

Junior C leagues start playoffs ? Shelburne players on several nearby teams

With the end of January, Junior C hockey leagues in Ontario have wrapped up the final week of regular season and are now going into the first round of playoffs.

In the Georgian Mid Ontario league, the Penetang Kings ended the season in first place followed by the Alliston Hornets in second place.

Shelburne resident Jamie Barrett is a forward on the Alliston team having played 40 games this season notching 23 points with 12 goals and 11 assists for the season.

In the Western league, Shelburne has two players on the Mount Forest Patriots.

The Patriots ended the regular season in third place after 35 games, with 39 points, and an 18-17 record for the season.

Patriots' forward Justin Graham, #4, played a full 35 game season scoring 21 goals and figuring in on 17 assist to bring his points total to 38.

Matt Taylor, another Shelburne resident, played 35 games as a Patriots defenseman this season.

The Western League hasn't yet announced the playoff line-up for the quarter-final series.

Wingham ended the season in first place in the Western league followed by Walkerton.

In other Junior C Leagues, the defending provincial champion Picton Pirates have again claimed the Empire B League championship finishing with 69 points and 34?2 record.

In the south end of the province, the Essex 73's, scored first place in the Great Lakes League followed by Belle River.

In Niagara, the Grimsby Peach Kings have again clinched the top spot with a 26?9 record for the season.

All Junior C Leagues will play-off for the provincial championship once League champions have been determined.

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