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Huge Turnaround Leads BBD to SCC/SWV Division III Title

West Haven, CT - What a difference a year makes!

Last year, the Bethel-Brookfield-Danbury boys ice hockey team finished with a 3-14-3 record. This year, they are SCC/SWC league champions!

Behind a 32-save performance from Louie Alfidi a pair of goals and assists from Kyle Boller, the BBD coop beat Newtown 4-1 on March 26, 2021, at the Bennett Rink.



After the teams traded goals in the first period, BBD took control with a pair of second-period goals. Boller scored his second of the game at the 11:34 mark and BBD led 2-1. The back-breaking goal came with 21 seconds left in the period when Anthony Britton scored while sliding to the ice and BBD took a 3-1 lead into the final period.

Alfidi was a wall and BBD would not be denied. Alfidi made 13 of his 32 saves in the second period.

“It was a team effort,” Alfidi told GameTimeCT.com. “It has been like that all year. It has not been one player over the other. We all work together. It has been next man up all year.”

BBD would add an additional goal, their third man-advantage goal, with 4:22 left when Britton scored his second goal of the game.

Boller notched a point on every goal with two goals and two assists, while Britton had two goals and a helper.

James Celentano scored Newtown's only goal with 23 seconds left in the initial frame to knot the game at 1-1.

Newtown finished the year with a 5-4-2 record. Meanwhile, BBD won their first 10 games of the season before losing their last two in the regular season. They used that as motivation sweeping both playoff games to end the year with a 12-2 mark.

COACHES QUOTE:

"It starts with last year," BBD coach Rusty Granacker told GameTimeCT.com. "We were 3-14-3. We lost a lot of close games last year. We have a great group of seniors who returned. They did a great job. I am really proud of them. We had a great group of young talent come in. That helps. We have 12 guys who can step on the ice and play with anyone."

BBD 4, Newtown 1

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1st Period: B — Kyle Boller (Anthony Britton, Kenneth Granacker) 12:34; N — James Celentano 0:23.2; 2nd Period: B — Kyle Boller (Alex Nunez) 11:34; B — Anthony Britton (Aidan Garvey, Kyle Boller) 0:21.1; 3rd Period: B — Anthony Britton (Kyle Boller) 4:22; Shots: N — 33; B — 31; Saves: N: Markus Paltauf — 27; B: Louie Alfydi — 32