

Sharks get the week off

The Shelburne Sharks got to rest up this week as their scheduled games against the Grey County Grizzlies didn't happen. The Grizzlies dropped out of the League in December so the two scheduled back to back games against the Sharks scheduled for Sunday and Monday (Jan. 19?20) didn't take place.

The result is a forfeit for the Sharks.

With four weeks left to go in the Greater Metro Hockey League regular season schedule, there are a few front runners that will be battling for the League championship.

In the Central Division the Alliston Coyotes are still in the number one spot with a 28?5 record after 33 games.

Although the Coyotes lead in the points column with 57, the Tottenham Steam will be a major challenger. The Steam have lost only one game this year ? and that was to the Alliston team ? but the Steam also rallied and won one over Alliston the next time the two squads met on November 26. They also delivered a 5?6 win over the Coyotes on January 9, to move even close to taking over the top spot in the division.

The Steam have played 29 games so far ? that's four less times than the Alliston team has been on the ice so the next few weeks will see the schedule even out.

Over all in the League the Kingsville Kings of the South Division are leading with 62 points and a 31?2 record for the season and are well ahead of the second place Toronto Attack who currently have 53 points and eight losses.

In the North Division the South Muskoka Shield is on top with 57 points and a 28?4 record. Close behind, the Temiscaming Titans are right behind them with 56 points and a 27?6 record that includes two overtime losses.

Locally it doesn't look too promising for the Shelburne Sharks to come close to making the playoffs.

After 36 recorded games the Sharks have six wins in their inaugural season in the League while taking 30 losses.

The Orangeville Ice Crushers did a little better with 11 wins after 32 games but are well back with an eighth place standing in the ten team division.

The playoff schedule has not yet been announced but last season only the top six from the Division were awarded a playoff berth.

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