

LIONS ROAR IN PLAYOFF OPENER

The PRHS Ice Lions began their playoff journey with a 5-0 shutout of Mill Creek Sunday night in Duluth. Wes Edenfield posted the 3rd straight shutout for the Lions and the hosts were never headed as they coasted to an easy first round victory. Mitch Nysten scored the first two goals, Shawn Rothlis the second 2 goals and Chad Cole finished the scoring with a short handed goal after a nice end to end rush as PRHS set off in quest of their 2nd state championship in the last 3 years. Defensemen Christian Huntington had 3 assists to lead the Lions scoring and Daniel Huntington chipped in 2 assists and Josh Berkman added an assist as well. The Lions led 2-0 after the 1st period as Nysten scored from down low and added his 2nd with a back hander from in close. Shawn Rothlis scored both Lions goals in the second period, the first on a nice rebound of a Christian Huntington shot, the second on a nice move in front of the net. When Cole scored his goal in the 3rd PRHS put in cruise control and made sure that Edenfield would protect a well earned shutout. The Lions had the better part of the physical play as well as the scoring outcome and now move on to a 2nd round matchup with Chattahoochee who beat Alpharetta 5-4 in a shoot out.

From the Lions Den: The Lions played without Captain Stephen Musso, defensemen Tyler Fortier, and forwards Jackson Graham and Tanner Subers. In the earlier meetings this season, PRHS beat the Hooch 6-1 and 7-2. Game time for the second round game is Sunday night, March 15 at 9:20pm again at the IceForum. Mitch Nysten, Raymond Harrington, Josh Berkman and Jake Cittadino will represent their travel teams at the SE District Regional Championships this week in Huntsville, Alabama. An enthusiastic group of students from Peachtree Ridge were present to support the boys. The Lions have now gone 10 periods without allowing a goal.