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Thunder Bay Jr. B/Juvenile/AAA Hockey Kings, Jr. B Hawks winners on Tuesday

Feb. 23 – Two games on the Thunder Bay Jr. B/Juvenile/AAA Hockey League slate Tuesday saw the major midget Kings and Jr. B Northern Hawks come up victorious with the Kings crowning the Nipigon Elks 7-2 at Fort William First Nation Arena while the Hawks handled the Jr. B Stars 9-1 at the Tournament Centre.

In the Kings – Elks affair, the AAA midget side broke open a tie game with five unanswered third period goals to skate away with the victory.

Matt Kaarela tallied twice to lead the Kings offensively while Dylan Butler, Dan Morin, Royce King, Adam Fares and Tyler Anton supplied singles. Dallas Allaire and Jessie Asunmaa replied for Nipigon.

Shots on goal favoured the Kings 49-22 with Eric Rogers picking up the win and Thomas Gratz suffering the loss.

Over at the Tournament Centre, the league's leading point producer in Myles Stevens notched a hat-trick and set-up two others to pace the Hawks over the Stars.

Justin Backor also chipped in with a pair of markers and an assist for the Hawks while Larry Johnason, Kyle Gunsinger, Ryan Powell and Geoff Vaillant also found the back of the net.

Mike Jakovic had the lone goal for the Stars breaking up the shutout bid of Jordan George in the Hawks net in the final frame. He finished with 22 saves on the night.

Tyler Bolen faced 42 shots in defeat as the Stars goaltender.

League play resumes Thursday when the Stars and Hawks tangle again with this contest slated for 7:30 p.m. at Delaney Arena.

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