

42ND ANNUAL JIM BAGDON CUP GAME SUMMARY

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The 42nd Annual Jim Bagdon Cup (formerly Warminster Cup) ice hockey game between the Archbishop Wood Vikings and William Tennent Panthers was played at 7pm on November 22nd in front of a lot of passionate fans at the Bucks County Ice Sports Center. The game was in honor of Gerry Grandzol, a '97 graduate of Wood and captain of the Wood Ice Hockey Team, who died tragically on September 7th, 2017. This game was one for the ages!

The Vikings started off strong with Brayden Gyza scoring the only goal in the first period assisted by Justin Carrelli and Ben Doran. With solid puck control in the offensive zone, Ben Doran scored the Vikings second goal assisted by Justin Carrelli. Wood's offensive line consisting of Tommy Hill, Ty Thornton, and Andrew Boyle applied good pressure, but were kept at bay with solid defensive play by the Panthers and excellent goaltending by Eric Lineman. Tennent answered a few minutes later in the period with a goal by Chad Cartwright assisted by Jon Kreider. Then, Ben Doran scored his second goal on a power play assisted by Justin Carrelli and Brayden Gyza to make it 3-1 Vikings at the end of the second period.

The Vikings defense consisting of Ryan Kinney, Nick Romano, Sean Boehm, and Marisa Denucci were doing a good job keeping the puck out of the zone. Panthers Tom Hartenstein took advantage of an opportunity and scored to make it 3-2 in the third period. Ben Doran answered with his third goal and hat trick assisted by Justin Carrelli, who contributed to all the Vikings' goals. This expanded the Vikings lead to 4-2 with 6:43 remaining in the third period.. The Panthers were hungry and determined to come back with Chad Cartwright scoring on a power play. On the final face off in the Vikings zone with only one second left on the clock, Captain Bobby Markus miraculously scored for Tennent to tie the game at 4-4.

A shootout would determine who claims the legendary cup for the 2017-18 season. After four failed scoring attempts by both teams, Vikings' Captain Ryan Kinney scored high blocker side on Panthers' goalie Eric Lineman who played very well all game. Determined to extend the shootout, Panthers' Chad Cartwright came storming in on Vikings' senior goalie David Casper. David was up for the challenge and made a "Go-Go-Gadget" pad save to secure the cup for the Vikings. Congratulations to the Wood Ice Hockey Team for a fantastic finish!

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