

The MBA Storm Pee Wee took to the road for the Regional tournament in Wadena.

The first foe they faced on the ice was Roseau, from District 16, but the Storm had their sights set to win and they proved it with an outstanding performance on the ice. The first period had MBA doing all the scoring with Tanner Picht netting the puck unassisted and Nate Nelson netting the second puck on the pass from Mac Beyer. The third goal was a Picht goal and the assist to Beyer. The Storm played a flat second period feeling the three goal lead which gave the Roseau Ram the chance to net a puck. Both teams each had a penalty MBA Picht for slashing and Roseau for tripping. The Storm came back in the third period and played hockey again with three goals being added to the Storm side of the board. MBA Picht netted two with assists to Tanner Mikkelson and Beyer (a power play goal). The final goal was a Beyer and Picht combination to end the game 6 to 1 in favor of the Storm.

Their second game of the tourney was Brainerd Blue. They had lost to them in the district tournament two weeks earlier and had unfinished business, change who is the winner in this match up. Again the Storm proved they should be here by commanding the game. MBA Mac Beyer netted the first goal with assist to Brody Gimerblin in the first period. The second period had the Storm with the power play opportunity and Beyer netted the puck with the assist to Ty Bellmore. MBA Brody Gimerblin assisted the next two goals with Picht scoring and Darion Helberg scoring. Brainerd had two penalties in the second period, check from behind and interference, but the Storm was penalty free the entire game. The last period had MBA Jordan Staples hit the blue line and rock the puck in the net unassisted. Brainerd Ellingson netted the lone Brainerd goal. The final was 5 to 1 with the Storm keeping their momentum strong. Saves from MBA Crow 9 and saves for Brainerd 18.

The next round had the Storm facing off against Mound- Westtonka, from District 5. The Storm had to keep winning with their sights on the State tournament they still needed to get passed all the competition that took the ice with them. Period one was two goals for the Storm, Tanner Picht assist to Helberg and Chad Schwarz and Brody Gimerblin unassisted. Both teams picked up minor tripping penalties. The second period MBA Beyer got the pass from Ty Bellmore for the third goal of the game. Mound Ewing slide a puck passed for the lone goal for Mound. Mac Beyer of the Storm netted two more goals assist to Brody Gimerblin and Tanner Picht.. The score was 5 to 1 going into the third period but the Storm had to make sure they would be able to break a point tie with goals scored. Three penalties were assessed, one to Mound interference and two to MBA for interference. MBA Brody Gimerblin netted the puck on the pass from Lincoln Pahl and Jordan Staples. MBA Chad Schwarz got the

final goal unassisted. This win, final 7 to 1, put the Storm in the championship round against Crow River Tigers.

In three games they had only given up 3 goals and during the final game they would shut down the opponents. The stands were packed with supporting fans for this match up. The players showed their appreciation by gathering at the glass with their sticks raised high for the support.

The first period had both teams feeling each other out to find their weakness. No goals were scored but both teams picked up coincidental penalties roughing on MBA and tripping on Crow River right at the start of the period. The minor two minute penalties for those players extended past their two minutes because there was not whistle for a stoppage of play for them to get back into the game. The second period the Storm got their passing down to a science. MBA Beyer scored four goals but it was all team effort. Goal one was assisted by Darion Helberg and Brody Gimberlin a power play goal, goal two assisted by Tanner Mikkelson and Tanner Picht, goal three assisted by Nate Nelson, and the fourth goal assisted by Tanner Mikkelson and Corey Storck. Crow River had two penalties in the second period for tripping and elbowing. In the final period Crow River was called for tripping and MBA scored the power play goal with Darion Helberg passing to Jordan Staples for the goal. Final score 5 to 0. Saves for Austin Crow 8 and saves for Crow River 17. The excitement on the ice and in the stands was deafening as the Pee Wees advance to the Pee Wee B State Tournament on March 14-16, 2008 in New Ulm. The MBA Storm players Brody Gimberlin, Taner Gimberlin, Lincoln Pahl, Tanner Picht, Mac Beyer, Austin Crow, Tanner Mikkelson, Jordan Staples, Chad Schwarz, Nate Nelson, Jacob Aarhus, Ty Bellmore, Corey Storck, Benjamin Anderson, Riley Blake, Darion Helberg, Seth Mueller and drafted player from Wadena Cory McManigle. Coaches Jeremiah Day, Jason Picht & Joel Beyer