

Lancers move into tie for first

L'Anse Creuse tops Fraser 4-1

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The L'Anse Creuse and Fraser High School hockey teams

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are tied atop the MAC Blue standings with 3-1-0-0 records, but there was no question who the better team was on Friday night.

The Lancers were dominant throughout the game and beat the Ramblers 4-1 at Great Lakes Sports City.

"We came out ready to play," said L'Anse Creuse coach Wayne Tollon. "We had a good week of practice and the boys stayed out of the penalty box."

Mason Will scored twice for the Lancers (7-7-1 overall), Frank Bartolomeo had a goal and an assist and Gary Hardy also scored. Goalie Andrew Woloszyk rarely had to make a tough even-strength save.

Bob Skelton scored the only goal for Fraser (7-9-1 overall).

"They outplayed us. They deserved to win the game," Ramblers' coach Don Krussman said. "They play hard and they battle hard. They outworked us practically for the whole game."

L'Anse Creuse scored twice in a 1:08 span in the first period to take a 2-0 lead.

Hardy got the game's first goal 6:19 into the game after he backhanded a shot past Fraser goalie Robert Goemaere as he was stationed in front of the net. Bartolomeo

then drilled a shot from the right point through a screen that beat Goemaere low on the short side at 7:27.

Will's first goal made it 3-0, 7:25 into the second period with a 5-on-3 power-play goal. He redirected a pass into the open side of the net.

The Lancers got a bit of a scare when Skelton scored on the power play just 44 seconds into the third period on a wrist shot from the slot that beat Woloszyk high on the stick side. But Tollon didn't think a frantic third-period comeback was likely.

"We withstood their pressure in the second period," the L'Anse Creuse coach said. "They gave us everything they had and we withstood it. I thought they skated their legs out in the second period."

It only took 25 second for the Lancers to prove Tollon right when Will got his second goal of the night to restore L'Anse Creuse's three-goal lead and clinch the second contest between the two teams this season.

Fraser won the first and the third will likely be for the MAC Blue title.