



Photo by Jeff Peters

**Jordan Mayer of the Belleville Bulls celebrates after a game-tying goal late in second period action against the Peterborough Petes at the Yardman Arena on March 7. The Bulls eventually clinched their victory with a 6-5 win over Peterborough.**

# Oh Captain! My Captain!

*Five-point night for Luke Judson against Peterborough Petes on Wednesday*

By Andre Lodder

It took a hat trick and a five-point night from the Belleville Bulls captain Luke Judson to get past the Peterborough Petes in a high scoring affair Wednesday night.

The Bulls captain opened the scoring midway through the first period and carried the Bulls on his shoulders to a 6-5 victory over the Peterborough Petes.

The total shots on goal looked more like an overtime game with the Bulls outshooting the Petes 40-37.

As a result, the Petes fell six points back of the Bulls but remain four points behind the Mississauga St. Michaels Majors for the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference playoffs.

With the win, the Bulls leapfrogged the Oshawa Generals for the fifth seed in the Eastern Conference, bringing them that much closer to securing a playoff berth.

Andrew Yogan scored two goals of

his own to give the Petes a 2-1 lead in the first. Then with just 20 seconds remaining in the first period, Judson scored his second of the night to tie the game at two goals apiece heading to the intermission.

From then on it was back and forth as the two teams traded goals on two occasions in the second period. The Bulls Joseph Cramarossa scored early in the second while Judson scored his third goal of the night 13 minutes into the frame. The Petes' Nick Ritchie answered the bell on both occasions bringing the game to a 4-4 tie heading into the second intermission.

After Lino Martschini made it 5-4 for the Petes three minutes into the third it was Daniil Zharkov and Jordan Mayer who scored for the Bulls to seal the game and get the win for the Bulls.

Following the game, Assistant Coach Jake Grimes said he was happy with the team's offensive game but knows the defence could be better.

"Our special teams weren't outstanding and those are things we need to work on. We held on and enough guys kept us afloat until the rest of them came on board.

"One thing we didn't do well tonight was we didn't have a real good close gap

on a lot of their skilled players. They took full advantage of that at times and did that with odd-man rushes and quick shots," said Grimes.

Despite putting up five points and having one of the best offensive games of his young career, Judson echoed his coach's sentiments.

"Obviously the offence was clicking tonight so if we can keep that working and tighten up on our own end, we'll be doing ourselves well," said Judson.

That being said, Grimes said he was happy with the offensive output and proud of how the team handled the back and forth play against the Petes.

"It's up and down whether we're happy with our scoring or not and whether we've scored enough on any given night. It's nice to get that amount of goals in one night. We'll take that," said Grimes.

"It's nice to be able to stay in a see-saw battle, back and forth with ups and downs and come up with the win," said Grimes.

The Bulls have a chance to lock up a playoff spot with a win against the Sudbury Wolves on Friday night in Sudbury. Sudbury currently sits in fifth place in the Eastern Conference, eight points ahead of the sixth place Bulls. The game starts at 7:35 p.m.

## New home proposed for the Belleville Bulls

*Complex could include larger ice rink and more seating*

By Rhea Munroe

A proposal for a new home for the Belleville Bulls is currently in the works.

"In 2009, the City of Belleville Council received a document from my office named the 'Plan of Vision 2017' where there were two phases outlined. One phase was the newly expanded Quinte Sports & Wellness Centre," said Mark Fluhrer, Belleville's director of recreation, culture and community services. "The second phase was the creation of a 'modestly appointed Sports & Events Centre.'"

The new complex could include a new larger ice rink, seating for a minimum of 5,000 people, a conference centre, office space and a hotel.

The current home of the Bulls, the Yardmen Arena, is not up to today's hockey standards, council members said.

There are multiple issues concerning the current arena such as not enough seating, non-ideal layout and the ice rink size. These and other changes need to be included in the new complex, said council members.

"The one we have isn't well-designed in the first place. It doesn't meet the standards," said City Councillor Pat Culhane.

"I don't know if there is much of a desire to build a new arena, but it's been a part of the business plan for a few years

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now," said Councillor Jodie Jenkins.

Culhane said hockey is what puts Belleville on the map, and although hockey fans do not make up the majority of the population, they are passionate and she hopes that their reaction to the new Bulls home is a positive one.

"I think that the community would want to know all the reasons that we feel it is necessary," said Jenkins.

Fluhrer said that it was undecided which building would be worked on first, but the much-needed repairs to the Memorial Arena and the Dick Ellis Arena pushed it to be the first plan of action.

The proposal for the new arena has been made, and it is planned to be finished in 2017, if council proceeds with the plan.

"Given the scope and size of the Sports & Event Centre, and in order to ensure that there is time to seek out and develop partnerships for investment and development of the campus site and the number of potential tax dollars involved. The gap in time is necessary," said Fluhrer.

"We won't start building tomorrow, but it is on the horizon," said Jenkins.

"The early estimates used to determine

a 'scope of project' that the city and potential partners may consider was between \$25 million and \$30 million," said Fluhrer. "However, the total cost is greatly dependent upon the final 'scope of the project.'"

The cost of the project is a major consideration, councillors said.

"It all comes down to the dollar," said Culhane. "The more partnerships with private businesses, the easier it is on the taxpayers."

"Having partnerships relieves some of the pressure off the city," said Jenkins, who added the city is also approaching neighbouring municipalities for support. The city is hoping to team up with Quinte West and to make this idea into a regional project.

## Female professional angler looks to tackle new ventures

*Working now to offer seminars on recreational fishing*

By Mark Tarnovetsky

Ashley Rae has hooked into a successful angling career.

Whether she is faced with freezing temperatures during the ice fishing season or gliding through the summer months in her fishing kayak—Ashley Rae loves to fish.

Rae, 26, no longer competes in fishing tournaments, turning her attention instead toward different aspirations.

Rae has now done 14 seminars across Canada -- eight at the 2012 Spring Fishing and Boating Show in Mississauga and six at the Niagara Outdoor Sports and Boat Show. Rae demonstrates kayak-fishing techniques and attends fishing events for kids to help younger generations experience the sport.

"The best thing to do for the fishing industry is to help it grow. I have decided to focus more on recreational fishing and devote any time I can to get kids involved."

Rae also has plans for a television show in the future.

Rae was born and raised in Napanee, and although her own family did not fish, a friend of her father introduced her to fishing when she was five years old.

"Arnold, a good friend of my dad's owned a lodge on Kashwakamak Lake (north of Napanee) where my family would visit every summer. Arnold introduced my brother and I to fishing for walleye and it became one of our favourite things to do. We looked forward to those trips every year."

In the past couple of years Rae has taken up fly-fishing to expand her skills, landing her most memorable catch, a



Photo by Mark Tarnovetsky

**Professional angler Ashley Rae with a yellow perch caught through the ice on the Bay of Quinte. Rae has promoted the sport of fishing in the Quinte area for most of her life.**

wild brown trout.

"It's so much different than anything else I've done. It's a sport, science and art all in one."

Rae now lives in the Quinte area, fishing mostly in the Bay of Quinte and several small lakes between Napanee and Kingston. She is sponsored by a large host of fishing companies including Shimano, G Loomis, Power Pro fishing lines and Hobie Kayaks.

Rae joined the Quinte Bassmaster fishing club in 2008, and then entered

various tournaments in southeastern Ontario.

"It was a great learning experience and wonderful to have the opportunity to fish with a different angler each time."

Rae is also the host to her own successful website, [www.shelovestofish.com](http://www.shelovestofish.com), which has grown to 60,000 hits. Her website features an abundance of information on fishing techniques and her personal blog of event seminars, presentations and other outdoor accomplishments.



See the video on Ashley Rae at [qnetnews.ca](http://qnetnews.ca).

## Special time for athlete

By Linda Horn

Local athlete Tim Maracle said the Special Olympics means a lot to him after returning home from national games in Alberta.

Maracle and his teammate Kai Freeland from Belleville won medals in speedskating at the games held in St. Albert, which ran from Feb. 27 to March 4.

Maracle, a 32-year-old Shannonville resident, won two silvers and two bronze medals. He said he has been speed skating for 14 years and this is his second time going to the national games. Maracle said he has a learning disability and difficulty with memory.

"The Special Olympics means a lot to me. I get to travel and meet people. If it wasn't for the Special Olympics I would probably be doing nothing. I train a lot during the off season," said Maracle.

Maracle also bowls in the summer games.

Freeland won five medals including three gold, one silver, and one bronze. He lives in Belleville but attends school in Peterborough. Bob Freeland, his father, said Kai is 22-years-old and lives with Down syndrome. The senior Freeland said his son has been speed skating since 2006 and practises twice a week.

"There is a social aspect of it. It provides opportunities for kids to play," said Freeland.

Both athletes are members of Quinte Blades Speed Skating Club in Belleville and were trained by Laura Woodall, who was also the head coach for Team Ontario.

Woodall said there were 15 athletes and five coaches representing Ontario. She said the athletes train hard and had to qualify for the team by competing at the provincial games last year in Thunder Bay.

"Special Olympics is very competitive and they compete at a high level. It makes for very stiff competition across the board. It is great for the athletes to have goal. It gives a purpose to their practice," said Woodall.

Freeland and Maracle are now waiting to hear if they qualified for Team Canada, which will be announced next month. Those picked for the team will get to compete at the international 2013 Special Olympics in Korea.