

Souris soars to Bantam A title

The Souris Elks won the Bantam A division at the Maple Leaf/Victoria Inn Tournament of Champions hockey tournament, defeating Neepawa 6-2 in Sunday's final at Optimist Arena.

A five-goal, second-period outburst, led by a pair of goals from Jordan Thomson kick-started the Elks after playing to a 1-1 draw after one period.

"It's a good experience to be one of the top teams in our age group," Thomson said. "Not everyone gets to have experiences like this. We've won three out of the four tournaments we went to and are in first place in our league."

Souris, 12-0-2 in the Southwest Recreation Hockey League's bantam division this season, also got goals from Sheldon Kowalchuk, Matthew Pratt, Michael Fortin and Cole Miller.

Neepawa's Quintin Lisoway and Riley Kolesar replied with goals.

In the Bantam A semifinal, Neepawa got by the Prairie Storm 5-2.

Matthew Sneesby and Lisoway each tallied twice, while Garrett Rempel chipped in a single.

Here's a round-up of

Sunday's playoff games:

BANTAM A

Consolation Final
Redvers Rockets 9
Brandon Wheat Kings 3
 Brandon's Kolby Day scored twice while Layton Dornn rounded out the Wheat Kings' scoring. Sean Jonassen netted a hat trick for Redvers.

BANTAM AA

Final
Thompson King Miners 4
Lumsden/Bethune Lions 1
 Thompson's Robert Briem capped off a two-point effort with a goal.

Consolation Final
Flin Flon Bombers 7
Portage Terriers 4
 Tavish Quinn scored three times to lead Flin Flon.

MIDGET A

Final
Notre Dame Hounds 4
Redvers Rockets 2
 Mike Mason scored a goal and had an assist, and David Clements had two assists to help Notre Dame take the division title.

Consolation Final
St. Vital Victorias 4
Beausejour Blades 3
 Thomas Freeman, Brady Bouchard, Easton Oliver-

Hanna and Wyatt Fadden scored for St. Vital.

C-Final

Estevan Bruins 6
St. James Canadians 4
 Brad Tomiski's three goals led Estevan. Landon Lavoie, Dallas Kickley and Cole Blischak also scored for the Bruins. Cory Yeroschak scored twice for St. James.

MIDGET AA

Final
Shattuck St. Mary's 3
Notre Dame Hounds 2
 Will Steck scored the game-winner 4:41 into the third period, while Shattuck St. Mary's teammates Tadas Tsibulskis and Alex Birk added singles. Harrison Hoey and Keegan Hnatiw replied for Notre Dame.

Semifinal

Notre Dame Hounds 5
Brandon Wheat Kings 2
 Brett Coey and Tyson Holder each recorded a goal and an assist, but it wasn't enough for Brandon. Storm Adams scored twice for Notre Dame while Brendon Desjarlais, Richard Hardi and Hoey added singles.



Souris' Michael Fortin celebrates his goal during the Elks' 6-2 win over Neepawa in the Bantam A Division of the Tournament of Champions Sunday. (Tim Smith/Brandon Sun)

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Steelers win in season finale

The Selkirk Steelers closed out the Manitoba Junior Hockey League regular season with a 5-3 win over the Winnipeg Saints on Sunday.

The Winkler Flyers headed into the post-season with a 5-3 win over the Steinbach Pistons.

At Selkirk, Brendan Baumgartner and Taylor Dickin, who was named the league's most valuable player prior to the game, had a goal and two assists each for the Steelers (36-25-0-1).

Paul Crane, Daniel Hrabowych and Brett Chartier replied for the Saints (36-

19-3-4). Eddystone's Kent Henry made 24 saves for the Saints.

Flyers 5 Pistons 3

At Steinbach, Jordan Peters led Winkler (29-25-7-1) with a pair of goals and two assists. Shael Hechter, Graham Fast and Nick Lazorko also scored. Brandonites Kyle Wells and Cam Stevens tallied assists.

Eric Coulombe scored twice for Steinbach (13-43-5-1), while Tyler Peers rounded out the scoring with a goal.

PLAYOFFS — The regular-season leading Dauphin Kings will open their

best-of-seven Sher-Wood Division semifinal series against the Neepawa Natives. Game 1 is expected to be in Dauphin on Friday at 7:30 p.m.

The second-seeded Terriers will host the Swan Valley Stampeders in the other best-of-seven Sher-Wood Division semifinal. In best-of-seven Addison Division semifinal series action, the Saints will hold home-ice-advantage against their cross-town rival Winnipeg South Blues, while the Steelers hold home-ice advantage in their series with the Flyers.

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IN BRIEF

WHEATIES DRAW NO. 4

The Brandon Wheat Kings will head into the Female Midget AA rural provincial hockey playdowns as the fourth-seeded team after a pair of weekend wins over the NorMan Northstars.

Brandon beat NorMan 9-3 in the final game of the two-game series, with Brooke Ewbank, Ashleigh Brykaliuk and Laura Popplestone each recording two goals and three assists.

Brandon opened with a 9-4 win, with Ewbank chipping in a seven-point effort, with four goals. Brykaliuk tallied two goals and three assists, while Popplestone finished with a goal and an assist.

Brandon will now face top-seeded Pembina Valley in the next round of the playoffs.

EAGLES STAY ALIVE

The Shoal Lake Eagles staved off elimination from the NorthCentral Hockey League playoffs with a 9-3 win over the Miniota/Elkhorn C-Hawks on Sunday. Jeff Neufeld and Nathan Holovach each scored twice for Shoal Lake.

Miniota/Elkhorn leads the best-of-five quarter-final series 2-1. In other playoff action, the Reston Rockets grabbed a 2-1 quarter-final series lead after their 7-1 win over the Foxwarren Falcons. Derek Elliott scored three times for Reston.

TEGG LEADS DYNASTY

Brody Tegg's 25 points led The Dynasty to a 66-56 win over Royal LePage Sunday in the Brandon Senior Men's Basketball League.

Evan Keller replied with 12 points for Royal LePage.

The Bush Whackers dominated Two Farm Kids 89-57 with Chris Kraus scoring 36 for the victors. Grant Griffith netted 18 points for Two Farm Kids.

Nik Quick's 45 points gave The Latins a 96-79 win over Montana's. Scott Matheson had 22 points for Montana's.

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