



Some thoughts for a rainy day...Thank God Hockey doesn't get rained out!

WPU PIONEERS OUTLAST RED HAWKS...

September 20, 2008

The Garden State Cup is in the hands of the William Paterson University Pioneers tonight after they squeezed by The MSU Redhawks 4-0. The Pioneers dominated play through most of the night outshooting MSU 49-13.

The Redhawks hung tough the entire game and entered the third period only trailing 1-0. They had some good scoring chances and quite a few powerplays in a penalty ridden game.

Matt Deering was perfect in goal for WPU and Justin Hoch had an outstanding game at D as well as scoring The Pioneers second goal of the night. The first period was scoreless but saw The Pioneers outshoot MSU 21-2. Albert Campbell put WPU on the board in the second period on a beautifully orchestrated 2 on 1 with Shaun McTigue getting the assist.

Bayonne native Matt Gillen made the score 3-0 midway through the third period with again captain Shaun McTigue on the assist. McTigue earned our vote for most valuable player of the game and was all grins as he hoisted the Cup in the post game ceremony.

Congratulations to Red Hawks netminder Charlie Kemmlein who kept MSU in the game all night making 45 saves overall. He was our MSU player of the game.

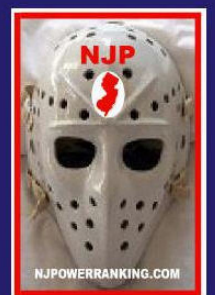
The Pioneers look to be in for a great season. Congratulations to all of the Pioneers, Coach Ken Scarpa, Coach Robert Carnathan, and the entire WPU staff.

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THE GARDEN STATE CUP...

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We had an opportunity to visit the Ice Vault last night to see The Garden State Cup tournament. Four solid teams representing New Jersey college hockey. The Montclair State Redhawks faced Rowan University in the first game followed by The Pioneers of William Paterson University against The College of NJ Lions.

First, let me say anytime I can get my hands on Ice Vault cuisine, I take it. What other ice rink in America can you get a plate of ribs followed by a choice of 6 freshly baked desserts? I noticed some barbecue stains on the skate laces of some players so it looked like everyone was partaking.

The games were high scoring and extremely fast paced. MSU looked very good as they skated past a spirited Rowan squad 7-4. They received quality goaltending from Charlie Kemmlein and some big hits from Captain Sean Guenther in route to their win. Hated to see Red-Hawk Matt Popan go down with a shoulder injury in the first period. Knowing Matt, he will want to be back on the ice tonight, even if he is in a sling. Rowan looked much stronger than we anticipated and should be in for a good season. More than half the team is made up of former Hollydell Hurricanes and Philadelphia Jr. Flyers Alumni as home grown talent dominates their roster.

The Pioneers looked great as expected with lots of firepower upfront. Shaun McTigue, Albert Campbell, and John Gomez were all impressive. They appear to be the team to beat tonight after blowing past The Lions 9-5.

The Championship game is tonight at Ice Vault in Wayne, NJ at 8:15PM. The consolation game begins at 5:15PM. The Predictor makes his first official pick of the new season selecting WPU over MSU 6-3. It should be a great game. Make sure to stop by and check it out if you can. Hope to see you there.

All the best.

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