

Vets finished ? Six Nations forfeits most of the season

The Shelburne Junior C Vets are finished for the season after losing their quarter-final playoff series to the Oakville Hawks. The Vets finished the regular season in fifth place in the West Division of the Ontario Junior C Lacrosse League with a 7?8?1 record.

Going into the playoffs the Vets were matched up with the fourth place Oakville team in a best of five series.

The Vets lost game one of the series on July 5, when Oakville won 13?5 at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex in Shelburne. It was do-or-die in game two when the series went to Oakville.

The Vets put up a good battle but took a 9?6 loss to end the series and their season.

?We played a really good two periods leading 6?4 but just couldn't keep it going in the third,? said Vets GM Barry Trood. ?We had nine rookies this year including both goalies so we were in tough this year and did okay most nights.?

Over all the squad played a good year hovering around .500 for most of the season and turning out some really good efforts in most of the games.

The team kept a good attitude even when they lost with the attitude that you put a loss behind you and work toward the next game. As the playoffs continue, the Six Nations Warriors found themselves in hot water with the League after being caught bringing in ringers for much of the season.

As reported in the Free Press on June 25, the Six Nations team was dominating the League averaging 18 goals per game ? that's six more than the undefeated Clarington Shamrox who were averaging 12 goals per game ? giving rise to speculation that the Six Nations team was stacking the team.

It turns out they were using four Midget aged players who were not approved by the OLA Board of Governors. They were told to stop playing them by the commissioner, however they continued to play them after taking them off the team for a single game.

As a result, they had all but three of their wins wiped off the record leaving them with a 3?13 record for the season. That's a big difference from when they had an undefeated record while using ineligible players.

As a result, the Six Nations team faced Halton in the West Division quarterfinals. They won the series in two games, but only by one goal in game one and taking 12?9 win in game two.

The Warriors are now up against the Wilmot Wild in the semi-final round.

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