

Oct. 12, 2008 update:

Lions Hang on and Outlast Eagles

The PRHS Lions jumped out to a big lead and then hung on anxiously to escape with an 8-7 victory over Collins Hill in GSHL league play on Sunday night. The Lions had a 5 goal lead with just over 10 minutes to play but watched the Eagles score 4 goals in 5 minutes to cut the lead to 1. The one goal held up over the last 6 minutes as Peachtree Ridge improved to 2-0 in the AA division.

As he did against Harrison, freshmen Mitch Nylen started the scoring with a one-timer off of a beautiful pass from Christian Huntington. Captain Stephen Musso followed that one with a "top shelf" bullet and the Lions led 2-0. Alternate captain Zach Tomlinson then scored his first of the year as he took advantage of a wild carom off the boards and beat a surprised Eagles goalie to put the Lions ahead 3-0 and when Tanner Subers scored, assisted by Dominic Vakoutis and Josh Johansson the Lions seemed to be on auto pilot and led comfortably 4-0.

Collins Hill scored their first but that was quickly answered as senior Nick Cittadino made a nifty cross ice pass to Musso to once again extend the lead to 4. After another Collins Hill goal, Mitch Nylen scored 2 unassisted goals and the lead was 7-2. Shawn Rothlis scored on a breakaway and it looked like this one was over, but the Eagles stormed back to make this one much more exciting than it should have been. The turning point was an extremely questionable call as Collins Hill was awarded a penalty shot on a play that the referee seemed to miss completely. The Lions, while shaky for a while, regained their composure and ended the Eagles comeback with solid play over the last 4 minutes to protect the one goal margin.

The Lions' Den: Next up for the Lions is a home date with Alpharetta at the IceForum, Sunday October 19 at 6:30pm. Alpharetta opened league play by skating to a 2-2 tie with Chattahoochee. Nylen, Musso and Rothlis are among the top 6 scorers in the league after the first 2 weeks. Raymond Harrington got the start in goal against Collins Hill.