

Bulls continue winning ways

By Evan Campbell and David Zammit

The Belleville Bulls defeated the last place Ottawa 67's at home with an 8-5 win on February 20th 2013 at the Yardmen Arena.

Going into the game, the Eastern Division leading first place Bulls were hoping to get a win over the last place 67's to gain points and boost them farther into the lead over the closely following Barrie Colts.

For Wednesday's game, Bulls coach George Burnett started backup goalie Charlie Graham to replace Malcolm Subban for a rest and Graham came out with a win, making 31 saves to add to his record of 13-5 on the season.

Bulls player Alan Quine was the games first star, with his first career hat trick since joining the team at the trade deadline. He scored goals in the first, second and third periods, and also got an assist on a goal to second star Tyler Graovac in the second.

Season Recap
The Bulls have 78 points in 56 games. They have a three point lead over the Barrie Colts who have 75 points in 57 games played.

"I like where we stand right now but we have a lot of big teams we have to bury before the playoffs so we'll see" said Joseph Cramarossa, Bulls forward.

The Bulls are the hottest team in the OHL right now at 9-1 in their past ten games. They are currently on a seven-game winning streak. Second best winning percentage in the league at .696%.

The story of the year for the Bulls is how well defensively they have played in front of Subban who is leading the league in goals against average. Subban is also tied for first in save percentage.

"We are happy with our goaltending



Belleville Bulls' Alan Quine trips on Ottawa 67's Clint Windsor's goalie stick as he nets his final hat-trick of the night during the third period at the Yardmen arena in Belleville Wednesday. The Bulls went on to beat the Ottawa 67's 8-5.

Photo by Tom Hicken

this season, no matter who plays I feel we have a good chance at winning no matter who starts the game," said Cramarossa.

The Bulls have the second best goaltending stats in the league next to the Owen Sound Attack.

The Bulls just moved into the top 10 in the CHL rankings. They are ranked 10th behind two OHL teams, London Knights, Owen Sound Attack. It's only the second week that they have been

ranked in the top 10 this year.

The Bulls addressed their forward depth by adding Graovac and Quine, hoping these forwards would put them over the top offensively. Since the trade, Graovac has 24 points, 11 goals, and 13 assists. Quine has 30 points in only 17 games, nine goals and 21 assists. Graovac and Quine took over the top scoring spots on the Bulls when they were acquired. Graovac is tied for 23rd in the

OHL in points, and sits ninth in goals with 32. Quine is tied for 28 in OHL in points. Jordan Subban is in 6th in defenseman in points with 45.

Three teams in the league have a winning record against the Bulls. All the other 16 OHL teams are either .500 or worse against the Bulls

They are 1-1 against the top team in the league, the London Knights.

The Oshawa Generals have dominated

ed the Bulls this year, going 5-2 against them, outscoring them 27-18.

The Peterborough Pete's have feasted off the Bulls this year, grabbing 8 out of 10 possible points, with a 4-1 lead in the season series. Out scoring them 16 to 11.

Mississauga Steelheads are the other team that has a winning percentage against the Bulls, beating them twice, and only losing once, outscoring them 9-3.

Some Loyalist College activities getting very little interest

By Alicia Wynter

Despite an effort to promote campus recreation activities, Loyalist College students have shown little interest towards some activities this year.

Cory Mestre, the fitness facilities and campus recreation coordinator, said he is having a hard time getting students to sign up for several activities available to Loyalist students. He said he feels that part of the problem is that students who are now coming into college did very little physical activity when they were in high school and junior high because physical education is no longer a required daily activity.

That in turn makes it difficult to run programs for campus recreation activities, he said.

"To try to break through the students, especially the last ones here now, and over the last few years who are connected to their smartphones, perpetually, I'm trying to disconnect them from those, just for a little bit to come out and be involved. It's really tough, and we see it a lot now," said Mestre.

There have been a few campus, residence, and other school activities that have failed to interest students. The residence Winterlude trip to Ottawa was cancelled because of low numbers, and other campus recreation activities have been affected because of low interest.

Mestre said he expected he would have at least six to eight teams with the demand for volleyball shown last year. This year, he didn't get enough students to sign up to play, so he decided to keep volleyball as a pick-up game for two weeks in hopes that more students will come out to be able to make a team.

He now has three teams and needs one more to start playing league games after the Reading Week break.

"I think personally what's been the most disheartening for me has been our outdoor education activities for whatever reason did not connect with people this year. Our flat-water canoe trip in the fall has had a waiting list every year. This year we had two people sign up. That crushed me a little bit," said Mestre.

The hiking trip, white water canoe and flat-water canoe trips were usually very popular and always had a waiting list, except for this year.

The lack of interest in some campus recreation activities sounds like it's not going well, but all is not lost. Badminton has been average, hockey went well although it looked very tentative at the start. Basketball and ball hockey drop-in went well, and zip-lining was a huge success and had a waiting list, as well as rock climbing, said Mestre.

The ski trip to Smugglers Notch, in Vermont, also had a waiting list and

went very well, he said.

The indoor soccer league has been a huge success. Mestre has had 10 teams, and nearly 200 students involved on a weekly basis.

Campus recreation may have to look at doing more day trips instead of going to Algonquin Park for the white water camping trip and do an introductory trip at one of the closer locations.

Mestre said the outdoor camping trips may be a bit daunting to some students coming out of high school who have not been physically active. The get-away events are beginner level trips meant to be for introduction.

Mestre said he doing his best to advertise the many campus activities that he provides to students here at Loyalist, and it does take an effect on the budget.

Messages go out through e-mail, the Loyalist Lancers website under Campus Rec. There are several campus rec Facebook pages that cross-promotes on the varsity Facebook page as well. Promotion also goes through the Loyalist Lancers' twitter feed, and posters are put up in high traffic areas of the hallways as well as each residence building, the dome and commons building.

Mestre said he is at a loss as how to promote beyond what he can do.

"The activities have been promoted better than they ever been."



Photo by Alicia Wynter

Brad Millar enjoys an evening of rock climbing at the Boiler Room in Kingston. Rock climbing is one of the many campus recreation activities available to students at Loyalist College.



Marcus Niemann sits in the middle of the ring in the Queen's University gymnasium Feb 19 in Kingston, Ont. Niemann has been involved with the sport of wrestling for over 30 years. He is currently the head coach of the Kingston Wrestling Club. "Wrestling really embodies the Olympic spirit," Niemann said.

Photo by Patrick Callbeck

Wrestling reaction to removal

By Patrick Callbeck

The recent International Olympic Committee recommendation to remove wrestling from the Olympic Games has caused a reaction from people all over the world, including Marcus Niemann, the head coach of the Kingston Wrestling Club.

Niemann, who has been a part of the wrestling community in Ontario for over 30 years, stresses that removing wrestling from the Olympics would be detrimental to athletics in many different countries.

"In the last Olympics more countries won medals in wrestling than countries participated in Pentathlon. It is a truly international sport. To many countries it is super important"

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