

10/03/2009: Pee Wee Division (RDV – Orlando, FL)

Jax Cudas **5**
Gulf Coast Flames **3**

Game 1 – Cudas Extinguish Flames with 2nd Period Feeding Frenzy

The drop of the puck brought us a see-saw battle in which the teams were testing each other by trading shots. The Flames' goalie managed to keep the Cudas out of the net despite several quality chances. Cuda goalie Josh Mitchell was equal to the task as he gobbled up the Flames' heat leaving nary a crumb for them to convert. The Cudas could smell blood in the water as the 2nd period began. The first Cuda to bite was Dillon Gatto as he took an outlet pass in the defensive zone and flew up ice showing absolutely no regard for the defensive presence depositing the puck in the net with pinpoint precision. Akil Thomas caught on quickly and decided to get in on the act not once, not twice, but three times (Hat trick Baby!!!) with some smooth and silky feeds from center Quinn Larson set up by some precision passing to get the puck through neutral ice and into the offensive zone. The Cudas were not done yet as adding to the attack was Noah Kostick who sniffed out a loose puck and bolted up ice, threw in some nifty stickhandling and beat the goalie leaving him with his head hanging in disgust. Overall, a quality win that the Cudas needed to have after previously being beaten by the Flames. It was a definite confidence builder going into the afternoon date with the Jr. Knights.

Goals – 12 Gatto; 44 Thomas (3); 21 Kostick
Assists – 39 Asbury; 12 Gatto; 7 Larson (2)

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Orlando Jr. Knights **4**

Game 2 – Jr. Knights Banished Back to Medieval Times as Fish Find Cracks in the Armor

The Knights quickly found themselves in a state of shock after going down 2 goals quickly in the first. It is likely they haven't been in that situation lately having brought an unblemished 7-0 record into this main event. Quinn Larson struck first as he converted on what appeared to be a harmless play down the right side. Donovan Tehan seemed to have lost control of the puck but somehow managed to get it on net and "Q" did the rest. Unselfish play was prevalent as Akil Thomas capitalized with team goal number 2 on a dynamite feed from Dillon Gatto and Nolan Sandie. The Knights regrouped and were able to net 2 of their own for the tie until Captain Austin McDonough had enough of that mess and found the back of the net unassisted for the team's 3rd of the game. The quick and elusive style of Dillon Gatto again came to life as he gained control of the puck, out-skated the D and grabbed himself an unassisted goal as well. A 2 goal lead was a luxury but with a 4-2 score starting the 3rd, the Cudas looked to stretch that lead. Austin McDonough caught up with a loose puck and carried it down deep heaving the puck at a distance on net. Unfortunately for the (K)ights, it just wasn't their day ☺. The puck hit one of the Knights in front and bounced in past the outstretched goalie. As if

that wasn't enough, the line of Gatto, Tehan and Larson executed a beautiful drop pass: drop pass: shot that caught the inside of the left post rattling around the cage for the score giving Quinn Larson his 2nd for the game. The Knights were not done though as they battled back with 2 quick strikes making the score 6-4. They almost added number 5 as a hot shot was placed in the upper right corner but the referees waived it off claiming that it was not in. Desperate to get that 5th goal, the Knights pulled the goalie for the 6th skater attempting to ambush the Cuda net. After initial puck movement by the Knights, Noah Kostick was able to corral the puck fighting off a defender and sending a glider down the ice and into the unattended net for the final back breaker.

Goals – 7 Larson (2); 61 McDonough (2); 44 Thomas; 12 Gatto; 21 Kostick
Assists – 23 Tehan (2); 12 Gatto (2); 19 Sandie

It was another great weekend of Cuda hockey at RDV in Orlando. Do you think they would rename the place the "Fish Tank"? Probably not but we all know who rules that rink...don't we PeeWees! Keep rockin' and charging hard!

Jacksonville Ice Dogs Action!

Saturday Oct 3

Florida Eels 5
Jax Ice Dogs 4

Sunday Oct 4

Jax Ice Dogs 7
Florida Eels 4

WHO LET THE DOGS OUT? A solid victory for the Dogs after giving up a tying 2nd goal with 3 seconds left in the first period. The Dogs took command in the second with 2 quick goals and continued their dominance throughout. Way to go DOGS!!!