

MIDGET HOCKEY

Midget Giants take three from 'Tips

It was a big step forward and a small step back for the major midget Northwest Giants.

The Giants earned three-of-four points in a weekend series against the North Island Silvertips in B.C. league play at the Burnaby Winter Club last week.

But last year's playoff champs also had an earlier victory over the Fraser Valley Bruins taken away by the league. No reason for the forfeiture was given.

The result left the Burnaby-based Giants in a fifth-place tie with the North Island in a tight pennant race between six clubs in the 11-team league.

Destry Straight had a big weekend for the Giants, moving up to seventh in league scoring with a total of eight points against the Silverbacks.

Straight garnered three points, including the game-tying marker, in an opening 4-4 draw against North Island last Saturday.

The following game, Straight figured in on all five Giant scores in a 5-2 win over the 'Tips, scoring two goals and assisting on three others.

"It was great weekend for the whole team. We took three out of four points and everyone was in the lineup for the first time this year," said Giants head coach Jon Calvano. "It makes me feel comfortable about our group's ability (going forward)."

Matt Bellerive tallied a hat trick in the win, doubling his season point output with a four-point outing. Linemate Curtis Loik chipped in with a goal and three assists over the weekend as the line garnered a total 17-point output, including seven markers.

Calvano countered the Silvertips two stars, Teagan Waugh and Evan Richardson, who are currently one-two in league scoring, with two solid checking lines. Both Waugh and Richardson were held to a single goal apiece in the two games, neither of which came on five-on-five play.

The Giants are at home this weekend to the second-place Okanagan Rockets. The two teams meet at the Burnaby Winter Club at 6 p.m. on Saturday and again Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Selects show well at Carolina field tournament

Dawson Campbell and Kier Yonge helped the Burnaby Mountain Selects freshman team to the final of the Charlotte Fall Classic field lacrosse tournament in North Carolina Nov. 1.

The top-seeded Burnaby Mountain team was edged 9-8 in overtime by the host Tar Heels in the championship final of the ris-

ing stars division.

The Selects were unbeaten in five games heading into the final match, including a lopsided 17-2 victory in the quarter-finals over Columbia, South Carolina and an 11-2 win over No. 5 Old North State in the semifinals.

The freshman outscored their combined opposition 60-20 in

the two-day competition against top clubs from Florida, Georgia, Illinois and the Carolinas.

In the final, the Selects battled back from a four-goal deficit with only six minutes left to play before losing the overtime heartbreaker.

The Selects sophomore team, including Notre Dame student Nicolas Petrollini, Burnaby South

student Tyler Kirkby and Brynecreek student Justin Appels made it to the semifinals before falling 7-2 to N.C.'s Triangle Select White club. Burnaby Mountain upset second-seeded Battleax of N.C. 7-6 in the quarter-finals of the classic division. The sophomores wound up the tournament with a 2-3 record.

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