

# Pink Bulls have successful night

By Jeremy McKay

Outfitted with pink jerseys, the Belleville Bulls sent the Saginaw Spirit back home in defeat with a 6-1 victory at the Yardmen Arena on Saturday night.

This was a much-needed victory for the Bulls after suffering a 3-0 loss at the Peterborough Memorial Centre last Thursday. Saturday's game helped the Bulls remain in sixth place in the Eastern conference to keep playoff hopes alive.

The Bulls wasted no time in the first period as Brett Gustavsen scored the first goal 1:28 into the game making his 18th of the season with the assists going to Adam Bignell and Michael Cramarossa. Bulls captain Brett Welychka put another one in the back of the Spirit's net two minutes later with the help of Alex Yuill and Stephen Harper.

The Spirit's starting goaltender, David Ovsjannikov, was benched after the Bulls' Maurizio Colella put another puck in the net with Jake Bricknell picking up the assist. Bulls defenceman Adam Bignell planted his first Ontario Hockey League goal just two minutes later with the help of Justin Lemcke and Cramarossa.

The Spirit managed to deny Bulls goalie Charlie Graham a shutout when Kris Bennett scored the only goal of the game for the visiting team with assists going to Connor Brown and Michael Holmes. The Bulls responded with Cramarossa getting one past the Spirit's goal line two minutes before the buzzer went off forwarded by Lemcke and Gustavsen.

The second period didn't see nearly as much action as the first, with no goals scored even though the Spirit outshot the Bulls 11-9. The Bulls' Vancouver Canucks prospect, Jordan Subban, and the Spirit Dylan Sadowy were ejected from the game for unsportsmanlike conduct when the two attempted to scarp in the middle of the period.

The third period wrapped up with one more goal for the Bulls when Niki Petti netted one with the help of Stephen Harper sending the Spirit back on the road defeated. Bulls goaltender Charlie Graham made a total of 29 saves. The Spirit goaltenders managed 24 saves. The game attendance was 2,401.

The Pink in the Rink event was held during Saturday's game in support of the Belleville General Hospital Foundation campaign for better cancer care. "Over \$26,000 was raised in just the jerseys alone," said Jenn Barrett, director of development of the BGHF. The Bulls wore special pink jerseys in support of the event and were auctioned off after the game from \$900 to \$2,000 a piece. "The event was a huge success. The money raised will be used 100 per cent locally,"



Photo by Jeremy McKay

**Belleville Bulls Niki Petti scores a goal against Saginaw Spirit goaltender Evan Cormier at Yardmen Arena last Saturday. The Belleville Bulls won 6-1. The Bulls wore pink jerseys for the game in support of BGH Foundation and campaign for better cancer care.**

said Barrett.

The event raised a total of \$61,000 that will be put towards cancer care in all med-

ical departments that deal with cancer patients at BGH.

The Bulls have a busy week with a

home game against the Kingston Frontenacs on Wednesday at 7:05 p.m. along with back-to-back games on the weekend

with the Oshawa Generals in Oshawa on Friday at 7:35 p.m. and on home ice on Saturday at 7:05 p.m.

## Lancers graduates celebrate under Friday night lights

*Dedication ceremony follows game action by both men and women last week*

By Bryan Eneas

Loyalist played host to the Durham Lords women's and men's basketball teams Friday, resulting in a win for the women and a loss for the men.

Seven graduating Lancers were also honoured for their dedication to athletics while at Loyalist College. Shelby Johnston and Alex Cleave are departing the Lancers on the women's side, while Jordan Marlowe, Steven Bailey, Carson Power, Muller Kalala, and Jesse Cassista are all leaving the men's team this year.

Both Lancer squads faced tough opponents in the Lords.

The women's team was in a position to pass two eastern conference rivals to lock in a home playoff game. The squad managed to hold Durham to within four points to secure a 55-51 victory. The Lancers now move on to the playoffs, with a home game Feb. 28 against Niagara College.

The men didn't fair as well against the first-place Lords. With a record of 16-3 going into the game for Durham, the Lancers had quite a challenge ahead of them in order to make the OCAA basketball playoffs this year.

It would be the final game for the five graduating Lancers. After putting a fast nine points on the board, the Lords set the pace quickly in the first quarter. The Lancers were able to keep a great battle going into the final quarter of the game, trailing by four points with less than five minutes remaining.

In the end, the Lords widened that to a 10-point margin for an 83-73 victory and maintaining their position atop the OCAA eastern division.

"It's a little disappointing, a little frustrating for sure," said Muller Kalala, who finished up his second year with the Lancers.



Photo by James Paddle-Grant

**Loyalist Lancers third-year veteran, Jordan Marlowe, lays in at the rim with a Durham Lords defender on his back. Despite a strong comeback, the Lancers could not overcome the league-leading Durham Lords, and the final score resulted in an 83-73 loss. Marlowe finished the night with 10 points, eight rebounds, five assists and five steals.**

"We didn't execute when we should have been executing. We had a lot of turnovers, and personally I don't think I played that good."

Despite that, Kalala finished third in points for the Lancers during Friday's game.

After spending two years at Loyalist taking the recreation and leisure services course and playing as a Lancer, Jesse Cas-

sista took a little bit of time to reflect on his time at the college.

"Being a Lancer is something I will never forget," said Cassista.

"It was a great opportunity and I have no regrets here at Loyalist. It made me feel like part of a family," says Cassista.

The Loyalist Lancers women's basketball squad will be playing host to the Niagara College Knights on Feb. 28 at 2 p.m.

## Competition tough at Batawa Ski Hill during charity event

By Nathan Zbeetnoff

The Batawa Ski Hill held a competitive ski race called the Wait 'N Ski Charity Server Race. This was a new territory for Batawa as this is the first year they have held this competition.

Batawa managed to raise \$850 in total from all of the donations towards the Playing for Keeps program with the Quinte Children's Foundation.

Philip Baldwin, communications coordinator for Batawa Ski Hill, was responsible for organizing the event.

"We try to have several different events each year," Baldwin said.

Fifteen racers competed in this event, three racers for each team. There were five teams in total: Batawa Lions, Corner's Grill and Tap, Tomasso's, L'Auberge de France and Batawa Grill. Each racer was timed individually and each team's time was combined together. The team that had the shortest time was deemed the winner.

The Batawa Lions Club came first, winning with 85.01 seconds in total. Running right behind them for second place was Corner's Grill and Tap with 86.04 seconds. In third place was Tomasso's with 90.85 seconds.

The catch with this race was that each contestant had to carry a plastic tray with three dishes on it: one plate, bowl and cup. If a contestant missed a gate, one second would be added to their finish time. If any of the dishes fell off of the tray, five seconds would be added. If the whole tray was dropped entirely, 10 seconds would be added.

"I was thinking that it would be funny to get servers together and go down the hill," Baldwin said. After thinking about the initial idea, he contacted Andrew Kotsosovs at Tomasso's Italian Grille and Kotsosovs pitched the idea of adding a charity into the mix of the event.

Baldwin and his boss Andrew Rusnyk are always gearing towards having families out skiing, so they reached out and contacted Connie Reid, the executive director of the Quinte Children's Foundation and asked if she would be interested in participating in the event.

Reid was more than happy to be involved in the fundraiser and agreed that it was an excellent idea.

"It was the people they brought to cheer them on (that made it successful) ... the event was planned very quickly, so to see everybody take the time to come out and spend a few hours at the ski hill was great," Reid said.

All of the proceeds were given to the 'Playing for Keeps' program. It was a \$50 registration fee for each team that registered.

Reid put jars around for the public in the Batawa Ski Resort, so that they could put coins towards their favourite team. It was another method of collecting donations for the program.

The Quinte Children's Foundation has worked before in tandem with the ski resort over a dozen times. The last three years, they worked on Cancer for Kids and in previous years, worked through different organizations with them.

The winning team, Batawa Lions Club, won two corporate season passes for the rest of this year's season. These passes are also transferrable between team members and can be used by different people, but have to be on different days. The logo of the team is displayed on the pass.

This could most definitely turn into an annual event, Reid explained.

"They're planning on coming back, so you know that everybody had a good time if they're planning on coming back next year," she said.