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Icers get initial win in division

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In a Blue North Division game against Chagrin Falls on Jan. 5, the Greenmen ice hockey squad couldn't match its intensity against the same team a week before and suffered a 6-3 defeat.

The squad rebounded to raise its overall record to 4-7-4 and win its first Blue North Division game (1-5 in the division) 5-3 over Midview in a late-night contest Jan. 6.

Against Chagrin Falls, the locals found themselves trailing 2-0 after one period and had to battle from behind all night.

After getting down 3-0, Aaron Jaskiewicz scored the first of his 3 goals with a low shot to the far corner. But the Greenmen couldn't reverse the trend and gain momentum.

The Tigers scored less than 30 seconds later and the second period ended at 4-1.

The third period was fairly even, but each time Jaskiewicz scored the Tigers answered, capping the victory with an open-net goal with 10 seconds left.

David Walker and Matt Rausch assisted on all three of Jaskiewicz's goals.

Scoring in the Midview victory were Jaskiewicz (2 goals) and Rausch, Jon Deacon and Joe Lawrie. Ron Schwartz had 18 saves in the net. The locals won the game with 3 goals in the third period.

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Meanwhile, in the Chagrin Valley Conference tournament over the holidays, Aurora split its final two games.

The Greenmen beat Orange 4-1 and lost to Chagrin Falls 3-2, thus ending a three-game winning streak.

Against the Lions, senior captain Lawrie had 3 goals as the offense smacked 54 shots toward the net. Matt Rausch tallied the other goal and added an assist.

Kyle Wright had 2 assists and David Walker and Jay Adams also had one each. Ronnie Schwartz stopped 9 of 10 Orange shots, but was inactive much of the night as play stayed at the other end.

Against the Tigers, the Greenmen came out flying in the first period as Adams tallied his first goal of the season after just five minutes, with an assist from Lawrie and Wright.

Aurora outshot Chagrin 11-3 in the period. "We should have had a 3- or 4-goal lead at that point," said Sheridan.

AHS moved ahead 2-0 on Walker's rebound goal with 6:42 to go in the second period. Rausch and Aaron Jaskiewicz assisted.

Chagrin scored four minutes later when both teams had a player in the penalty box.

Chagrin pressed the attack in the third period, and turned an Aurora giveaway in their own end into the tying goal with 11:53 to play.

The game-winner came with just under 5 minutes left on a pass from behind the AHS cage to a wide-open Tiger, who banged it home from 10 feet out.

The Greenmen outshot Chagrin 38-28, but couldn't get the equalizer.

"This loss really hurt," said Sheridan. "It was a game we felt we should have won. I'm always looking at things optimistically. I credit our players for their efforts. We're getting better and we've won three out of four."

AHS faces Massillon Jackson tonight (Jan. 9) at 7:10 in Canton and Jan. 11 at 9:10 p.m. at the Pond in Auburn. They will close out the week against Solon on Jan. 12 at 7:40 p.m. at the Pond.