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Shelburne Wolves U15 Rep team win over Huntsville in tough battle

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The Shelburne Wolves U15 Rep team came out on top in their weekend game against the Huntsville Otters on the ice at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex.

It was a highly charged game that saw a few scuffles on the ice ? especially in the last few minutes of the third period when the Wolves were trying to hang on to the lead and the Otters were trying to tie it up.

The Wolves went ahead 2-0 in the first period of the Saturday, Jan. 13 game.

At the end of the second frame, the game was tied at three, and the squads returned for a third-period battle to see who could get the edge and stay on top.

The Wolves scored the only third-period goal for the 4-3 win.

Wolves coach Jonathan Geiring said the team has had a lot of improvement throughout this season.

?I think it was a good game ? a really good effort from the group,? Jonathan said after the game. ?We also played last night. Our last game before the holidays was Dec. 20, so we had three weeks with no games. We came right out of that and played two games back-to-back. I think our energy levels were a little better last night. We had a short bench with a couple of kids missing ? a couple of injuries. We're super proud of the boys and their effort.?

Jonathan said that the team is doing a good job of working together.

?We have a couple of kids on the team that this is their first year playing rep hockey, they've always played house league or local league, so that's an adjustment for them. Some of these kids, it's their first year playing contact hockey,? he noted.

?This age group ? U15 ? is the first age group where contact is introduced, so it's a big adjustment for them. There's a handful of kids who have never played with body contact before. For our progression, from where we were in September to where we are now, we're a completely different team.?

The U15 Wolves have a 9-7-5 record for the season, and that includes tournament games this year.

They are currently in third place in their division.