

## **13 AND UNDER SOCCER BAKER VALLEY TOURNAMENT**

After an early morning downpour, the team took to the field to face a tough Kingswood side. Five minutes into the game, Adam Cashman pounced on a loose ball in the box and put the Pemi side up 1-0. Pemi kept pressing the Kingswood side, but a combination of puddles and tough defensive play prevented any further goals. Early in the second half, Kingswood evened the game, finishing a rebound from a great Matt Dann save. The rest of the game went back and forth, both teams with scoring chances until Chris Oatey converted a Jeff Malamy pass to ice the game 2-1 for Pemi.

The game was marked by outstanding defensive play by Neel Gandhi and Dave Stucker and great scoring chances for Matt Igoe and Christian Morris.

Pemi returned to their home pitch for the second game against Dunmore. The scoring began early with Christian Morris and Jeff Malamy scoring two quick goals. Matt Igoe added another to make the half-time score 3-0 for Pemi. John Sedam, who had an outstanding first half in goal, was replaced by David Joffe in the nets, and moved up to forward. He proceeded to score two goals, both booming 20 yard shots. Jose Domene added a final tally to make the score 6-0. This game saw some great play from just about everyone. Leigh Smith and Matt King played wonderful midfield, Kevin Smith, Stephen Scoblic and Jon Sullivan played great defense and Chris Kraemer added to the offensive threat.

The third and final game of the day was against Moose at Moose. The game started well for the Pemi side with two Chris Oatey break-away goals to put Pemi up 2-0 at the half. The first half was a wonderful display of soccer with everyone

contributing, particularly Matt Igoe, Stephen Scoblic, Lee Corey and Matt Dann in goal. Moose fought back in the second half, scoring two goals to tie the game and remind Pemi that the game was not over. Pemi fought back, and with about five minutes remaining, Jeff Malamy beat the keeper to the rear post with a screaming shot. Chris Oatey followed this up a minute later with his third goal of the game, completing the hat trick and making the score Pemi 4- Moose 2. Chris Kraemer almost put the Pemi side up by 3 just before the whistle as he streaked down the right side, but he was unable to find the back of the net. The final whistle blew, and with the victory, Pemi clinched the tournament title with 3 wins and no losses or ties. It was a great day of soccer, with everybody getting lots of playing time and everyone playing well. The results of total only bode well for the remainder of the 13 and Under soccer season.

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