

## Wolves Bantam LL2 gear up for playoffs

The Shelburne Wolves Bantam LL2 team are banking on a strong 10?5 record going into the late season and preparing for a good playoff run.

The squad met the Bantam LL1 team on Saturday (Dec. 28) for some local action, but came up short with a 4?1 loss including a final empty netter when the squad put six attackers on the ice in a bid to get back in the game with only a couple of minutes left on the clock.

The squad played a solid game ? especially in the first period ? before taking a couple of goals in the second that gave them deficit.

With a good record on the plus side, coach Rob Newton has confidence that his team will do well in the coming weeks.

Newton said the teams ?tenacity and willingness to forecheck? count among the team's strengths.

?They're a really cohesive group of kids,? he said. ?I think we got tired as the game progress today. But it was a close game.?

As a team, they are well up in the standings with a fourth place in the league.

?I think if we can win the next four out of five we're in pretty good shape for the playoffs. We'll come out with some new strategies. We did some changing up. We tried to get our forwards, the wingers, covering the points today, because the other Shelburne team was very good at shots from the point. I think we were fairly effective on that. We'll figure out something depending on our opponent in the playoffs.?

The Bantam LL2 team will be back on home ice at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex on January 11, to host the squad from Essex.

The first puck will drop at 3:35 p.m.

**By Brian Lockhart**