

Waking up with the Vets – Nov.06



The coffee just didn't taste as good this morning following last night's tough loss in Tavistock. Heading into the game with a two point advantage over the Braves, there was a lot at stake for a game so early in the season.

On this occasion, after getting off to a decent start, the Vets surrendered an early short handed goal about three minutes into the game. The goal either added fuel to the Braves tank or took some out of the Vets tank as the middle of the first period appeared to favour the Braves. Eventually, the Vets did respond with a strong last 5 minutes in the first period which led to Sam Barry scoring the equalizer with a little more than 3 minutes remaining in the frame.

The second period saw the two teams trade chances early on before Tavistock earned a man advantage about 6 minutes in. With the kill almost complete, it was the Braves that struck quickly as they capitalized on the long second period change. Jeffrey Kernichan, the Braves goaltender, quickly advanced the puck up ice, catching the Vets off guard and leading to a two-on-one break that was converted by Josh Helgerman. This time, the Vets responded quickly and pushed back. A few minutes later, Kyle Baker dropped it to Christian Pelley who made a nice move off the rush to beat Kernichan and even the score once again.

Opening the third frame, the Vets came out hungry to take the lead.... Which they did. Off a quick rush the puck was dropped to Braden Nelson and he found Mack Easter on the back door for a tap-in to put the Vets up. With that, it was now the Braves turn to fight back. A scramble in front of the Vets net eventually led to Tavistock forward Nathan Yeck being left open and he made no mistake in finding the back of the net to equal the score with 12 minutes remaining. The teams traded chances before the Braves capitalized on a three-on-two rush to take the lead with just two minutes to go. The Vets pushed to try to tie the game as they pulled the goalie with two minutes to go. Unfortunately, a late Vets penalty for goaltender interference made matters worse and the Braves would eventually add an empty net marker.

Special Congratulations:

Kyle Baker was named the Doherty Division player of the month for October. Kyle had a monster month leading all skaters in points, though his contributions to our group are not simply those measured on the score sheet. Kyle's commitment on and off the ice is outstanding. Congratulations Kyle.

What's Next:

The Vets have tonight off as they prepare for a Sunday afternoon tilt against the Hespeler Shamrocks. The game time is 3:30 in Hespeler

Around the Doherty:

In other action, the New Hamburg Firebirds regained the top spot in the Doherty division with a win against the Burford Bulldogs. The Wellesley Applejacks edged the Norwich Merchants after scoring two late goals in the third period to win 6 – 4 in Norwich.

Current Standings:

South Doherty Division		GP	W	L	OTL	I	SOW	SOL	PTS
1	New Hamburg Firebirds	10	8	1	1	0	0	0	17
2	Woodstock Navy Vets	10	7	1	2	0	0	0	16
3	Wellesley Applejacks	10	8	2	0	0	0	0	16
4	Tavistock Braves	11	8	3	0	0	0	0	16
5	Hespeler Shamrocks	9	3	6	0	0	0	0	6
6	Norwich Merchants	11	1	9	0	1	0	0	3
7	Burford Bulldogs	11	0	10	0	1	0	0	1

Ticketing Information:

Fans are asked to get their tickets ahead of time. While we can process tickets at the gate, it will be a delayed process. Purchasing ahead of time ensures that we fulfill our requirements related to contact tracing while also avoiding long lines and delays.

To purchase tickets go to: <http://woodstocknavyvets.eventbrite.com>
Season tickets (flex passes) are also available at the above web address.