

## SCTA Edges ETA In Midget All Star Game

The SCTA scraped out a 3 – 2 victory in the annual OMHA Midget AAA All Star game. The game was played in front of a good crowd as part of the SCTA's Showcase event in the Seymour-Hannah Sports Complex in St. Catharines on Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Over the course of the first period the ETA generated several great scoring chances only to be foiled by some stellar goaltending by Niagara North's Ethan Slobodzian. Despite holding the territorial advantage the ETA trailed 1-0 at the end of the first period as the result of an SCTA goal Derek VcVey (Oakville) with just 16.8 seconds left in the period.

The continued ETA pressure paid off at 12:48 of the second period when Cole Thiessen (Richmond Hill) tipped in a nice pass from Barrie's Dean Truong. Shortly after the ETA banged a quick shot off the goal post the SCTA went up 2-1 just as an ETA penalty expired when Brampton's Alex Samari scored on a screen shot with 5:20 remaining in the second period. The ETA resumed its territorial advantage but were foiled by either the goaltender or the goal posts.

In the third period the ETA's Brett Poulin (Clarington) roofed a quick shot to make it 2-2 after receiving a perfect pass from Brendan Browne (Markham). Peterborough's William Hickey also helped set up the goal at the 13:31 mark. Just under 2 minutes later the SCTA goaltending came up big once again by making a great save on an ETA breakaway.

With 7:08 remaining in the third the SCTA capitalized on a rare ETA turnover in the defensive zone to go up 3-2 when Alex McAteer (Southern Tier) launched a bullet into the top corner of the ETA net.

The ETA applied sustained pressure over the last 2 ½ minutes but despite a couple more goalposts and an open net opportunity in the dying seconds they were unable to pot the equalizer.

The entire game was an up tempo, fast paced affair with only 2 minor penalties assessed to each team.

The overall series record now stands at 11-5 in favour of the ETA.

Game MVPs were Cole Thiessen for the ETA and goaltender Ethan Slobodzian for the SCTA.

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