek shot on goal. A Coffman penalty at 5:38 gave the Beavers another power play opportunity. Unfortunately, the Creek gas tanks was empty and they could not put significant pressure on the Shamrocks keeper. Back at full strength, the Shamrocks returned with the offensive attack. Creek keeper Dann continued to stymie the Rocks attack. With about five minutes left in the 3rd, the Beavers were able to get the offense setup in the Rocks zone, but could not connect on the scoring attempts. Meanwhile, Dann was forced to make save after save to keep the game close. The Beavers finally pulled Dann at the one minute remaining mark to get the extra attacked with face-off in the Coffman zone. Creek managed to get three shots on goal before the Rocks seized control of the puck. An empty net goal by the Shamrocks with ten seconds remaining would round out the scoring. The Beavers went down to defeat 3-0 but Creek netminder Dann stopped 39 of 41 shots in a spectacular display of goaltending. Overall the Rocks out-shot the Beaver 42-27.

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| | <u>1st Period</u> | <u>2nd Period</u> | <u>3rd Period</u> | <u>Total</u> | |
| Creek | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Shamrocks | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 | |
| Beavercreek Scoring Summary | | | | | |
| <u>Period</u> | <u>Goal</u> | <u>1st Assist</u> | <u>2nd Assist</u> | <u>Type</u> | |
| None | | | | | |
| Goaltending Summary | | | | | |
| | <u>SOG</u> | <u>Saves</u> | <u>Save %</u> | | |
| Dann | 41 | 39 | 95.1 | | |
| Shamrocks | 27 | 27 | 100.0 | | |