

Wolf Black Attack

WOLVES LEAVE MARK AT GRETZKY INTERNATIONAL OVER THE BREAK

The Black Attack put a 4 game undefeated streak on the line in their first game against Chatham-Kent Cobras. The Wolves dominated the first period, but weren't able to solve the Cobra goalie. Early in the 2nd period, Ben Hagen centered the puck to Cam Young in the slot and Younger was able to bang home the puck to the back of the net. The Wolves continued to carry the play and took the 1-0 lead into the third period. Lukas Marschuetz made a nice breakout pass to Will Maxwell, who fed an accelerating Matt Buck down the left wing. Buck ripped a shot low stick side that found the twine for a Black Attack 2-0 lead. It stayed that way until 3 minutes left in the 3rd when Dawson Fielding fed the puck to a breaking Aidan Brady. Brady wired a low wrist shot and Colton Tucker crashed the net to hammer home the rebound. Tucker got the tournament game MVP, while the MVP puck went to Younger and the battle bucket to Fozzy for the shut out.



Next up for the Black Attack was an 8pm game versus the Syracuse Blazers. The Black Attack came out flying, when Will Maxwell took a pass in the slot from Aidan Brady and fired home a quick wrister for a 1 goal lead. Second assist to Stephen Cresswell on the deep feed to Brady. After the Blazers tied the score, the Black Attack went ahead for good on back to back goals by Matt Buck, both assisted by Maxwell and Brady. David Parker then put the Wolves ahead 4-1 on a beautiful tape to tape pass from Cameron Young.



Second assist by Owen Fenton in getting the puck to Young. Spencer Bartels was solid in goal when called upon, making a nice pad save on a partial breakaway. Cole Schirmmacher increased the lead to 5-1 when he was set up beautifully in the slot by Brady, with Maxwell getting another assist for his 4th point of the game. Parker then notched his second of the game banging home a Younger rebound, with a second assist going to Fenton for a final score of 6-1. Spencer Bartels was selected the game MVP by the Blazers, while the MVP puck went to Maxwell and the Battle Bucket to Cresswell for his play in front of Wally.

It was a quick turnaround for the Black Attack in game 3 facing Erie Storm early Friday morning in Brantford. The game was tight checking with the play even through the first two periods. Erie capitalized on a tired Wolves team and took the play to the Black Attack in the 3rd, outshooting us 12-2 and notching the only goal with 2 minutes left to play in the game for a 1-0 loss. Matthew Fazzari was selected game MVP by the Storm, while the game puck went to Lukas Marschuetz and the Battle Bucket to Will Maxwell.

Saturday afternoon the Black Attack faced off against the Amherst Knights. The Wolves started strong, with Will Maxwell notching a goal early in the first on a nice set up from Aidan Brady after Aaron Jeffrey made a nice play to hold the puck in at the Knights blueline. The Wolves took the 1 goal lead into the second but the Knights were able to tie the game on a point shot deflection. The teams skated to an even third period as the Wolves had to kill off 3 straight penalties for a 1-1 tie. Lukas Marschuetz was selected game MVP by the Knights while the game puck went to Connor Olsen and the battle bucket to Matt Buck.

| SCOREBOARD | |
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| Waterloo | 3 |
| Kent Cobras | 0 |
| Waterloo | 6 |
| Syracuse | 1 |
| Waterloo | 0 |
| Erie Storm | 1 |
| Waterloo | 1 |
| Amherst Knights | 1 |
| Waterloo | 2 |
| St. Catharines | 3 (OT) |

The Wolves hard work earned them a second place finish and a semi-final berth against the St. Catharines Warriors. St. Catharines got on the board quickly in the semifinal, scoring on a breakaway in the first minute of the game. The Warriors added another before the end of the period to put the Wolves down 2-0 heading into the 2nd. The Black Attack kept up their hard work and Will Maxwell got the Wolves on the board in the second, rifling a shot over the shoulder of the stunned St. Catharines goalie into the roof of the net. Assists went to Matt Buck and Aidan Brady. Matthew Fazzari made a big cross crease pad save and stoned a Warrior forward on a breakaway to keep the Wolves within 1 going into the 3rd period. The Black Attack were able to tie the game with under 4 minutes left in the third after Brady banged home a loose puck on a scramble in front of the Warrior goal. Assists went to Maxwell and Buck. Overtime would be required to resolve this highly entertaining game. Four minutes of 4 on 4 play saw both teams with good scoring chances, but the goalies came up big to keep the game going. OT then went to 3 on 3 format to decide the winner. The action was end to end, with the Wolves getting a chance to end it in the 5th minute but the puck went off the Warrior goalie and the crossbar and stayed out of the net. Fazzari held the Wolves in the OT, making 3 outstanding breakaway saves to keep the clock ticking. After 18 minutes of OT, the Warriors notched the winner on a breakaway for a heartbreaking loss for the Black Attack. Congratulations Black Attack – you played hard and showed lots of heart coming back from a 2 goal deficit against a very good St. Catharines team.

