

9/19/2009: Pee Wee Division (RDV Orlando, FL)

Brandon Jr Bulls **3**
Jax Cudas **2**

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Kissimmee Colts **1**

Game 1

The Jr Bulls continue their dominance over the Jr Cudas in the win/loss column with a 3-2 victory in game 1 Saturday. The dominance, however, is strictly in the standings and not on the ice. The Jr Cudas came out strong and controlled play in the offensive zone for most of the game. Shot after shot was propelled at the Bulls goalie only to be denied the goal line. If ever a player kept his team in the game and gave them a chance to win, the Bulls goalie did just that. It was just one of those games where he was both good and lucky, getting all the bounces to go his way. After maintaining a 1-0 lead for most of the 1st and 2nd periods, the Bulls capitalized on a Cuda mistake for their 2nd goal giving them the insurance they were looking for. In the 3rd however, the Cudas finally broke the seal with a goal by Akil Thomas on a smooth feed from Dillon Gatto. The Bulls went back to work and were able to manage a rush up ice which resulted in their 3rd goal of the game. Not to be denied, the Cudas stormed back utilizing a 6th skater and Austin McDonough snuck in goal number 2 with a sweet shot resulting from an assist by Quinn Larson. But, it was too little too late as the horn sounded before the Cudas could mount another quality assault. It was a great game to watch but frustrating too with such a differential in "shots on goal" between the teams. Normally you would secure the "W" when you outshoot your opponent 4 times over (my estimate) or more.

Game 2

Game 2 was a good quality win in a game that you would expect the Cudas to win. 10 goals were had by the Cudas while giving up only 1. Ice dominance was evident as the Cudas controlled play from the opening faceoff. Some excellent in-zone passing was witnessed as well as tape-to-tape passing on a controlled breakout. The Colts were on their heels the entire game chasing the puck. There were lots of super plays by the kids and scoring by Thomas, Larson, McDonough and Kostick. A hearty welcome to the scoresheet also goes out to Defenseman Timmy Lynch who bagged 2 goals and Winger David Sader who grabbed 2 assists.

It was a good CFHL opening weekend for the PeeWees and it was great to have the team together. Keep working guys and gal and you will continue to improve. Don't forget it all starts at practice. The harder you work in practice the better you will be for the games.

Disclaimer: The view from the penalty box is well...bad to say the least when it comes to goals scored with lots of bodies in the way. The refs are not familiar with the kids and often make mistakes giving credit for goals and assists. I've tried to be as accurate as I can but usually the official scorer will only accept what the ref says and many refs are not open to correction. That being said, Pointstreak or my scoresheet in the box may contain an error. If I clearly know that

the ref has made a mistake, I will put the correct scoring down on my sheet regardless of what goes into Pointstreak. Regardless, let's keep Pointstreak in a category where it belongs as a nice to have and not base your players worth on it. The team results are far more important and the kids' individual contributions to the team goals may fall outside of the stats kept in Pointstreak.

- Denny Tehan