

## **Rink Rat News**

Submitted by Pam Bender

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### **Midgets going to Provincial Semi Finals!**

On March 6<sup>th</sup> the Strasbourg Midgets boarded a bus along with their parents, a second bus full of fans, and travelled nearly four hours to Carnduff for game one in provincial playoffs. It was a slow start for our Maroons who seemed to struggle through most of the game. It was 1-1 after the first period, Mitchell Myers got our only goal assisted by Justin Bryksa. Mitchell scored again in the second after picking up a raise from Tyson Orban and batting it mid air into the net ending the period 2-2. Jory was able to get the Maroons third goal with an assist from Jordan Hegglin which had the score tied with 2 minutes left in play, Carnduff was able to get one more goal before the night was finished ending the game 4-3 for the Red Devils.

Carnduff came to Strasbourg rink March 8<sup>th</sup> where it was a packed house with many fans from our neighboring towns coming to cheer the boys on! Carnduff started the game off with a goal half way through the first period, our boys were playing a good defensive game, with strong penalty kill plays although they still seemed to be struggling a bit. Mitchell got the team fired up when he picked up a nice pass in front of the net from Tyson to get the Maroons first goal. Tyson got a sweet power play goal shortly after with assists to Jordan and Connor Mutch to end the first period with a 2-1 lead. Carnduff was able to tie it up shortly into the second. Goalie, Stephen Tait was solid in net making many great saves to keep the boys in the game, the defense team of Chris Cardiff, Tanner Cardiff, Justin Bryksa, Steven Gelinias and Kyle Hardy were all on top of their games, getting the puck cleared, forcing to the corners and making hard hits. The TSN turning point for our boys was definitely when Shane Halstead picking up a pass from Kyle took a wrist shot from the blue line to get the Maroons third goal ending the period in a 3-2 lead for us. The boys came out flying in the third, Jory Miller got a nice breakaway fourth goal, Tyson picked up a drop pass from Mitchell to razzle dazzle it all the way around to the front of the net and pop it over the goalies shoulder. This was a fast paced period of big hits from our Maroons and some nice passing in front of the net. Kolton Kelln got a breakaway and got a nice shot on net where Logan Mortenson was there waiting for the rebound and was able to tuck it in for our sixth goal. Carnduff was able to get one more goal in this period ending the game in a dominating 6-3 win for the Maroons. Strasbourg is now up against Davidson in the semi finals as well as in league playoffs.

Sunday was also a league playoff game for the Pee Wee team where they were up against Raymore in the "B" side playoffs. The Atom players which usually play with the Pee Wee team were unable to make it to this game so there were only 9 kids on the bench. It was a challenge to the coaching team of Garth Frizzell and Shawn Flavel to make the lines as there were only two regular defensive players forcing one forward player from every line to take a turn playing back. Raymore came out strong getting many shots on net and really putting the pressure on our boys giving the Rockets a lead of 4-1 after the first. The boys played much better in the second getting three goals to end the second period at 4-5 for Raymore. Half way through the third our boys managed to tie it up when Donovan took a shot from the corner and the puck went off the goalies skate to rebound in. This got the boys pumped up and giving it their all. Unfortunately, Raymore was able to get 2 more power play goals on us before Donovan made a nice pass to Josh Gottselig who tucked it in making the score 6-7 for Raymore. The Maroons pulled the goalie with 48 seconds left which Raymore capitalized on and were able to end the game in an 8-6 win.

Well folks, that's all for today, I would like to leave you with a great saying that I heard from one of our fine coaches – "It's not the name on the back of your jersey that matters – it's the name on the front that needs respect." If there is one thing you notice when you walk into the Strasbourg rink or talk to any of our minor hockey players – it is the pride to be part of the Maroons, and the pride from the community that we have such a fine group of players representing our town! Let us never forget to appreciate our rink, to show our thankfulness to the "little people" who make a day at the rink go so smoothly, and to pat a player on the back and tell him what a great job he did! See you in the stands.

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WOW! There has been some exciting hockey going on in our rink these days! For those of you who haven't been able to get to the rink lately, you have certainly been missing out and for those of you who have come out to help cheer I know you will agree with me, our home town boys have been really shining!

The Pee Wee team played on home ice Friday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> for their second provincial game against Coronach. The boys all looked very handsome in their shirts and ties as they came to the rink. The provincial jitters were gone and they were here to play some fine hockey. Lots of great passes in front of the net by the forwards, some good hits and digging in the corners by the wingmen and some fantastic defensive plays proved they were a team determined to show their stuff. Unfortunately, they were still unable to get a win but not for lack of trying that's for sure.

The Midgets were up against Lake Lenore in league playoffs this round in back to back games. Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> the Hawks came to Strasbourg where one opposing parent actually asked me if this was the same team that played in the league, as they looked like a whole new team. These boys have really come together and we have three really strong lines which can all score goals. Govanite, Jory Miller, has really set the pace in these games, he comes out fast, catching up to the puck and stealing it away for some fast breakaway opportunities. Scoring 4 goals this game, Jory is the talk of the stands about how he can make skating at top speed look so easy. Tyson scored 2 goals and got an assist, Logan and Jordan each got goals as well to end the score in a dominating 9-1 win. Goaltender, Stephen Tait, from Nokomis, made some amazing saves that had the crowd ooh-ing and awing, especially on the nice glove saves that he does so well. Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> the Maroons travelled to Lake Lenore for game 2. Once again, team captain Jory started the scoring with a quick goal picking up a pass from Connor Mutch. Shortly after Connor popped another one in, Tyson got a quick goal shortly after puck drop, Jory got a breakaway for a top shelf goal and Connor snuck another one in leaving the first period in a 5-0 lead. Kolton Kelln and Reed Smith got the goals in the second period while the Hawks got their first goal on a power play ending the second at 7-1. In the third period our boys seemed to slow down considerably, perhaps they were feeling a bit sorry for the Hawks or perhaps they were exhausted from the Sask First tryouts the weekend before but the Hawks dominated the period getting 5 goals to the Maroons 2 goals from Tyson and Jordan Hegglin to end the series in a 9-6 win for the Maroons. The Maroons will be taking on the Davidson Huskies in league finals so watch for game times for these games as they will be very interesting games to watch.

The Atom team travelled to Raymore to take on the Rockets on February 5<sup>th</sup>. This game had everyone on the edges of their seats. This was a must win game for the Maroons so that they could go on to play in the 'A' side league finals. It was a back and forth game with the score being 15-14 for our boys in the last few minutes of play, Raymore got a goal to tie it up 15-15 with 2 minutes left, Jesse Korytko picked up the puck at their blue line and as the parents anxiously watched the clock tick the remaining seconds away he carried the puck down the ice and took a wrist shot from inside our zone and like watching slow motion the puck crossed the goal line a second before the buzzer to get the winning goal! There were some very excited players on the ice congratulating each other while all the parents recovered from their near heart attacks at how close it was! This team has 3 players in the top twenty goals scorers of the league, Jesse Korytko is 3<sup>rd</sup> with 115 goals, Mason Cardiff is placing 9<sup>th</sup> with 57 goals, and Bryce Hubick is 12<sup>th</sup> with 46 goals! This is really quite an accomplishment for these boys considering how many players are in the whole league and to make the top twenty is really something. Atom goalie, Dallin Sorenson is doing a fantastic job in his first year in net! He has been a solid player who has been making some amazing saves to keep his team in the game. For a first year player to strap on the equipment and stand in there with no fear and such determination is truly amazing to me, if you see him in the rink or at school give him a pat on the back, he truly deserves it. The Atoms took on the Humboldt Bronco's in the semi finals of league play offs, they were able to come away with 2 wins with scores of 8-5 and 6-5. This team is now up against Lanigan for the finals.

The Pee Wee team is now playing their league playoffs for the 'B' side. They played the Long Lake Lightning team from Imperial/Holdfast on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. The boys played some of the best hockey I have seen them play! Donovan Thompson got 2 nice goals in the first period both assisted by Bryce Hubick. Goalie, Austin Hardy, made a nice penalty shot save to keep the score 2-2 after the first period. The Maroons dominated the second period getting 6 goals. Our defense did a fantastic job clearing the puck, the forwards all skated hard and did some great passing in front of the net and they were all working hard at the net to pick up rebounds. Austin (or Ozzie as everyone calls him) had a really good game and only let in one goal each in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Bryce and Jesse Korytko started the 3<sup>rd</sup> period off right both with unassisted goals, Xavier Schultz and Donovan each got a goal as well to end the game in an 11-4 win. Only 3 more games for this team to play and then their season will be finished, hard to believe but my hockey season is finally coming to an end. Everyone asks me what I will be reporting on after hockey is done, my answer – probably nothing as none of my boys are ball players! I sure hope to see you all at the rink soon and if you see any of these boys or their coaches on the streets wish them luck in their remaining games, I don't want to jinx it but I hope Greg has his ladder ready as I am sure there will be a few new banners to put up soon! Good luck Maroons!

### **Rink Rat News**

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### **Feb. 25**

Hello again hockey fans, another busy week of hockey has flown by again before I even knew it. All teams are busy playing their league playoffs now, some teams are into their provincial games as well which means a lot of travelling for everyone and some scheduling crunching for managers and coaches.

The Atoms were up against Humboldt in their first round of playoffs and were able to come out victorious winning both games. They will now be up against either Drake or Lanigan for the second round. This is a real hard working team with a lot of talent, if you get a chance to make it to one of these boys' games it is some really good hockey to watch. I got a chance to get to one of their games on Tuesday and was really impressed with this teams passing and hard work in front of the net.

The Midgets were up against Cupar in their second round of Provincial playoffs. First game was played in the Cupar rink on Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> where there was a fantastic turnout of fans from Strasbourg. The boys came out flying and ready to play, Tyson Orban got a nice goal from the corner shortly into the first period. Taylor Cardiff picked up a nice pass from Reed to get the Maroons second goal. Cupar was able to sneak one past goalie Stephen Tait to end the period 2-1. Cupar started the second with a quick goal to tie things up, the Maroons kept the pressure on and did some great penalty kills and nice defensive plays to keep Cupar from scoring. Mitchell Myers picked up a long pass to pop it in for a nice 3-2 lead going into the third. A big hit by Mitchell got the team fired up again and they really put the pressure on. It was looking like it was going to be a scoreless period until Cupar snuck one more goal in with less than 2 minutes left to end the game in a 3-3 tie.

Cupar came back to Strasbourg for game 2 on Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> to another packed house. The fan turnout to these games has been amazing! Thanks to our friend and loyal fan, Frankie Wirll, an amazing 50/50 draw of \$780 was sold. It was hard to find a seat as all 3 sections of stands was packed full and the noise when the boys came out onto the ice was deafening! It was so much fun to see the boys looking up into the stands and smiling and hearing them talk after the game about how loud it was on the ice and how many people were there! "Roses" to everyone who came out to the game and helped make this such a good memory for the boys!

Tyson started the tone of the game with a quick breakaway and top shelled it after only 53 seconds of play. Mitchell, Logan Mortenson and Tyson each got goals to end the first period in a 4-0 lead for the Maroons. Mitchell got another nice goal shortly into the second and Jory Miller got a breakaway to score the Maroons 6<sup>th</sup> goal of the night. Cupar managed to get two goals in the third to end the series with a 6-2 win for the Maroons. This team is now up against Carnduff for our third round which will be played in the first weekend of March, keep an eye out for dates and times.

The Midgets were up against the Watrous Winterhawks in their first round of league playoffs which was held on Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> in Watrous. We welcomed back Drew Thompson after a lengthy recovery from a concussion, it was nice to see him back on the ice as a strong defenseman for our team. Watrous started the scoring half way through the first which Tyson quickly answered. Jory got a nice breakaway to top shelf it to end the period in a 2-1 lead. The boys had a really good 2<sup>nd</sup> period with Mitchell, Logan and Jordan all getting some nice goals to finish with a 6-2 lead. Cupar got their last power play goal in the third to end the game in a 6-3 victory for the Maroons. We are now up against Lake Lenore for our second round of playoffs which should be a pretty evenly matched games and will be some fantastic hockey to watch as both league games ended in 4-3 wins for the Maroons.

The PeeWee team went on a long bus trip to Coronach to play their very first provincial game. The boys were very excited about their first team bus trip and were all looking very spiffy in their shirts and ties. The long trip, a few game jitters and some nervous boys resulted in our boys not quite playing their normal level of hockey and ended up loosing the first of two games 9-0. Even after such a disappointing loss the boys still had

smiles on their faces and were in good spirits. I am sure we will show Coronach a different team when they come back for game 2.

Well that's all for this week, I hope you enjoyed reading this weeks hockey news and I hope to get a chance to see you all at the rink.

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#### **Feb. 17**

Life at the rink is starting to slow down a bit now that league play is coming to an end. All teams are getting ready for their playoff and provincial games. Unfortunately our Senior team could not beat the Drake Canucks in their provincial games and are now finishing up their playoffs against Watrous. It was so great to watch our older boys playing on their hometown ice again. What a tough road they all travelled on but they always came out to play with heart and determination, never giving up even when the chips were down. Strasbourg has much to be proud of from all these boys and I know I can't wait until next year to watch them all playing again.

The Midgets were in Viscount on Friday, February 13th where they were able to beat the Vipers in a 12-4 win even though the Maroons were short 8 players. Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> the Humboldt Midgets were in Strasbourg for our last league game where the Maroons dominated the ice winning the game 10-0 giving our goalie, Colby Erhardt, his second shut out of the year. This team has been playing some exceptional hockey of late despite loosing a few key defense players to injuries. Coaches Darrell Orban and Adam Stepp have really worked hard with these boys emphasizing the important skills of play, keeping the boys focused on the game, keeping them motivated, and playing good clean hockey. It has been a pure joy watching these kids play, win with dignity and even loose with grace. These boys still have a lot of hockey to play with playoffs and provincials and I am looking forward to every game!

Duval Rink was a bustle of activity when the Strasbourg Pre Novice and Novice teams played games there on Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. Lots of fans, parents, family and townsfolks came out to cheer on these little guys and get a few chuckles along the way.

Keep an eye out for upcoming playoff and provincial games coming up, let's pack the rink and show these boys we really do support them. Have a great week and hope to see you all at the rink!

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#### **February 10, 2009**

Do I ever have some exciting hockey games to tell you about this week! Our boys have been very busy trying to finish up their league games, planning play off games and playing some provincial hockey. It has been a rather hectic couple of days for everyone.

On Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup> the Atom team travelled to Raymore to take on the Rockets. After a rough start for our boys and an 8-1 score for Raymore after the first period the parents were prepared for a loss of great proportions! However, the boys came out simply flying in the second and third periods managing to catch up to the big lead. It was an incredible game, parents were on the edge of their seats staring at a 15-15 scoreboard with only minutes left in the game. The Maroons scored their winning goal with only two seconds left. What an exciting game and a true show of determination from the players never giving up and skating hard right to the end.

Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup> was a provincial hockey night in Strasbourg where the Kamsack Flyers came to take on our hometown boys. A fantastic crowd turned out to help cheer on the boys and an amazing 50/50 draw of \$308 was sold! Connor Mutch started the scoring for the game with a really nice shorthanded goal 5 minutes into the game. The Flyers managed to get one past goalie, Stephen Tait, a few minutes later but the Maroons forward Logan Mortenson got a long pass from Tyson Orban to beat their defense getting a wonderful top shelf breakaway goal ending the first period in a 2-1 lead for us. The Flyers got another quick goal on us a minute after the puck dropped to tie up the score which Mitchell Myers quickly answered in a razzle dazzle move to "deke" the goalie. Strasbourg really capitalized on some power plays, Jordan Hegglin picked up a rebound to score, Tyson Orban scored a goal from on his knees, and Chris Cardiff made a hard shot from the blue line which was tipped in mid air by Kolton Kelln to go over the goalies shoulder and land at the back of the net! It was quite an ending to the period leaving the score 6-3 at the end of the second. The Flyers seemed a bit frustrated and were taking a lot of penalties, at one point they had 5 players in the penalty box, which didn't leave much room for the time keepers! They did however, still manage to get two more goals in the third, Jory did some fancy foot work to get the puck down to their end and get a shot on net which Jordan picked up and tipped in. The game ended in a 7-5 win for the Maroons.

Saturday was a busy day for our Maroons. Bulyea hosted their Winter Carnival weekend where they invited the minor hockey teams to play there. The Atom team invited Long Lake/Imperial to come play them. Another exciting game for the Atoms saw them coming home victorious again. The PeeWee team played against the Raymore Rockets on Bulyea ice to the joy of the crowd who got to watch some of their hometown boys, Tucker Slough, Donovan Thompson, and Wyatt Gorrill play. It was a back and forth game between two fairly matched teams, Strasbourg came back strong to end the game in a 9-9 tie.

The Midget team hopped on a bus Saturday to play game 2 of provincial playoffs against Kamsack. After a quick pasta supper stop in Yorkton we pulled into Kamsack at 5:30. Everyone was fairly nervous about how this game would play out, hoping for a good, clean game and we weren't disappointed. Once again the Maroons started the goal scoring for the game after only 3 minutes into the game when Logan picked up a nice pass from Mitchell. Jory picked up the puck right off of faceoff and sped to the net for a fabulous breakaway goal. The Flyers managed to get a goal to keep the score close but then Mitchell picked up another long pass from defenseman Steven Gelinis to score once again in the first period. Second period started out much the same with Jordan getting a quick goal to start things off. Kamsack managed a few more goals making the score 4-3 for us at the end of the second. The third period had the Flyers tying up the scoreboard with almost 13 minutes left in the game. Our boys played some hard, fast hockey keeping all of us parents cheering our voices away. Logan picked up the puck and carried it behind the net to do a classic wraparound to score with only 46 seconds left in the period. Jory once again picked up the puck off the faceoff and scored on his breakaway with 23 seconds left! I was very proud of how our boys played this game, it

was a nice clean game with few penalties! We are now up against Cupar in round 2 so watch for that game, it should be another great match up of two strong teams.

Sunday saw the Nokomis Chiefs Senior team travelling to Strasbourg for an early game where they managed to come out on top.

Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> saw the Maroon PeeWee team hosting the Humboldt Broncos in their last league game of the year. The Bronco's started the scoreboard after getting a top shelf past our goalie Austin Hardy. Bryce Hubick answered shortly after when he picked up a nice pass in front of the net from Josh Gottselig. Jesse Korytko got our second goal to tie the period at 2-2. Jesse scored again 15 seconds into the second period which the Bronco's answered shortly after getting a lucky bounce off Austin's helmet. Donovan Thompson did a fancy spin around shot after picking up a pass in front of the net to end the period in another 4-4 tie. Jesse got his hat trick of the night after picking up another great pass to get our 5<sup>th</sup> goal which they answered once again tying it up. The Maroons finally were able to get one more goal with less than 2 minutes left in the game and were able to do some nice penalty kills to keep their lead ending the game in a 6-5 win against Humboldt.

It has been a great weekend of hockey for all our boys with a lot more great games coming up with playoffs and provincials planned. Keep your eyes open for the schedule and help us cheer these hard working boys on, enjoy a rink burger and coffee, maybe win a 50/50 draw, even give the zamboni man a hard time, I can't wait to see you all there!

### **Rink Rat News**

Submitted by Pam Bender

### **February 4, 09**

Hello again hockey fans! Our home town hockey players have had a very busy weekend travelling and playing at home, every team is busy finishing up their league games and preparing for playoffs and provincial games. There is some mighty fine hockey being played in our rink these days, if you haven't seen any games lately, take a few hours and come help cheer the boys on, I know I say this every week but it really does mean a lot to the boys to have a crowd to play for.

On Friday, January 30 the Midget team hosted a game against the Viscount Vipers where the Maroons dominated the whole game ending the game in a 17 – 1 win. Their one goal actually went off the skate of one of our own defensemen who had to apologize to the goalie for taking away his shut out.

Saturday, January 31 was a full day of hockey for all teams. The Initiation team travelled to Imperial, Novice played at Wynyard, the Atom team was invited to play their league game in Govan, Pee Wee and Midget teams were in Humboldt. Every team had some hard games but played very well.

Sunday, February 1st was another busy day for Strasbourg rink. The day began with the Novice team taking on Davidson, the Atom team beat out Watrous with goalie, Dallin

Sorenson getting a shut out and almost everyone on the team getting lots of goals and assists in the 17-0 win. The Pee Wee team took on Viscount where we struggled a bit in the first and second periods but had a strong third period ending the game in an 11-6 loss. Saturday the Senior team also took on Leroy with a disappointing loss of 5-3.

Monday night the Lake Lenore Midget team came to Strasbourg to take on our boys. It was a true back and forth game that kept everyone wondering how it would end. The first period ended with a 3-0 lead for Lake Lenore. I'm not sure what coaches Darrell Orban and Adam Stepp said to the boys but they came out flying in the second period! Tyson Orban started the boys off with an amazing shot after picking up a nice passing sequence from Logan Mortenson and Mitchell Myers ending the second period in 3-1. The third period saw the boys working very hard. The line of Tyson, Logan and Mitchell really came through with some nice passing in front of the net and some fancy plays to let Logan score a hat trick in the third to end the game in a 4-3 win for the Maroons. The team sends speedy recovery wishes to defensemen Tanner Cardiff who hurt his leg recently which leaves us short two defensemen and 2 forwards going into our first round of Provincials. Get well soon Drew and Tanner.

Tuesday the Pee Wee team travelled to Lanigan to take on the Pirates. It was a tough battle for our boys who played some very good hockey. The first period ended with a 2-1 lead for Lanigan. No goals were scored in the second period with both goalies making some good saves and our defense team really coming through in getting the puck cleared out of our zone quickly. We had a lot of really nice hard shots on net and did a great job killing some penalty minutes, unfortunately we had a bit of trouble keeping the puck on our sticks and had some trouble in the third getting it cleared which led to a lot of scoring chances for Lanigan ending the game in a 5-1 loss for our Maroons.

Recently there was a video sent around some of the hockey parents from a 12 year old hockey player talking about his "magic hockey helmet". He talked about walking into a rink with his helmet hiding in his bag and being treated by adults with kindness and respect but as soon as he puts on his helmet and steps out on the ice he gets treated much differently. It was a good reminder to everyone who watched this video to remember that these are still just little boys out there who are truly doing the best they can, and win or loose hopefully they still had fun playing a game they all love. Let's all remember to keep the fun in the game and the smiles on the kids faces. See you all at the rink!

### **Rink Rat News**

Submitted by Pam Bender

### **January 27, 09**

What a busy weekend for us all! For those of you who did not get down to the rink this weekend I must tell you – you missed some FANTASTIC hockey!! Here are some of the highlights.

Friday, January 23 saw the Drake Senior team coming to Strasbourg. Our Senior Maroon team really gave Drake a run for their money! This team is really starting to come together and show their stuff! Goalie Kyle Lakness, son of Reg and Judy Lakness from Govan, was simply amazing, making save after save keeping our team in a 2-0 lead going into the third. Evan Myers beat the defense and picked the puck up in the corner to wrap around the net to get the Maroons first goal. Larry Dohm picked up a rebound to get the second

goal for Strasbourg. Drake came out flying in third, the Maroons took a penalty and Drake capitalized on their power play scoring 3 goals in the third ending the game in a 3-2 win. The waiting room was a buzz of excitement over how well our boys played and everyone was looking forward to the next nights' game. Shots on net were 43 Drake -17 Strasbourg, like I said Lakness was on fire!

Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> the Strasbourg Pee Wee Team hosted their annual tournament where teams from Moose Jaw, Lumsden, and Regina all came out compete for the trophy. The first game for Strasbourg saw them taking on the Moose Jaw Bulldogs. A slight mix-up saw the goalie for the Maroons running through the rink with only minutes to the game with a very frazzled mother trying to keep up resulting in a bit of a delay to the game, this fortunately did not upset the Maroons who played a very strong game against the Bulldogs ending the game in a 3-3 tie. Maroons next game saw them up against the Regina Avalanche, excellent defense and some nice passing to get the puck cleared out of our zone helped the Maroons see a 4-3 victory. Their third game was against the Lumsden/Bethune Lions, our Maroons were ready for this game, they came out flying and never let off. Great teamwork, some fancy puck handling, some nice breakaways, tough defense, and some well done work getting the rebounds resulted in the Maroons taking the game with a 9-3 win. This win put the Maroons in point lead enabling them to be the Tournament winners! Great Job Pee Wee

Saturday night the Lanigan Pirate Seniors travelled to Strasbourg to take on our Maroons. This was another amazing game for our boys. Once again Kyle Lakness made some unbelievable saves! He saw almost 50 shots on him this game letting only 1 of them get behind him! Casey Heintz got the Maroons on the scoreboard with their first goal of the night, Shane Hilderman picked up a puck from the corner and took it through many obstacles drop passing it to his brother Trent who popped it into the top corner for the winning goal! Maroons win 2-1 much to the excitement of all the fans! If you haven't been to a Senior game yet, or have missed a few, you have GOT to get to the next one to see how well these boys have been playing. Coaches Rob Rattai and Travis Edwards must be very pleased with these last two games and the effort their boys have been putting into it.

Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> the Nokomis Recreation Centre hosted a midget game between the Maroons and Humboldt Broncos. Jory Miller started the game off picking up a nice pass from Jordan Hegglin and firing off a hard shot from the blue line after only 1 minute of play. Logan Mortenson picked up another long pass taking it behind the net to try a wraparound which Tyson picked up on the rebound and popped in. Chris Cardiff got the third goal of the period unassisted ending in a 3-0 lead for the Maroons. Reed Smith started the second period off assisted by Justin Bryksa, Mitchell Myers got a "beauty" goal after picking up a nice pass from Miller (that's the way he describes it anyway), Logan Mortenson got the last goal of the period leaving the score in a 6-0 lead for the Maroons. Connor Mutch started the third after only a minute of play with a nice goal, assists to Logan and Tyson. Jordan Hegglin got the Maroons 8<sup>th</sup> goal after some nice teamwork from Myers and Miller. Stephen Tait made so many great glove saves and was really playing an amazing game. Humboldt snuck one past him on their power play with only 8 minutes left in the period ending the game in 8-1 win for the Maroons. A nice turnout crowd came to the Nokomis rink to help cheer on their hometown boys and we all had a great time and enjoyed the Nokomis hospitality!

The PeeWee team hosted the Long Lake Lightning from Imperial. A bit of a slow start for us had the Lightning taking a dominating lead in the first two periods leaving us going into the third period behind by 4 goals. The Maroons really picked up in the third and scored an amazing 7 goals ending the game in a 9-7 win for the Pee Wee team.

## Rink Rat News

Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Hello hockey fans! Another busy week has gone by for our little Maroons superstars! Practices and more practices and a few weekend games kept all the kids, their parents, the concession workers, Tractor Greg and sharpener Kim all busy. Fortunately, we all had some nice weather and good road conditions as well so it made the trips easier but it was harder to sit inside a rink instead of being outside.

January 16<sup>th</sup> saw the Kenaston Blizzards Midget team traveling to our rink to take on our Maroons. Goaltender, Colby Erhardt, made some very nice saves and got a 'shut out' of the night! The Maroons made some very nice passing plays, some good defensive moves and some nice forward stick handling to get a 12-0 win.

January 17<sup>th</sup> saw the Novice and the PeeWee Maroons teams taking on Wynyard at home. The PeeWee team played some of the best hockey they have played yet this year! Some fantastic defense by Eric Flavel, Josh Gottselig, Catlin Kelln and Keeryn Phillips kept the Wynyard team on their toes. Even though some of Wynyard players were twice the size of some of ours, the Maroons never backed down! The first period ended with a 2-1 lead for Wynyard, second period we were behind 3-4, in the third period Xavier Schultz really put on the pressure with many break away opportunities and even a penalty shot. It was a really fun game to watch as I was on the edge of my seat through the whole third period. Goalie, Austin Hardy, played a great game, making a lot of really tremendous saves but got a little frustrated after Wynyard scored some quick goals on him in the third. All in all this was a great team effort from a team that is getting stronger every game I watch! If a team could win in spirit alone these PeeWee's would never loose. Saturday also was the night of the SJHL game with the Notre Dame Hounds taking on the Humboldt Bronco's. A fair turnout at the rink saw over 250 people attending the game. Lots of Semans fans came to watch their home town boy, Bronco defenseman Mitchell Peeke, who is the son of Barry and Melanie. It was a bit of a one sided game but it was still an action packed game of hard hits, fast skating, accurate passing and great puck handling. It was so nice to see so many from neighboring communities supporting our rink! Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> saw the Atom team traveling to Wynyard for a league game coming out victorious after a bit of a slow start. They then rushed home only to jump back into vehicles and travel to Watrous to help out the PeeWee team. Another tough battle by the Maroons! Once again our "D" men played very well stealing the puck away numerous times to get back control. Again our forwards never backed down from kids that were much bigger than they were, some fancy passing and good work in front of the net saw the Maroons scoring 6 great goals, unfortunately, Watrous got 2 more goals than we did ending the game in a 8-6 loss for our Maroons.

I would like to wrap up this weeks report with some quotes I have heard in the dressing room lately – "We didn't loose, we just ran out of time!" ""You can't stop what you can't see" and finally "The more I practice, the luckier I get!" Keep your eyes and ears open fans, the Midgets are taking on Kamsack in provincials and their first game is coming up in February, come out and cheer our boys on! See you at the rink!

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