

LIONS DOMINATE MILL CREEK

The brothers Cittadino (Jake and Nick) book-ended the scoring as the PRHS Ice Lions defeated Mill Creek 7-0 Monday night in Duluth. In between Stephen Musso tallied twice and Mitch Nysten registered his 2nd straight hat trick as the Lions improved to 10-2-1 in GSHL play. The Lions scored first as Jake Cittadino fired a laser to notch his first career HS goal as Dominc Vokoutis and Josh Johnasson set up a perfect screen in front of the Mill Creek goaltender. Mitch Nysten scored his first of the evening and was set up by Shawn Rothlis and Jake Cittadino. Stephen Musso then scored back to back unassisted goals and the Lions led 4-0 at the end of one. Nysten scored a nifty short handed goal to the start the second period and completed his hat trick 5 minutes later with assists from Rothlis and Christian Huntington. With 3 minutes to go in the game Nick Cittadino matched his brother with a tally of his own with assists from Christian Huntington and Chris Little. 8th grader Raymond Harrington was in nets and registered the shut out with a huge assist from Chris McConnell who broke up a 2-1 in the 3rd period with a nice poke check followed by a punishing check. McConnell missed a large portion of the season with an ankle injury but is rounding into peak form. With balanced play from all 4 lines and the defense once again rising to the occasion the Lions seem to be peaking as the playoffs approach. Possibly the finest passing play of the season occurred in the 2nd as Daniel Huntington passed to Nysten who sent it back to Huntington who hit Rothlis for a one timer that just snuck wide of the post.

The Lions Den: Musso, Nysten and Rothlis are currently 1, 2 and 4 in AA scoring. Josh Berkman reinjured his leg in a travel tournament in DC and his return for the season is questionable. The Lions still have an outside chance of winning the regular season and gaining the #1 seed in the playoffs. A freshmen has notched his first career HS goal in 2 of the last 3 games. Next up is the final regular season game against Milton, next Wednesday February 25 at the IceForum.