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Orr's boys pluck Cherry

Senators centre gets win as No. 4's assistant coach

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In the final minutes of the second period of last night's CHL Top Prospects Game, Bobby Orr and Jason Spezza shared a laugh behind the bench, whispering something into each other's ear.

"(Jason) made a bad change, and I was lecturing him," said the legendary Orr.

Said Spezza, who served as assistant coach for Team Orr: "I was trying to defend myself. I was in charge of the defence, so it was a learning process. I got better as the game went on."

Things weren't as jovial on the other bench, as neither Don Cherry nor assistant Brian Kilrea smiled much watching their team get pasted 7-2 at Scotiabank Place.

"When referees did something he didn't like, (Kilrea) got me going," said Cherry. "You'd think he would have mellowed a bit, but he's just on everybody. Into the last minute, he's into the game."

Cherry's team got off to a great start, taking an early 2-0 lead, but it was Orr's squad that scored seven straight times and eventually won last night's exhibition of major junior's top prospects.

A sparse crowd of 5,892 braved the icy weather to make the trip to the rink, and really didn't have a lot to cheer about.

In fact, the loudest ovation came later in the game when the scoreboard's video screen displayed an update showing the Maple Leafs trailing Minnesota.

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- Yes, anything to see my team play
- No, they already cost too much

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Michael Grabner of the WHL's Spokane Chiefs led in the statistical category, scoring once and adding two assists to lead Team Orr.

Bryan Little of the Barrie Colts chipped in with a pair of goals, including a nice one early in the third after a great feed from the left corner from Claude Giroux of the Gatineau Olympiques.

Codey Burki of the Brandon Wheat Kings, Ryan White of the Calgary Hitmen and Lukas Bohunicky of the Kootenay Ice also scored for the Orr squad.

"They got those two quick ones, but we were able to get them back and it worked out well for us," said Orleans native Ben Shutron of the Kingston Frontenacs, who had one assist.

Cherry's team got goals from Ben Maxwell of Kootenay and Matt Beleskey of the Belleville Bulls.

Oshawa's Cal Clutterbuck tried to stir things up for the Cherry side in the second period, levelling a couple of Orr's players with big hits. He also took a swing at Riley Holzapfel of the Moose Jaw Warriors at the end of the second period while players scrummed behind the net, but nothing major broke out.

STANDOUT GOALTENDING

Clutterbuck had some of the best chances for Cherry, but the Team Orr goalies were outstanding all night.

Cherry's squad fired a record 49 shots at Orr netminders Leland Irving of the Everett Silvertips and Ryan Daniels of the Saginaw Spirit.

"We outshot them and they worked hard," said Cherry. "They just finished, and Bobby Orr was lucky."

To which Orr shot back, "I've been lucky my entire career."

Irving made a glove save against Clutterbuck on a shorthanded break in the opening period. Then in the second, Daniels slid across the crease and robbed Clutterbuck with a pad save on another chance.

Then in the third, Daniels stoned another Cherry shooter, this time getting a glove on a Beleskey chance at the last moment.

Burki was named Team Orr's player of the game, while Cherry defenceman Mike Weber of the Windsor Spitfires got the nod for his team.