

West Coast Midgets Capture "A" Tournament Championship in Littleton, Colorado

Littleton, Colorado , November 26, 2007 – The West Coast (WC) Midgets flew into Denver for two reasons this past Thanksgiving weekend: they were looking for a little revenge for a loss two years ago to Littleton and to bring home the 1st championship of the season.

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!!

Game 1 against Team Houston was a dominating performance as the WC crew took control early and applied pressure all night to overwhelm their competition to a 3-1 victory. The Houston goaltender stood tall to keep the game close.

Game 2 was the most impressive win of the season as the WC Midgets once again dominated. The shell shocked Dallas Alliance Bulldogs had no answer to the oncoming wave of pressure with the final score being 6-1.

Game 3 was a much tougher challenge as Team Northwest from Illinois pushed and fought back against the WC attack and only timely scoring and outstanding goaltending helped WC to a 2-0 win.

West Coast kept their foot on the gas during Game 4 against Anchorage Northstars. Consistent play throughout the line up lead the team to a 4-0 victory.

Game 5 was a preview of the Championship Final as the WCHC squared off against the Dallas Alliance Prep with the result final being a 2-2 tie. WC tied the affair with just over a minute to play in the 3rd period. Alliance Prep scored with just under 2 minutes left in the 3rd period to take the lead. But, 30 seconds later the WC boys showed their heart and tied the game.

Game 6: "Revenge Time". WC battled the host Littleton Hawks and took an early 2-0 lead and all the momentum until penalty trouble arrived. WC killed off 12 of 13 penalties and 6 in the 3rd period alone but Littleton was able to tie the semi-final at 2-2. The final outcome would happen with just over 4 minutes to play when Kyle Vogel scored. WC needed to kill off two more penalties to secure their place in the final and once again "MISSION ACCOMPLISHED".

Everyone knew Game 7 was going to be a tough match up vs Dallas Prep and it held true. The Prep squad put a lot of pressure on the good guys and WC once again battled through 7 straight penalties. Jacob Grimm got the WC Crew off and running to a 1-0 only to see Dallas score 2 Power Play goals and take control of the game. Johnny Buckett tied the game off a rebound against the flow as WC executed "The Play" to Ethan McAlpine. The second period intermission is exactly what the WC boys needed to regroup and find their game. WC again dominated the 3rd period, getting the game winning goal from Shawn Pauly and smothering Dallas Prep with suffocating defense allowing only 2 shots in the 3rd period to capture the 36th Mile High Tournament Championship.



(Tournament summary submitted by West Coast Hockey Club.)

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