

# The TimberWolf

## TIMBERWOLVES ADVANCE TO ALLIANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The TimberWolves beat the Cambridge Hawks 2 games to 1 in their semifinal playdown to advance to the Tier 2 Alliance Championship. The first game saw the TWolves come out determined to get a win for their sick captain, Carson Gebauer. Blake Rendall got the TWolves on the board early and there was no looking back. The second period saw the TWolves go ahead by 3 with a pretty Matt Buck breakaway goal and a Ryan Duench tap in after an Aaron Steingart shot was too hot for the Hawks goalie to handle. Ryan DeWolfe made a great butterfly save to keep the shutout going and the Twolves D continued with their fine play. Steiner provided more offense from the backend, netting 2 goals in the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Steiner's first goal came on an end to end rush and finished when he ripped a shot 5 hole that squeaked through the Hawk's goalie. Steiner added another with just over a minute left to play. DeWolfe was solid in the TWolves goal, making the saves when called upon & earning the egg for a 5-0 win. Players of the game were Ben Hagen, Ryan Duench and Aaron Steingart.

The TWolves travelled to Galt for game 2 with the Hawks. With the TWolves still missing their captain, Ben Hagen moved up from the blue line and took Gebauer's spot on the line with RD & Reco. The Hawks, facing elimination, came out flying. The Hawks defense was tight all game and the TWolves ran into penalty trouble in the second and third period, making it difficult for the TWolves to mount any sustained offensive pressure. The TWolf D was awesome at the penalty kill and Matthew Fazzari came up huge in the game, making two stellar glove saves and stopping 2 Hawk breakaways, keeping the Twolves in the game. The Hawks took the lead 1-0 with 10 minutes left in the third period and then sealed the loss for the Wolves with an empty netter for a final score of 2-0. Player of the game was Matt Fazzari.

Game 3 would be an entirely different story for the TWolves. With their backs against the wall, every Wolf put their best effort forward for a hard fought 6-3 win. The forwards drove the net hard and were tenacious in their forecheck while the TWolves D kept



the Hawks forwards on the perimeter and tied them up in front of a steady Ryan DeWolfe to limit the Hawk scoring chances. It was a total team effort from the drop of the puck to the final buzzer. Goal scorers were Ryan Duench with 2, Spencer Recoskie, Reese Stanley, Liam Read and Matt Buck. Assists went to Ben Hagen with 2, Aaron Jeffrey, Owen Way, Buck and Ethan Januszkiewicz. Players of the game were Aaron Jeffrey, Ryan Duench and Liam Read.

The TWolves are now in the Alliance Finals against the Brantford Saints, with their first home game on Thursday. They also advance to the Alliance Championships in Stratford April 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>. Awesome playing boys – keep up the great Teamwork! GO TIMBERWOLVES GO!

