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Ice squad looking for its first victory

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The Greenmen ice hockey squad saw its record drop to 0-4-4 following weekend losses to division foes Kenston and Solon. The locals are in the basement of the Blue North Division.

Against Kenston, Aurora was outshot 36-18, as the Bombers controlled play throughout. The game was tied 1-1 after one period, with defenseman Kyle Wright getting AHS's goal.

The Greenmen trailed 3-2 after two periods, mainly thanks to the stellar goaltending of Ronnie Schwartz, with David Walker scoring on a rebound.

Kenston kept the Greenmen bottled up in their own zone most of the night, and the locals mustered only 4 third-period shot, as the Bombers went on to a 6-2 win.

Coach John Sheridan said the effort was much better Dec. 9 against Solon despite a 6-0 defeat.

The team held the first-place Comets to just one power play goal through the first two periods and had several good scoring opportunities.

Fatigue, penalties and injuries finally wore down the squad, as it gave up 4 third-period goals.

Sheridan told the squad it gave a commendable effort in the lockerroom afterward.

"I'm not giving up on this season," he said. "We were in every game we played this year going into the final period. If we work hard in practice, keep giving efforts like tonight, and play as a team the breaks will start going our way."

The squad has a whole week of practice to work on finding its scoring touch and tightening up the defense, which has allowed 21 goals in the past four games.

On Dec. 16, it's back to the Gilmour rink for a 7 p.m. showdown against Mayfield, which AHS tied in the Thanksgiving tournament.

They then begin play in the Chagrin Valley Conference holiday tourney, which they've won the last two years. Action opens Dec. 18 at 8:20 p.m. at the Pond in Auburn Township.