



DALLAS SEES STARS WHEN THE FLORIDA JR. PANTHERS COME TO TOWN!!

The Florida Jr. Panthers Squirt Minor were declared the Western Regional Silversticks Champions. The Jr. Panthers traveled to Dallas, Texas, December 26th - 31st. Their first game was with the Arapahoe Warriors from Colorado on 12/27/01. The Jr. Panthers winning 4 - 0. Scoring, was Trent Ruffolo from Tommy Miller - Ruffolo again from Andrew Yogan and Mikey Garreffi - Michael Steele scores the 3rd goal then Eddie Korf scored assisted by Mikey Garreffi. The next match up was with the Texas Heat. The Panthers put out their fire 9 - 0. Next came the DMHA Titans. The Jr. Panthers again shutting another team out with superior goaltending by Tyler Toyota and Bobby Ramos. Goals were scored by Sonny Hughes (from Korf and Jack Josephy), Korf (from Hughes & Ruffolo), Gregory Nash (from Steele and Brandon Blair), Yogan (from Miller), Nash (from Blair & Josephy power play), Brandon Blair (from Steele), Ruffolo (from Korf), Blair again (from Hughes and Miller) and Nash (from Blair). End result was 10 to 0. The Jr. Panthers were then matched up with the Jr. Stars winning again 5-1. Steele, Yogan, Korf and Miller rounded out the scoring.

In the semi-finals, it was the Jr. Panthers shutting out the New Mexico Flames 10-0. Yogan with 4 goals (assisted by Josephy, Korf, Wieder, Garreffi & Miller), Brandon Blair added 2 goals (from Josephy & Korf) Defenseman Brock McGinn added one (from Miller & Yogan), Korf with 2 goals (from Wieder, Nash & Hughes), and Hughes with an unassisted goal.

It was a few hours later that we received a call from the tournament director, Scott McDowell letting us know we would be withdrawn from the tournament but were declared the Western Regional Champs. The Jr. Panthers went undefeated. They are definitely the true Champions!! GREAT JOB BOYS!!

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