

Dukes move on to final four

By Amanda Monahan

The Wellington Dukes are heading to cottage country in search of their second Dudley Hewitt trophy in 10 years.

They will be representing the Ontario Junior A Hockey League at the tournament in Huntsville next week that runs from April 19-23.

The Dukes will be facing off against the Soo Eagles of the Northern Ontario Junior A Hockey League, the Wisconsin Wilderness of the Superior International Junior A Hockey League and the host team Huntsville Muskoka Otters of the OJHL.

The winners of the round robin tournament advance to the RBC Cup national championships in Camrose, AB., April 30 to May 8.

The Dukes secured their spot in the Dudley Hewitt Cup with a 4-2 win over the Oakville Blades on Tuesday night at home., winning the Buckland Cup. They are no strangers to this tournament. They won the Dudley Hewitt Cup back in 2003. This will be their second appearance in the 40-year history of the provincial tournament.

Dukes head coach Marty Abrams said he hasn't been keeping an eye on the other teams in the tournament because he had his hands full with the series against Oakville.

"We will get at it, a couple days of some research and hopefully get a little head start on those guys," he said.

They have a week off before their first game against the Wilderness on April 19. There are a few elements in their game they plan to work on before they start the tournament.

"We need to bury our chances, we had an awful lot of chances to score again tonight. It took us a lot of work to score three, so we need to loosen up a little but and shoot the puck a little more often," Abrams said in an interview after the victory over Oakville.

There is one area where Abrams believes the teams excelled.

"Our penalty killing has been outstanding all year, and you know the positive, is it has allowed us to ice the puck," he said.

This year's team has 13 new players on the roster. Abrams called their Buckland Cup title a reassurance that they made the right decision to join the Dukes.

"They have really jelled together as a team and with that many new players it always takes time to jell and they are certainly jelling at the right time," he said.

After this year, the Dukes will be losing three of their four top goal scorers. Zach Blake, Sean Rudy and Steve Evans will be making their way to colleges in the U.S.

Ending the season with two championship trophies and a spot in the RBC Cup would end their Junior A careers on a high note, said Abrams.

Follow the Dukes

QNetNews reporter Amanda Monahan will be following the Dukes at the Dudley Hewitt Cup tournament in Huntsville April 19-23. You can find her daily reports and game coverage on QNetNews.ca



The Wellington Dukes celebrate their victory over Oakville in Wellington Tuesday night. With the win, the Dukes qualified for the four-team provincial championship in Huntsville. Amanda Monahan photo

Early childhood group donates \$100,000 to college

By Nick Liard

While Loyalist College is still out looking for community support, they have just received a huge boost from an organization in the community.

The Quinte Early Childhood Education Resource Group has donated \$100,000 to the college.

"We were very excited, this is a fabulous, generous donation," said Loyalist College President Maureen Piercy.

"This will be a fabulous addition to our funds for bursaries and scholarships for students. We are working with the organization for criteria. It was just an amazingly generous gift and we are very excited.

"The group has been together for many years and has an extensive community background. It's an organization that has worked over the years to raise funds for childcare centers and programs for

young children."

Piercy said the group has been fund raising over the years, and since the organization would not be continuing in its present format, they made a decision to donate the money.

"The are just the most genuine and generous group of people you could ever imagine," said Piercy. "So we were delighted to celebrate with them, and we look forward to recognizing their contribution to students in the future."

"I would formally like to ask you all, to let those good folks know how much you appreciate this, their generous contribution," Chairman of the Board Stuart Wright told the college board of governors.

Loyalist College had approached area municipalities in recent weeks seeking funding to pay for equipment for its new sustainable technology building but was turned down at every one.

Outgoing commander lauded for restoring ties

By Nicole Kleinstaub

He brought the community and the air base together in a time of darkness and now he's moving on.

Col. Dave Cochrane, the man credited with restoring relations with the community after Russell Williams was convicted, has been transferred.

"I'm sorry to see him go. He's a great supporter of the community and a great friend of mine. We'll work hard at building a new relationship with the new colonel," said Quinte West Mayor John Williams.

Cochrane finishes his command of CFB Trenton in early August and will pass the torch to Colonel Sean Friday.

Cochrane took on his role as the head of Canada's largest air base in February 2010.

The promotion came after the former commander Russell Williams was convicted of two murders, two sexual assaults and dozens of fetish break-ins.

Williams said Cochrane was the right person at the right time.

"After last February we went through a rebuilding, making sure both the



Outgoing CFB Trenton commander Dave Cochrane

community knew how important the wing was. The colonel reached out and had a good relationship with the community," said Williams.

"A lot of people forgot what happened and moved on because of him," said Quinte West Councilor Doug Whitney.

Cochrane is described by local officials as a man who represented the base at every local event and fundraiser.

"He's got a great personality, fit perfect to provide the leadership and direction that we needed at that time," said Williams.

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College looks to insurer to replace equipment stolen last summer

Loyalist College expects its insurance company to reimburse the college for \$150,000 of equipment believed stolen last summer.

"We are continuing to talk to our colleagues at the Belleville police services, and our insurers, and it is kind of back and forth with talking to them," said College President Maureen Piercy.

"We just got our final invoice for some of the replacement equipment so we are providing that information to our insur-

ers, and we don't see any reason why we won't be eligible for re-imburement. But we are continuing to work with the police also."

A police investigation was needed after an internal college investigation solved nothing.

The missing equipment mostly consists of automotive and hand tools to be used in programs for the college's new sustainable technology building.