

## Plymouth Squirt B Penguins win five, drop one

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### **Penguins, 7 – Coastal Stars, 2**

The Plymouth Squirt B hockey team, sponsored by Emerald Excavating, skated to a win against the Coastal Stars, beating them 7-2. Goaltender **Collin Moriarty** was on fire as he stopped all but two of the 22 shots fired on him by the Stars' offense. The defense was also stellar as blueliners **Jack Gallagher**, **Josh Wood**, **Joey Macleod**, **Nick McNeeley**, **Matt Kelley** and **Travis Worrick** owned the real estate between the blue lines, breaking up most Coastal Star attempts at center ice. **Brian Fanning** scored first for Plymouth, assisted by **Josh Gates**. **CJ Gustafson** scored next, unassisted. The Stars retaliated with a goal to end the first period at 2-1 Penguins. The Fanning-Gates magic worked again when Fanning took a pass from Gates and deked the Stars' goalie to score his second goal of the game. Gallagher scored next on a one-timer, as Gustafson and "Di Macleod set up a beautiful play, both picking up an assist. Fanning scored again, completing his hat-trick, unassisted. Gustafson closed up the scoring with two goals in the third to secure the win, with Fanning assisting on the first and Kelley on the

### **Penguins, 6 – Canton, 5**

The Plymouth Penguins faced off against Canton for another exciting game. Plymouth's first goal was scored by **CJ Gustafson**, assisted by **Brian Fanning**. **Shannon Colbert**, assisted by Gustafson, made the score 2-0. **George Thurston** opened the scoring when he scored top shelf, assisted by Gustafson and Colbert. Canton finally got on the board with two quick goals. But Fanning responded with his second goal of the game, unassisted. Gustafson scored two more to complete his hat-trick and the eventual game winner. Just as Plymouth appeared to have the game in the bag, Canton scored three goals in the third period to tie the score at 6-5. Thankfully, time ran out and the Penguins took home the win.

### **Penguins, 6 – Norwood, 2**

The Plymouth Squirt B hockey team continued its quest for a playoff spot by skating to a 6-2 win over Norwood. **Matt Kelley** scored for Plymouth, assisted by **Nick McNeeley**. He was followed by **CJ Gustafson**, assisted by **Josh Wood**, and closed out the first period. Gustafson scored again, assisted by **George Thurston**. Plymouth's **Brian Fanning** scored next. **McNeeley** and **Thurston** cycled the puck and both picked up assists on the play. With the score at 4-0, Norwood finally broke the shutout. But Gustafson answered back with his third goal of the game (assisted by Wood), completing a hat-trick. **Josh Wood** closed out the scoring for Plymouth when he shot a bullet past the Norwood goalie, unassisted.

### **Penguins, 9 – Pembroke, 5**

The Plymouth Squirt B team skated to an exciting come-from-behind victory as they trounced Pembroke, 9-5. After finding themselves down 2-0 in the first period the Penguins went to work on their offensive onslaught. **Nathan Cullivan** got the Penguins started with a wrist shot past the Pembroke net minder. Assists on the play were awarded to **Richard Delorey** and **Jack Gallagher**. **Shannon Colbert** found the back of the net next, after she teed-up and put some fear into Pembroke's goalie. **Josh Gates** and **CJ Gustafson** got the assists. **Ryan Smith** laid out a nice pass to allow Delorey to score his first goal of the day. And the onslaught continued as Gates scored, assisted by Gustafson. On his next shift Gates found the back of the net again, rifling a shot through the five-hole, assisted by Colbert and Gallagher. Gates scored his third goal of the game for the hat-trick, assisted by Gustafson, who then tipped in a blistering shot from **Nick McNeeley** playing the point. And sharing the wealth, McNeeley scored next, assisted by **George Thurston**. Gustafson closed out the scoring for Plymouth with a sixth goal, assisted by Gallagher and Gates. Gallagher and Gustafson both qualified for a playmakers patch from this outing.

### **Penguins, 6 – Brockton, 0**

The Plymouth Squirt B team played its best game of the year since dropping down to the B division, by beating an undefeated Brockton team. **George Thurston** scored an unassisted goal first for Plymouth, setting the tone. The next goal was del

**CJ Gustafson**, assisted by **Josh Gates** and **Shannon Colbert**. Gustafson scored his second of the day, assisted by G. Then **Chris King** scored for Plymouth, deking the Brockton goalie and sliding the puck through the pads, assisted by T. On a mission to beat the Boxers, **Brian Fanning** scored a goal, assisted by Thurston, and Gustafson streaked down the breakaway and scored his third of the day for a hat trick. The game was a hard fought battle with lots of penalties. The help of **Ryan Smith, Travis Worrick, Jack Gallagher, Nick McNeeley, Matt Kelley, Josh Wood** and **Joey Macleod** instrumental in the win. Goalie **Collin Moriaty** commanded respect in his crease, as he shut down the powerful offense of Brockton.

### Penguins, 1 – Seahawks, 5

The Plymouth Penguins played against a tough Seahawks team losing, 5-1. **CJ Gustafson** scored Plymouth's only goal, by **Josh Gates**. The goal was Gustafson's 50th of the year, an accomplishment worthy of congratulations.

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