

# Bulls outshoot 67's but still come up short

By Thomas Lee

Despite outplaying the Ottawa 67's at Wednesday's game in Belleville, the Bulls lost 6-4.

The Bulls were the more aggressive team throughout the game. They managed to keep most of the play in Ottawa's end. The Bulls even had almost twice as many shots on goal, 43-25.

"I think we deserved a better outcome based on the numbers we put up shot-wise, and the chances we had against a first-place team," said Bulls assistant coach Jason Supryka.

"Anytime you make a significant error on the ice, a first-place team is going to take advantage of it and that's exactly what they did. We gave their key guys too much time and space," said Supryka.

When the first period started, the Bulls came out strong, handling the puck past Ottawa's defence and playing it hard in their end. Despite this aggression, Ottawa's Michal Cajkovsky scored the first goal of the game at 15:48. Less than two minutes later, Ottawa's Tyler Toffoli scored.

Unlike Sunday's game, being down two goals did not stop Belleville from fighting back. A season high attendance of 3,053 fans at the Yardmen Arena may have contributed to the confidence of the Bulls.

The game was at a standstill until Ottawa's Sean Callaghan was given a two-minute penalty for holding, followed by another penalty for Ottawa's Michal Cajkovsky for high sticking. Just seconds later, Daniil Zharkov scored Belleville's first goal of the night on a double power play.

After the faceoff, Stephen Silas tied the game. With the game now tied 2-2, the Bulls turned up their aggression in Ottawa's end trying to get ahead of the team that just a few days before shut them out. Despite outshooting and outplaying Ottawa, player Remy Giftopoulos managed to get another goal past the Bulls goalie Malcolm Subban.

Although the Bulls would turn up the heat once again, Sean Monahan scored another goal for Ottawa. Nicholas Foglia,



Photo by Marta Iwanek

Sean Monahan of the Ottawa 67's scores the fourth goal for Ottawa in the 2nd period against Belleville Bulls goalie Malcolm Subban. The Ottawa 67's beat the Belleville Bulls 6-4 Wednesday night at the Yardmen Arena.

who rushed out of the penalty box taking a pass from Mike Vlajkov, beat Subban on a breakaway to score Ottawa's fifth goal of the night ending the second period.

Coming into the third period, three

goals down was tough, but the Bulls came out with all they had in the third period. Two minutes in, Bulls player Austen Brassard scored, bringing the Bulls back into the game.

However that was short lived when Ot-

tawa's Steven Janes managed to score just three minutes later.

Jordan Subban managed to get one more goal halfway through the third period. For the remainder of the period, the Bulls played with all the aggression they

had. They kept the play in Ottawa's end and took every shot they could get. But Ottawa's goaltender Petr Mrazek managed to deny the Bulls any more goals, saving Ottawa from defeat.

## Fundraiser supports Special Olympics

*Police passed buckets at Belleville Bulls game to help athletes*

By Melchizedek Maquiso

Sixteen police officers rounded up the stands Wednesday night at the Yardmen Arena shortly after the opening puck drop between the Belleville Bulls and the Ottawa 67's.

They were not there to arrest anyone. Instead of guns, they used buckets.

The police passed the buckets to spectators in the hopes of raising funds that will go towards Special Olympics programs.

The fundraising is being done prov-

ince-wide in hockey arenas where there are Ontario Hockey League (OHL) teams.

Mary Wilson, one of several outgoing community co-ordinators, said they are not expecting to raise a specific amount.

"If the fans here are generous, that's excellent. We don't put a dollar figure on it. We want them to know that Special Olympics is still alive and well and that our athletes are competing and they're going to higher levels of competition. It's putting the Special Olympics name out there into the community and keeping it out there in the community."

Organizers at the event did not want to talk about how much funds were raised in the past years.

"Every year is different. We're always happy with the funds that we get," said Rene Aubertin, Belleville Police commu-

nity policing liaison officer who has been involved in the Special Olympics for close to a decade and was in charge of manning the fundraising event at the arena.

Regardless of the amount raised, the organizers are confident that it will help athletes to go and participate in the games.

"Whatever the amount raised, the money goes provincially and it is dispersed to the local groups depending on how many athletes they have in each region," said Aubertin.

According to Sarah Hoover, another community co-ordinator, the province of Ontario has around 1,000 Special Olympics athletes and the Quinte region has 125. All would be able to benefit from the fund-raising.

The fundraising is in its sixth year.



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(L-r) Const. Adam Donaldson and Const. Rene Aubertin and volunteers Eric Kelly and Matt Palmer are photographed during the Law Enforcement Torch Run fundraiser event held at the Yardmen Arena. Aubertin is the community policing liaison officer in charge of the event.

## Volleyball player says goodbye

*Leighann Bishop had major impact on Lancers team, says assistant coach*

By Meagan Pecjak

The sound of sneakers on a freshly waxed floor fills the gymnasium. The smell of sweat hangs in the air, like a gym bag that has been left open for far too long.

There are blurs of blue and white racing around half of the court players use to warm up on.

The blurs stop, and begin to form shapes of familiar faces. Leighann Bishop is one of them.

The announcements begin, starting with the national anthem. Moments after, the speaker starts up again, and the voice is crisp and clear.

Women's volleyball coach, Tony Clarke walks up to the microphone to take over, his red shirt making him stand out among the blue jump-suits.

Clarke is describing a player who was a big part of the team, who always pushes herself to the limit, and will be missed, because this year she is graduating from Loyalist College, which means she is leaving the team.

She will be leaving these years behind to make her way through the rest of her life, said Clarke of Bishop.

As she makes her way to her coach, she smiles at the family and friends who have come to support her. Clarke hands her a frame with a photo of herself during one of her many games as co-captain of the women's volleyball team.

Assistant coach Amy Hoskin says that the team will miss Bishop, and that she has a major impact on the team.

"She has this way about her on the court you can't teach. It just has to be found in athletes."

Bishop has been playing volleyball since she was in sixth grade, and said that there are a lot of different rules between those days and high school.

"They have different volleyballs then, so the rules are different, but I got into club volleyball during high school."

She is the only player from the women's team graduating this year.

"I think come September it is going to hit me that I am not in school anymore, and I am not in volleyball and that is when it is going to be sad to have left Loyalist College."

Bishop stands in the empty gym, volleyball in hand, describing how she feels about leaving the team.

"I don't ever want to give up volleyball, especially here at Loyalist."

"She has a really big personality," says Hoskin. "We are sad to see her go. She has been a great leader for our team."

Bishop is co-captain with Kirsten Talsma.

"We lead the team, we get motivation, we encourage them. They can come talk to us if they can't come and talk to the coach's about something. We are just there when they need us," says Bishop.

The team did not only benefit from Bishop being co-captain. "They just changed my whole attitude on the game, and they made me a better volleyball player," says Bishop.

The women's team has many successes, and Bishop admits that one of her favourite memories looking back would have to be "beating Trent twice," she says, with a smile working its way across her face.

"It's a great feeling to beat them considering how 'cocky' they've been the past couple of years."

Bishop said that managing volleyball, and schoolwork has been difficult, but she learned to manage her time well.

"I may not be dean's list but I am always 1 per cent off or something. I am really proud of myself and that I have been able to priorities and organize myself appropriately."

Graduating is exciting, she says, but also emotional in many aspects. For Bishop, she will not only be leaving behind a team, but a family as well.

She may be stepping off of the Loyalist College court, but she will be stepping into a much bigger game: life.



Photo by Meagan Pecjak

Leighann Bishop is a second year Paralegal student at Loyalist College. Bishop is the graduating player, and co-captain for the Loyalist Lancers women's volleyball team. "I think come September it is going to hit me that I am not in school anymore, and I am not in volleyball."

## Ice Drag race to happen in Marmora

*Fire Fighters Association plans event to encourage participation during winter season*

By Melissa DiNardo

The Snowmobiling Ice Drag race will be happening on March 10, 2012 in Marmora. The Marmora Fire Fighters Association is spearheading the event.

According to Amanda Morrison, wife of one of the organizers Josh Morrison, there are not many events during the winter season that encourage the community to come out and connect.

"Sled dog races are the only other event that happens during the winter," said Morrison. "Kids don't watch the whole race happen, just the beginning and the end. This event they can part take in."

With this in mind the Fire Fighters Association decided to organize the activity, where children are not only invited but also encouraged to participate.

The entry fee for competitors is \$15 per sled, per class. Registration starts from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and races start at 11:30 a.m. Vintage sleds are welcomed.

The event is held at Crowe Lake, just off Booster Park Road in Marmora.

There will be a cash and prize table for the winners.

Admission for adults is \$10 and for students it is \$5. A banquet and presentation to follow the races will be held at Bunkers Hideaway.

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