



Centre Ice – November 5th, 2016 Floor Hockey Tournament

The Winnipeg Blue Devils won all three of their games to win the Special Olympics Manitoba Centre Ice Floor Hockey Tournament in Portage La Prairie. The Blue Devils' hard work was well rewarded in their 6-4 victory over Swan Valley Tiger Fire in the Championship Game. However, the hardest working athlete in the opening competition of Special Olympics Manitoba's competitive season might well have been Brandon Wheat City Wings Goaltender, Art Haggstrom. Art turned away an incredible 111 shots in three games. Haggstrom's net tending was a key to Wheat City Wings' close 7-4 loss to Swan Valley in the semi-final match. In that contest Brennan Sauder's five goal outburst powered the Tiger Fire into the championship.

The championship game looked like the Blue Devils were going to roll to a dominating victory by jumping out to an early 3-0 lead in the first period. Tiger Fire goalie, Jarret Gingras had a different game plan; stopping 43 shots, including 20 in the last period. The Tiger Fire inspired by Gingras and displaying a quick, unselfish passing game ended up on the short side of the 6-4 Blue Devil's storm. Blue Devil's EJ Ilag netted a hat trick including the game winner early in the third period.

Throughout the five game tournament there were a number of strong performances. The semi-final match saw the Wheat City Wings break out of a scoring drought with a pair of two goal performances by Scott Beggs and James Almas. In addition to Sauder, who led the tournament in scoring, with eight goals, the Tiger Fire had a strong offensive output from Kipp Terry and Joe Cook with five points, as well as, Jeremy Stephen who had four assists making him one of the top playmakers on the weekend. Robert Glowa and EJ Ilag each had six goals for the champion Blue Devils. Brett Hoogervorst chipped in five assists and on the defensive side goal tender, Dave Ingram recorded the only shutout of the tournament.

Sportsmanship was the highlight of the weekend with less than three penalties per game. All teams are looking forward to the second tournament of the season in Swan River on January 14th.

GAMES:

Game 1: Swan Valley Tiger Fire – 5 vs. Wheat City Wings – 1

Players of the Game: Swan Valley Tiger Fire – #18 Katherine Pugh
Wheat City Wings – #8 Marcus Manuliak

Game 2: Blue Devils – 6 vs. Wheat City Wings – 0

Players of the Game: Blue Devils – #4 Robert Glowa
Wheat City Wings - #1 Art Haggstorm

Game 3: Swan Valley Tiger Fire – 4 vs. Blue Devils – 6

Players of the Game: Swan Valley Tiger Fire - #4 Brennan Sauder
Blue Devils - #34 David Ingram

Semi-Final Game: Swan Valley Tiger Fire – 7 vs. Wheat City Wings – 4

Players of the Game: Swan Valley Tiger Fire - #6 Sara Holmes
Wheat City Wings - #35 Scott Beggs

Championship Game: Blue Devils – 6 vs. Swan Valley Tiger Fire – 4

Players of the Game: Swan Valley Tiger Fire - #31 Jarret Ginras
Blue Devils – #7 EJ Ilag

Team Stats:

	GP	W	L	GF	GA	GAA	GFA
Wheat City Wings	3	0	3	5	18	5.60	1.67
Swan Valley Tiger Fire	4	2	2	20	15	3.75	5.00
Blue Devils	3	3	0	18	8	2.67	6.00

Goalie Stats:

Wheat City Wings – Art Haggstrom

	Total Shots	Goals	Saves	Save %
Game 1	47	5	42	8.60
Game 2	44	6	38	
Semi-Final	38	7	31	

Swan Valley Tiger Fire – Jarret Gingras

	Total Shots	Goals	Saves	Save %
Game 1	8	1	7	8.40
Game 3	34	6	28	
Semi-Final	15	4	11	
Championship	49	6	43	

Blue Devils – David Ingram

	Total Shots	Goals	Saves	Save %
Game 2	9	0	9	8.46
Game 3	25	4	21	
Championship	18	4	14	

Points Leaders:

Team	Athlete	Goals	Assists	Points
Swan Valley Tiger Fire	Brennan Sauder	8	2	10
Blue Devils	Robert Glowa	6	1	7
Blue Devils	EJ Ilag	6	0	6
Blue Devils	Brett Hoogervorst	1	5	6
Swan Valley Tiger Fire	Joe Cook	4	1	5
Swan Valley Tiger Fire	Kipp Terry	2	3	5
Swan Valley Tiger Fire	Jeremy Stephen	0	4	4
Wheat City Wings	Scott Beggs	3	0	3
Blue Devils	Adam Llyod	2	1	3
Wheat City Wings	James Almas	2	0	2
Swan Valley Tiger Fire	Ron Legall	2	0	2
Swan Valley Tiger Fire	Zachary Lavallee	1	1	2

Swan Valley Tiger Fire	John Schabert	1	1	2
Swan Valley Tiger Fire	Sara Holmes	1	1	2
Blue Devils	Dave Friesen	1	0	1
Blue Devils	Craig Long	0	1	1
Blue Devils	Casey Rittenger	1	0	1
Blue Devils	Curtis Tymko	0	1	1
Blue Devils	Kim Chammartin	1	0	1
Blue Devils	Alex Garrett	0	1	1
Blue Devils	Andrew Singer	0	1	1
Swan Valley Tiger Fire	Brett Miller	1	0	1
Swan Valley Tiger Fire	Ricky Zimmer	0	1	1
Swan Valley Tiger Fire	Allison Landels	0	1	1
Swan Valley Tiger Fire	Kendall Leslie	0	1	1
Wheat City Wings	Wayne Bauche	0	1	1
Wheat City Wings	Shannon Bauche	0	1	1