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Bulls top Knights in weekend action

Belleville holds second-place slot in Ontario Hockey League

By Julia McKay

Belleville Bulls Stephen Silas and Joseph Cramarossa came away with one goal and one assist each to beat the Ontario Hockey League-leading London Knights 3-1 at Yardmen Arena Saturday.

The Bulls struck first with a solo shot by defenceman Stephen Silas within the first five minutes of play. It was a fast-paced game between two of the top teams.

Knights defenceman Paxton Leroux left the game early with cheers from the fans, after receiving a five-minute penalty for instigating an off-ice fight with the Bulls' bench.

The Knights got on the board, tying the game, during the second period with a goal by left wing Matt Rupert assisted by Chris Tierney.

The Yardmen crowd jumped to its feet when the Bulls took the lead in the third with their second goal by left-winger Daniil Zharkov, assisted by Silas and Cramarossa. It quickly turned to boos when officials waved the off the goal.

The goal was allowed after video replay, making the score 2-1.

Cramarossa added to the lead with the Bulls' third goal, assisted by Scott Simmonds.

Knights goaltender Jake Patterson and Bulls goaltender Malcolm Subban battled hard all game, with the hometown goalie letting in only one goal. The Bulls outshot the Knights 40-23.

The win kept the Bulls in second place in the eastern conference with the Knights leading the league.

With 3,205 people in attendance, the Bulls played before the second-largest crowd at home this season. The Bulls next take on their local rivals, the Kingston Frontenacs, this Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Yardmen Arena.



Photo by Julia McKay

Belleville Bulls Joseph Cramarossa, 19, celebrates his goal with his teammates Stephen Silas, 26, and Brady Austin, 22. The Bulls triumphed the league-leading Knights 3-1 at the Yardmen Arena on Saturday.

Campus rink helps students keep active in the cold

Great opportunity for everyone to get moving

By Laura Boudreau

Loyalist College has created an ice skating rink on campus to keep students active during the cold winter months.

"Both students and faculty agree that the rink is a great idea. It brings athletics into the wintertime," said Amy Hoskin, athletic assistant at Loyalist.

The rink was opened to staff and students last Friday. The athletics department had a barbecue and served hot chocolate to celebrate students who wanted to come out and skate.

"I love skating and having a rink outside is a great activity for fun and for exercise," said Courtney Davidson, a first

year early childhood education student at Loyalist.

"I love playing hockey. It is a great time. There's nothing quite like skating around on the ice," said student Nick Crouter.

Hoskin said college athletic staff felt that it was their duty to give exercise opportunities to all students, who don't necessarily like playing structured sports, or working out at the gym.

"I'm a firm believer that being outside is great for everybody. So, by having this

rink, we are getting students outside. We are keeping them active and giving them something to do," said Hoskin. "It's nice to get the students out of their residence rooms and the school and into the weather."

"We like to make athletics fun for all students, not just the ones on the varsity teams."

The weather was warm when the construction began and the rink started out as a giant mud pit. Colder temperatures solidified the athletic department's ef-

forts.

Users have suggestions for improvements.

"I think the rink is awesome for hockey and free skating. However, benches for those of us who love watching hockey and have a hard time putting on our skates would be a great idea," said Davidson. "There is a picnic table beside the rink now but portable benches would be useful."

"It surely makes this cold weather worth it," said Crouter.

Troops head out onto the ice for fundraiser

Military families benefit from pond hockey action

By Myriam Lublink

Troops of CFB Trenton sharpened their skates for the second annual pond hockey tournament in Batawa from Thursday through Saturday, raising thousands of dollars for the Military Families Fund.

A 'Roots of Hockey' fundraising dinner was organized for the evening of Jan. 24 to kick off the weekend's games. Organizer Capt. Jeff Moorhouse of 436 Transport Squadron said about 160 people attended the dinner.

"Our goal for this year is \$50,000 but we figured we'd set a high goal. I'm thinking we'll probably be in the \$30,000 range when we've tallied everything up."

The Military Families Fund was established in 2007 to help deal with the unique and unexpected needs of military families. Rachel Patten and husband Cpl. Brian Patten, an aircraft structures technician at CFB Trenton, have recently received approval for funding because one of their two children has special needs.

"The assistance that we are receiving from the Military Families Fund will go towards desperately-needed respite care, which is in-home specialty care for our children, and towards significant extra costs that come as a result of having a child with special needs," said Rachel Patten.

Toronto Maple Leafs legend Ron Ellis dropped the puck at the first game on Saturday morning at 9 a.m. Spectators were excited for the games to begin and happy to have the chance to meet Ellis.

Capt. Troy White of 436 Squadron organized game schedules and oversaw the events of the tournament.

"It wasn't easy fitting all the teams in, but in the end it's a lot of fun and it's for a



Photo by Myriam Lublink

The Rock Solid Tattoos play against CFB Trenton's 8 AMS team during a pond hockey tournament in Batawa last Friday.

good cause," said White.

Each of the 18 teams had to pledge \$300 in order to join. After the tournament's successes last year, a website was built to make it easier to sponsor teams.

"Teams can register online now," explained Moorhouse. "Friends and family members of those teams can use our site

to sponsor their individual team too. We know things are really going to pick up with the site."

The tournament format was round-robin, with 30-minute games and four players on the ice at a time. The games all followed the rules of Canadian Pond Hockey.

It was decided last year that since the tournament was set up as a fundraiser, there would be two winning teams.

"The team that wins the tournament is a winner, of course," said Moorhouse. "However, the team that brings in the most money is considered a winner just the same."

Volleyball team loses on weekend

By Sofia Rojas

The Loyalist Lancers Men's volleyball team lost 3-1 to Trent University Saturday on home turf.

The last time Trent faced the Lancers, it was a victory for the Loyalist team but the Trent boys came back with a vengeance and dominated the court.

The Lancers seemed to have the upper hand at the beginning of the night with good communication, supportive teamwork and encouraging words from the crowd. The sound of chanting, drumming and shaking of home-made maracas filled the gym. The Lancers won the first set 25-22.

As the game progressed, the Lancers were slowly losing their lead to the Trent boys and were unable to keep up with the consecutive spikes coming from the opposite side of the net. Trent took the second set 26-24.

It became clear the Lancers were losing their steam as Trent was gaining theirs, resulting in the third set going to Trent, 25-19, as well as the fourth and final set with a score of 25-18.

"We definitely didn't play to our ability," said Glenn Martin, the Lancers' right-side hitter and setter.

"The team was lacking intensity and communication, so everything periodically broke down at the wrong time," he said. When asked if there was anything positive about the way they performed, Martin replied with a simple "no."

The Lancers currently have 12 points and are tied for seventh with Sir Sandford Fleming College. The boys are scheduled to play Algonquin College on Saturday, Feb. 2 at 3 p.m.