

Sports

Generals handily defeat Bulls

By Vivek McCague

The Belleville Bulls suffered an 8-2 beating at the hands of the Oshawa Generals Sunday at Oshawa's General Motors Centre.

The Bulls jumped out to a short-lived lead on a goal from Brady Austin. He received a pass from Aaron Berisha on the blue line. Brady walked in and shot the puck towards the Generals goal.

The puck deflected off Generals defenceman Josh Brown and beat goaltender Daniel Altshuller high on his blocker side.

With only three minutes left in the frame, defenceman Geoffrey Schemitsch took a point shot on the Bulls Malcolm Subban.

Cole Cassels jumped all over a rebound off Subban's pad to tie the game at one. Less than two minutes later, the Generals were at it again.

This time it was Bradley Latour finishing off a nice passing play with a backhand past Subban. Defenceman Matt Petgrave sauced the puck across the line to Brown who then passed it into the slot area where Latour beat Subban on the backhand.

The Gens were not done there. Halfway through the period, Lucas Lessio caught a rebound and danced through two Bulls to bury his ninth of the season.

Three minutes later, Justice Dundas grabbed a huge rebound off the left pad of Subban and tucked a backhand through the five-hole, to make the lead 4-1.

The Bulls pulled Subban after the fourth goal and in came backup Charlie Graham, who was no help on this night, as the Gens were too powerful for the Bulls.

Two minutes later on a faceoff win, Generals centre Boone Jenner pushed the puck forward to Michael Dal Colle, who set up Toronto Maple Leafs prospect Tyler Biggs for his 20th of the season.

Things got worse before the end of the period for the Bulls. Bulls defenceman Daniel De Sousa coughed the puck right up to Scott Laughton, who had just returned from the Philadelphia Flyers. Laughton made no mistake with his skill and potted his 14th of the year.

In the third period, Scott Sabourin picked up the drop pass from Lessio, who snapped a bullet past Graham, to score his 23rd of the season, matching his jersey number.

Two minutes later, Lessio continued his great game, with another goal as he walked



Oshawa General goalie Daniel Altshuller gets out of the net to stop attack from Aaron Berisha of the Belleville Bulls. The Bulls lost the game 8-2 to the Generals at the General Motors Centre in Oshawa in front of a crowd of 5,288 spectators.

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halfway across the Bulls' zone with the puck, then turned and fired a rocket over Graham, making it eight unanswered goals

by the Generals. The Bulls added one of their own in the dying minutes. Forward Scott Simmonds of the Bel-

leville Bulls said, "Obviously it was a tough game for us but I think it's a period in the year where we need to step up. Losing to

those guys is tough and they're a good team and work hard, so I think they deserved it today and we need to get better."

Women's team takes big win

By Tijana Martin

The Loyalist Lancers women's volleyball team is tied for seventh place in the east division against La Cité Coyotes after a 3-1 win Sunday over La Cité.

Before the Lancers' final home game, La Cité was ranked sixth, while Loyalist was finding themselves in a tough position, ranking in eighth.

The Lancers didn't let their rankings stop them from putting up a strong fight, and they were off to a great start leading the first set 17-2.

The Lancers became a little too comfortable with their 15-point lead and allowed the Coyotes to catch up quickly.

"Our girls started off really, really well, unfortunately they got a little comfortable and La Cité came back, and got more into the game than we wanted them to," said assistant coach Amy Hoskin.

The two were tied for the set point, but the Lancers managed to finish the first set with a win of 27-25.

After the first set, the pace of the game slowed, and the two teams seemed to be playing a more equal game.

The Lancers managed to win the second set by four points. La Cité was getting frustrated with how the game was being played, and managed to make a comeback during the third set, winning 25-19.

Lancers head coach Tony Clark said after the third set they "weren't really nervous," but after LeeAnne Jeffs hurt her wrist, they "were just trying to figure



Kristen Curtis (10) of the Loyalist Lancers spikes the ball against Marie-France Cayer (#9) and Matayla St-Jean (8) of La Cité Coyotes during a volleyball game at Loyalist College Sunday.

Photo by Tijana Martin

out lines around her in case she couldn't fulfill her playing role. So what we were able to do was try and move people around, and just try and stay calm."

The crowd became a little more involved during the fourth set, cheering, "Let's go Lancers."

The fourth set was close, but the Lancers managed to take the win with 25-21.

The Lancers managed to gain two points, but the playoffs remain a long shot.

"Unfortunately we kind of left it in other people's court now, so it will depend on a few other teams, as to what really happens to us," said Hoskin.

The Lancers need to win their remaining few games, and rely on the teams placed ahead to

lose some of the final games.

"If we get anywhere in the playoffs it will be sixth place, and we go over and play a third place team in the west, which is most likely Fanshawe [in] London... We need to win out in order for us to make the playoffs," said Clark.

"I still have hope," said Hoskins.

Centennial Park has its own football game during Super Bowl weekend

Shark Tank Pub also hosts its annual party

By Catherine Jackman

Super Bowl XLVII may have kicked off in New Orleans, but in the Quinte area, locals celebrated the game both as fans and as players.

Quinte Touch Football League hosted their second Touch Football Pick-Up Game on Feb. 3 at Trenton's Centennial Park.

Approximately 30 men, most of whom were new faces, showed up to play the game, according to league founder Taylor Ellis.

"We wanted to have an event that brought the big game closer to home, and at the same time, raise some awareness in the community for our league," said Ellis.

Last year, the QTFL had seven teams, with 10 players on each team. This year, they're looking to add another 20 members to their roster.

"We give interested players 16 years of age or older the opportunity to have fun playing a sport that is not offered after high school in the immediate area," said Ellis.

"So far, this is the only event that we have planned before summer registration. Not to say that it's off the table, it's just we don't have anything set up," said Ellis.

"It was a great game today. Everybody had lots of fun, and I'm looking forward to playing this season," said league member Daylan Thomas.

The game, which started at 1 p.m., also provided free chili and hot chocolate for the player and the few spectators.

Waiting for the big game to start, each player at the touch football games had their own ideas for which team they wanted to see win the Super Bowl trophy.

"Personally, I want the 49ers to win. I'm a Packers fan, so if my team couldn't be in the game, I'd be okay if at least the team that beat them was," said Ellis.

The community festivities weren't limited to Trenton.

The Shark Tank Pub at Loyalist College hosted its annual Super Bowl party giving away door prizes throughout the evening, that included a Bud Light stereo system.

The roar of the students, a slow drum of cheers and claps, was heard through the halls. The tables were covered in containers of chili cheese dogs, chicken fingers and beer cups.

The slow roar, "Let's go Ravens!" rang through the crowd and the muffled cry for the 49ers.

With the 49ers favoured to win game by covers.com, a popular online sports gambling website, the group of students cheered mainly for the Ravens.

The Ravens started the game strong, leaving the students were on edge, all except for David Lavender, a second-year television and new media student, who admitted that before last night, he didn't know who was playing in the game.

"I'm more excited to watch the commercials and hang out with some friends. I'll just cheer for whatever team they're cheering for," said Lavender.

The last quarter kept the crowd watching with bated breath after an earlier power outage that had killed some of the enthusiasm in the room. The quarter became an all out battle between the Ravens and the 49ers.

With the score tight and no more than seven points separating the two teams at any point during the fourth quarter, the Shark Tank shifted between loud cheers and frustrated sighs, most of which happened simultaneously.

"This moment is what will make the game," said Andrew Blouin, a friend of Lavender's, who was trying to explain the game as it happened at the two-minute mark.

The Shark Tank cleared out quickly as the Ravens were announced victorious, with a score of 34-31, leaving behind the few remnants of the party and small bits of peeled off face paint scattering the floor like confetti.

Men's team starts slow but proves successful

By Tijana Martin

The Loyalist Lancers men's volleyball team got the win its players wanted desperately Sunday, defeating La Cité 3-1.

The Lancers had a slow start in the first set of their home game, letting the Coyotes win 25-18.

"We gave away, according to our records, 13 points in the first set," said head coach Dave Templar.

After the first period, "I reminded them about the things we could control in terms of the errors that we made, and ways to make sure we are not giving points away," said Templar.

He said the players realized they were in a do-or-die situation.

They upped their game and won the second set 25-18.

The third set was close, but the Lancers managed to take the win 25-22 and the

fourth set 25-16.

The Loyalist Lancers won the match with a 3-1 game.

This "was actually a really big win for us," said Templar. "We have three matches left against teams we've beaten in the past."

"At the end of the day, I think our guys, if they show up with the same type of energy as they did in the last three sets, it doesn't really matter where we will be playing."