

Greene pitches shutout for Suffield

Goalie makes 24 saves against East Catholic team coming off 9-goal game

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Talk about a contrast in games.

The East Catholic High boys hockey team lost a 10-9 decision to Conard on Saturday.

HOCKEY

The defense was much better on Wednesday night,

but the Eagles couldn't get the puck past Suffield/Granby/Windsor Locks goalie Patrick Greene.

Greene made 24 saves as East Catholic went from feast to famine with a 1-0 loss to Suffield at the Enfield Twin Rinks. Suffield (10-3-1) avenged a 3-1 loss to East earlier in the season.

Austin Rupp netted the game's lone goal in the second period. Jake Bourdeau and Brendan Looney were awarded assists.

Joe Sitarz had 24 saves for the Eagles (3-10).

Suffield plays Norwich Free Academy on Friday at the Norwich Ice Rink. East Catholic plays Northwest Catholic on

Saturday at the International Skating Center.

EAST CATHOLIC	0	0	0-0
SUFFIELD	0	1	0-1

First period: No scoring.

Second period: 1. S — Austin Rupp (Jake Bourdeau, Brendan Looney), 3:06.

Third period: No scoring.

Goaltenders: EC — Joe Sitarz (24 saves); S — Spatrack Greene (27 saves).

Wildcats sweep week with 3 wins

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SUFFIELD — It was a busy but satisfying week for the Suffield-Granby-Windsor Locks varsity hockey team. The Wildcats (12-3-1) started off the three-game stretch with a 1-0 win over East Catholic on Wednesday, Feb. 10.

With the game scoreless in the second period, junior Austin Rupp converted on a power play for the lone goal of the game for the Wildcats. Juniors Brendan Looney and Jake Bourdeau each had assists.

Sophomore goalie Patrick Greene stopped 27 shots for the shutout victory.

Suffield then had a much easier time in an 11-0 win over NFA-St. Bernard-Bacon Academy on Friday, Feb. 12.

The Wildcats scored three times in the first period, six in the second and two more in the third.

Junior Matt McWhirter had a hat trick for the Wildcats. Rupp added a goal and two assists, while Looney and Jack Antkowiak and senior Dan Bahl each had a goal and an assist. Senior Collin MacDougald, junior Corey Martineau, senior Corey Walsh and Bourdeau each had a goal. Senior Brian Martin helped out with three assists, while junior Craig Montemerlo,

senior Mike Lupone and junior Vincent Breda each had two. Junior Derek Megliola and senior Nick Vavalle each had one.

Sophomore Dan DeGagne needed to only make 12 saves for the shutout victory.

Suffield then finished off the week with a 5-1 win over Cheshire on Saturday, Feb. 13.

The Wildcats scored twice in the first, once in the third. Rupp led the offense for two more in the third.

Rupp had two goals and an assist for three points. Bourdeau had two points with a goal and an assist, while Walsh and Montemerlo each had a goal.

Looney helped out with three assists. Lupone, Greene and Antkowiak each had an assist. Greene made 19 saves out of 20 shots.

Through 16 games, Bahl leads the team in goals with 12. He is joined in double figures by MacDougald with 11 and Looney with 10.

There are four Wildcats in double figures in assists, with Rupp at the top of the list with 15, followed by Bourdeau at 13, Montemerlo with 11, MacDougald tops a list of six

Wildcats in double figures in points with 22. Rupp is second with 21, followed by Bahl with 20, Bourdeau and Looney with 19 and Montemerlo at 15.

On the goaltending side, Gagne and Greene have combined for a goals against average of 1.7 and a save percentage of over .900. Greene has stopped 199 shots on the year, while DeGagne has 155.

Suffield, which has four games left in the regular season, will be back in action on Friday afternoon against Tri-Town at the Twin Rinks in Enfield. The Wildcats then have a match at ISCC against Northwest Catholic on Saturday, Feb. 20, a matchup at Conard at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, and finish off the season with a home match against Fermi-Enfield-East Granby at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27.

SUFFIELD 5, CHESHIRE 1. At the Enfield Twin Rinks, Austin Rupp delivered two goals, while Jake Bourdeau had one goal and one assists as Suffield/Granby/Windsor Locks (12-3-1) knocked off Cheshire (7-6-1).

"It was probably our most complete game of the year," Suffield coach Nick Boorman said. "We didn't take a shift off. Everybody bought into the system. We played team hockey first. Everything came together. It was a great team effort."

Corey Walsh and Craig Montemerlo each had one goal for the Wildcats. Winning goalie Patrick Greene made 19 saves.

CHESHIRE	0	0	1-1
SUFFIELD	2	1	2-5

First period: 1. S — Austin Rupp (Brendan Looney, Jake

Bourdeau), 4:14; 2. S — Corey Walsh (Jack Antkowiak, Guy Badeau), 6:00.

Second period: 3. S — Bourdeau (Looney, Dan Bahl), 8:09.

Third period: 4. S — Craig Montemerlo (Looney, Bourdeau), 9:49; 5. C — Billy McKinley (Sanjay Montagne), 11:37; 6. S — Rupp (Bahl), 14:18.

Goaltenders: C — Jacob Verneris (50 saves); S — Patrick Greene (19 saves).

SUFFIELD 6, TRI-TOWN 2. Suffield/Windsor Locks/Granby jumped out to a 6-1 lead after two periods and cruised to a road victory.

Brandon Looney had two goals to pace Suffield (13-3-1). Austin Rupp, Cole Battiston, Mike Lupone and Jack Antkowiak added goals for the winners. Jay Skorulski netted both goals for Tri-Town (4-11). Tommy Burgess, Justin McCabe and Nick Tshonas provided assists for the hosts.

The Suffield boys co-op hosts Northwest Catholic at the International Skating Center today, while Tri-Town visits Wahconah Regional (MA) on Tuesday.

SUFFIELD	2	4	0-6
TRI-TOWN	1	0	1-2

First period: 1. S — Austin Rupp (Jake Bourdeau, Guy Badeau), 6:33; 2. T — Jay Skorulski (Tommy Burgess, Justin McCabe), 8:43; 3. S — Brandon Looney (Jake Bourdeau, Austin Rupp), 9:04.

Second Period: 4. S — Cole Battiston (Dan Bahl, Mike Lupone), 5:53; 5. S — Jack Antkowiak (Matt McWhirter), 7:05; 6. S — Mike Lupone (Derek Megliola, Dan Bahl), 11:25; 7. S — Brandon Looney (Winnie Breda, Craig Montemerlo), 14:54.

Third Period: 8. T — Jay Skorulski (Nick Tshonas), 12:20. Goaltenders: S — Patrick Greene (18 saves), T — Payton Emrick (9 saves), Zach Judson (10 saves).

NW CATHOLIC 8, SUFFIELD 3. At the International Skating Center in Simsbury, Suffield/Granby/Windsor Locks (13-4-1) endured its most lopsided loss of the season, which snapped a four-game winning streak. Jake Bourdeau had two goals against Northwest Catholic (12-5-0).

Suffield plays at Conard on Wednesday.

SUFFIELD	0	0	1-1
NW CATHOLIC	2	1	2-5

Suffield goals: Jake Bourdeau (2), Austin Rupp.

Northwest Catholic goals: Ryan Sherba (2), Anthony Ceolin (2), Paul Arel, Anthony Giannoni (3).

Goaltenders: NWC — Mike Compasso (28 saves); S — Dan Begagne (18 saves).

Wildcats earn tie with Simsbury

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SIMSBURY — The Suffield-Granby-Windsor Locks ice hockey team tied Saturday's away non-conference game against the Simsbury Trojans by a score of 2-2.

Suffield (9-5-1) trailed 2-1 heading to the third period, but were able to push across the

tying tally. Both Suffield goals come on the power play.

Juniors Austin Rupp and Jake Bourdeau had the goals for Suffield. Bourdeau also had an assist, as did senior Dan Bahl, junior Brendan Looney and senior Chris MacDougald.

Rupp has two goals on the season, while Bourdeau has four.

Sophomore goalie Dan DeGagne finished with 31 saves.

The Wildcats were scheduled to host East Catholic on Wednesday, Feb. 10, after the Southwick Suffield News' deadline. Their next contest is set for 4:50 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 12, at NFA-St. Bernard-Bacon Academy-Stonington.