

Dec. 5 Ice Hockey



Starting at the upper left and moving clockwise, Nottingham's John Terry gets possession of the puck and breaks away to score a 3-on-5 short-handed goal against Hightstown tonight (Photo by Dennis Symons Jr/purchase photos at www.dennissymons.com).

Morris is outstanding but Princeton has too much in win over Hamilton

Dec. 5: Coming up against the defending Mercer County Tournament champions, Hamilton held its own for two periods before dropping a 7-2 decision to Princeton at Mercer County Rink tonight.

Goalie Evan Morris was outstanding with 46 saves as the Little Tigers held a 53-15 shot advantage.

“Although we were outgunned numbers-wise, we stayed in the game due to the outstanding goaltending of Evan and good penalty killing,” coach Matt Hamilton said. “However, we were done in by our lack of discipline.”

Princeton had seven power plays on the night, including five different 5-on-3 situations, with two of them full two-minute power plays.



Evan Morris played out of his mind with 46 saves against Princeton (Photo by John Blaine/purchase photos by e-mailing jbsportsphoto@aol.com).

“Unfortunately for us, with our short bench, we’re in trouble if we’re in the box, even if it’s coincidental,” Hamilton said. “If our guys can adapt their games to play a smarter, more disciplined style, we have a chance to steal a game like tonight. Especially when Evan is in shut-down mode.”

Princeton took a 4-0 lead before Kyle Rogers made it 4-1 with 6:17 left in the second period. The Little Tigers went up 5-1 in the third before Rogers scored again, but Princeton got two more to pull away.

Through it all, Morris was outstanding.

“He wasn’t beaten clean all night,” Hamilton said. “Every goal was garbage in front, and rebounds.

“All things said, we were in the game until the end. That’s all we can ask for.”

Terry notches three points but Hightstown gets past Nottingham

Captain John Terry had a big night for Nottingham, but it wasn’t quite enough as the Hightstown High ice hockey team took a 6-3 win over the Northstars at Mercer County Rink.

Terry assisted Michael Rock on Nottingham’s first goal, then scored the last two goals unassisted. One of Terry’s scores came when the Northstars were facing a three-on-five short-handed situation.