

Stayner Siskins loses out in Jr. C semi-final series, season done

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The Ontario Provincial Schmalz Cup championship will see the Lakefield Chiefs meet the Glanbrook Rangers this year after the Chiefs defeated the Stayner Siskins in game seven of their best of seven semi-final series.

That marks the end of hockey in the region for this year.

The Stayner / Lakefield series was tied 3-3 when the teams met for a do-or-die showdown in Stayner on Thursday, April 19.

The Siskins found themselves in trouble when Lakefield scored at 2:59 into the game then shut-out the Stayner team in the first period and scored a second goal at 11:24 into the frame.

The second period turned into a devastating 20 minutes for the Siskins when Lakefield scored two powerplay goals before the the period was two minutes old, then followed up with a third goal at 2:49 that left the Stayner team trailing 5-0.

Stayner's Ben Skuce scored at 8:36 to put the Siskins on the scoreboard.

With a four goal deficit going into the third period the Siskins had their work cut out for them.

Steven Pickard scored on a powerplay 2:56 into the period but that's all the Stayner team could do for the night.

A final Lakefield goal on an empty net ended the night with a 6-2 Chiefs win and the Siskins were done for the year.

The Siskins had a stellar season this year.

They finished the Carruthers division of the PJHL in first place with 80 points and a 40-2 record.

Heading into the playoffs they eliminated the Orillia Terriers in four games before knocking out the Penetang Kings in a semi-final series that went six games.

In the division championship they left with the title after winning over the Alliston Hornets in a series that went five games.

The Siskins claimed the North Conference championship winning over the Mount Forest Patriots in five games before heading into the semi-final against Lakefield.

The Lakefield Chiefs will now meet the Glanbrook Rangers in the Schmalz Cup championship.