

Jacks of Bottineau Too Much for Hudson Valley

The Hudson Valley Community College hockey team (15-9) ended its season Saturday, Mar. 6, as the Vikings ran into the force of the Dakota College at Bottineau (17-9-2) in the national semi-final game. The number-one seeded Jacks defeated the Vikings on their home ice, 6-1.

The Jacks dominated all aspects of the contest and were on the board first as **Danny Urban (Edmonton, AB)** scored off of a feed from **Dustin Meyer (Mitchell, SD)**. **Josh Swancutt (Chester, IA)** got into the mix and scored a short-handed Bottineau goal with 7:23 remaining in the first period. The second period went much the same as the Jacks' Myer added another short-handed goal off of a Hudson Valley turnover. Myer scored yet another goal before the end of the second period to make the score 4-0 in favor of Bottineau. Hudson Valley goaltender, **Ryan Lynch (Lake George, Lake George)** gave a valiant effort in the first two periods as he was pelted with 30 shots, saving 26 of them and keeping the Vikings in the contest as much as possible.

Hudson Valley's **Nick Phelps (LaSalle Institute, Nassau, NY)** scored the Vikings' lone goal as he capitalized on a breakaway to pull the Vikings within three goals of the Jacks early in the third period. Once again, Bottineau proved too much and scored two more unanswered goals before the end of regulation, taking the 6-1 victory and the right to play for the NJCAA National Championship. Bottineau recorded 42 shots on goal compared to Hudson Valley's 14.

Bottineau will play the winner of the Erie Community College – Monroe Community College matchup on Sunday, Mar. 7 at 2 p.m.

Bottineau Scoring:

Per. 1, Danny Urban (8:48) – 1st assist – Dustin Meyer

Per. 1, Josh Swancutt (12:37) – 1st assist – Darcy Charrois

Per. 2, Dustin Meyer (13:49) – unassisted

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Per. 3, Wayne Ferguson (13:00) – 1st assist – Shawn Shindler, 2nd assist – Andrew Seeders

Per. 3, Mark Henke (15:57) – 1st assist – Dustin Meyer, 2nd assist – Colby Rehak

Bottineau Goaltending:

| Player | Shots | Saves | GA | Save% | Min. |
|------------|-------|-------|----|-------|------|
| Joe Caruso | 14 | 13 | 1 | .929 | 60 |

Hudson Valley Scoring:

Per. 3, Nick Phelps (3:12) – unassisted

Hudson Valley Goaltending:

| Player | Shots | Saves | GA | Save% | Min. |
|----------------|-------|-------|----|-------|------|
| Ryan Lynch | 30 | 26 | 4 | .867 | 40 |
| Justin Barnard | 14 | 12 | 2 | .857 | 20 |

*No new records