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## Just one win in three tries as Kings have rough weekend

Stratford and Kitchener continue to have Elmira's number, with lone victory coming over Brantford in OT

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**IT WASN'T THE WEEKEND** the Kings were hoping for, winning just once in three tries. An overtime win against Brantford was offset by continued futility against Stratford and Kitchener.

Playing first in Stratford November 30, the Kings dropped a 3-2 decision despite some late-game hustle. The day after in Brantford, the team eked out a narrow 2-1 victory settled in double overtime. Sunday's home match saw the Kings fall 4-0 to the visiting Kitchener Dutchmen.

Halfway through the season, the Elmira team finds itself in third place in the Midwestern Conference with a record of 15-6-0-3, comfortably in line for a playoff appearance that they have to hope doesn't include the two teams they lost to last weekend. The Kings have yet to beat either Stratford or Kitchener this season.

Against the other top teams in the conference – first-place Waterloo and fourth-place Listowel – the Kings have won every match.

"When we play them, it boils down to them working hard enough," said head coach Trent Brown on the Kings' inability to best Stratford or Kitchener yet.

"I wouldn't say that there's anything really outlying there, that there's one thing that's different, other than the work. It seems every time we play them, we put our skill before our work and we don't manage the puck that well. And you're not going to have a lot of happy nights when you do that."

Battling the Stratford Warriors at their arena last Friday night, the Sugar Kings ceded the first 20 minutes of play to the home team before making their mark. Stratford was up two points by the first intermission, their first goal coming 11 minutes into the frame.

The Kings responded 9:32 into the second, with a short-handed marker off the stick of Kurtis Goodwin (Damian Figueira, Mason McMahon) putting the Kings within one. Stratford responded with a power play of their own less than a minute later, however, making it 3-1 after 40 minutes.

The third saw the Kings struggle to find their momentum. A late goal from Jonah Burley (Mason McMahon, Hunter Dubecki) made it 3-2, but Elmira was unable to rally for a comeback. The game ended that way.

The following day saw the Kings travel to Brantford, where they clinched a



Tensions were high at the Sugar Kings game against the second place Stratford Warriors at the William Allman Memorial Arena on Friday. The Kings came close, but ultimately fell to the Warriors. [VERONICA REINER / THE OBSERVER]

narrow 2-1 victory after an extra nine minutes of play. The goals were few and far between in this game, with Elmira unable to capitalize on the many chances indicative of outshooting the home team 43-17.

Elmira's Burley (Zack Cameron) found the back of the net first, putting the Kings up 1-0 about halfway through the opening frame.

It would be the only point for the next half-hour of play, with the second frame completely scoreless.

The action ramped up again 13 minutes into the final stanza when Brantford knotted the game 1-1 on a power play. Neither side could break the tie in the final seven minutes of play, forcing both teams to settle the difference in

overtime. But even one overtime was not enough.

The deciding goal came in second overtime, again off the stick of Goodwin (Harrison Toms, Dubecki).

After the previous night's game in Stratford, Goodwin could easily have been declared Elmira's MVP of the week. The young forward

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NOT SO GREAT OUTDOORSMAN / STEVE GALEA

## Making the shift from no shoes to snowshoes



**ONE OF THE HARDEST** calls for anyone who enjoys winter is when to decide it's appropriate to start wearing snowshoes in public. Wear them too early and you'll look silly. Wear them too late and you'll be floundering in deep snow.

There are many theories on determining the proper time for snowshoes. There are also tried-and-true rules such as never wearing them in a month that ends in one, two or six.

A knowledgeable outdoorsman once told me that I could get a good sense of when to don snowshoes if I watched deer as they traversed through snow. I quickly discarded this advice as I have never once seen a deer wearing snowshoes.

I believe the best thing to do is go to a place where people routinely snowshoe and then look for tracks.

Once there, you need to examine them carefully.

For instance, if you go to a place and see snowshoe tracks crossing grassy patches, the odds are good that you should probably wait for better accumulations of snow.

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## GALEA: The key to snowshoe season is finding just the right time for making tracks

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If you see snow and one set of snowshoe tracks and one set of boot tracks, it might be too early for snowshoes. Then again, hardly anyone is around, so do what you want.

If you see one set of snowshoe tracks and they do a quick U-turn back to the parking lot after confronting several sets of boot tracks of people who skilled a tracker can deter-

mine were belly-laughing then it is definitely too early.

If the snowshoe tracks suddenly deviate from the main trail and pause behind a thick tree or out building while many boot tracks pass, it is too early but the snowshoer bought a new pair and, gosh-darn it, he's going to get some use out of them this winter. Therefore, if you bought a new pair, you

should probably try them out too.

One the other hand, tracks will also tell you when snowshoes are absolutely necessary. For instance, if you walk up to a snowshoe trail and see several boot track that lead to toques sticking out of the snow, it's probably time for snowshoes.

The point here is there is no wrong time to wear snowshoes – only highly

embarrassing times to wear them.

There might even be some times that you should have worn them except for the fact that too many others wore them first. This typically happens when you get to a popular snowshoe trail late and a hundred other snowshoers have already been there tamping it down to the consistency of concrete.

Sure, you can snowshoe on that already well-beaten trail, but you are not fooling anyone. Snowshoes are not required.

Have no fear though. It's not even winter yet. Sooner or later you will have an opportunity to wear snowshoes. At that point, the snow will be deeper than your knees and the paths might be trodden but not too packed down.

Then, you will feel that

your snowshoes are keeping you afloat on the snow and you might even feel superior to someone who is trying to traverse the trail without them – which has always been the greatest thing about snowshoeing, if you ask me.

When is that going to happen?

I don't know, but I can tell you this. You won't find out from watching deer.

## Girls' hockey skills on display as Woolwich Wild hosts tournament



Arenas in Elmira and St. Jacobs saw action from some two dozen teams last weekend during the Woolwich Wild Shootout Tournament. It was the first time in more than a decade the local organization hosted such an event. [VERONICA REINER / THE OBSERVER]

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**INCREASINGLY POPULAR, GIRLS' HOCKEY** was on display in the township last weekend as 22 teams from across southern Ontario took part in the Woolwich Wild annual Shootout Tournament.

Girls between the ages of 7 and 12 participated in several divisions, including novice, atom and peewee. Among communities rep-

resented were Burlington, Owen Sound, London, Walkerton and Cambridge.

It was the first time Woolwich had hosted such a tournament in more than a decade.

"Girls' hockey is starting to become a bigger thing here in Woolwich," explained Woolwich Wild vice-president Rebecca Metzger. "There are a couple of us that thought of hosting a tournament. Clin-

ton Rayfield, Kyle Rank and I are part of a tournament committee, and we decided we wanted to try to do this."

"We just thought it was time, with the beautiful facility that we have, we thought it was time to show it off," added Rank. "And it's a great venue to be able to hold a tournament. It's kind of nice when you can use the two ice pads there, and then we used the St. Jacobs arena as well."

The Woolwich Wild performed decently in the tournament for the most part, with the LL1 team coming in second in the Novice house league division, with LL2 in fourth. They placed third in Novice B, fourth for the Atom house league division, second out of four teams in the Atom B division, and third out of four teams in Peewee B.

After more than a de-

cade's break from hosting, local organizers were pleased with how the weekend went. Rank said he expects the tournament to continue again in 2019.

"We got great feedback from all the teams that were there. The first year is probably the hardest year," he said. "But now that we've got it going and up and running, those people enjoy the area, and I could see them coming back. So hopefully

just bigger and better next year and continued success."

Running from Friday through Sunday, the event went smoothly and was well-received, he noted.

"Thanks to all the sponsors in the local communities that helped out, and all the volunteers that helped make the weekend special for all the teams, I think everyone had a great time," said Rank.

## Plenty of scoring paces Jacks to a 7-4 win over Ayr

Wellesley remains third in the division after a weekend that saw one of its games postponed; team has just one game this week, on the road in Paris

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**AFTER BEATING THE Ayr Centennials** last Saturday night by a score of 7-4, the Wellesley Applejacks' weekend got unexpectedly quieter when the following afternoon's game against Delhi was postponed.

When the dust settled, the Jacks (14-4-1-3) were still in third place in the South Doherty Division, with the Tavistock Braves remaining on top with a record of 20-2-1-0, followed by the New Hamburg Firebirds (18-6-0-2).

While Saturday's game saw the visiting Centennials draw first blood and eventually outshoot Wellesley 37-26, the Jacks were able to salt things away thanks to plenty of scoring, particularly on the power play, with the team capitalizing on three of its six chances.

Ayr got on the board first at 8:08, but the Jacks responded quickly, with James Ranson potting a goal just a minute later. Zach Ribeiro and Zachary Lyons picked up assists. That would be it for scoring in the first, as the teams went into the intermission tied at 1-1.

Wellesley dominated the second period entirely, with Kyle Soper (Ribeiro, Lyons) making it 2-1 on a power play at 5:22. Alex Uttley (Sean Pickering, Ranson) potted yet another on a power play at 12:57. The Jacks scored one more for good measure, with a second from Uttley (Lyons) at 15:15. That set the tone for the remainder of the game, as Wellesley would never relinquish the lead.

The second frame also saw the most tension, as the refs doled out eight penalties overall.

The final period was as even as the first, albeit more action-packed. Pickering (Uttley, Soper) started it off strong with a goal at 4:06. Ranson (Tyler Schwindt, Soper) potted the next one at 7:21 on a power play, making the score 6-1 before the Centennials finally found some life again.

Ayr scored an unassisted goal at 12:05, followed by another one at 13:36. At 18:01, Ayr managed to get one more goal in on a power play. That string made the game a little closer at 6-4, but it wasn't enough to turn the tide.

With the Centennial net empty for an extra attacker, Uttley got his third of the night, putting the game away and making it a hat trick for the captain. Assists went to Pickering and Lyons. Final score: 7-4 for the home team.

The following day, instead

of welcoming the Delhi Travellers for a matinee game, the Jacks found themselves with a day off, the match postponed because of a roster issue.

Chances are the Jacks were looking forward to the chance of a couple more points courtesy of a team they've had some success with already this year. The Travellers have just two wins (2-22) and sit just above last place in the division, their four points just one ahead of the Burford Bulldogs (1-23-0-1).

The Jacks are on the road Friday night to take on the Paris Mounties in their sole action of the week – they'll be on something of a break until they head to Tavistock on December 14. The Wellesley arena next sees action December 15 when the Woodstock Navy Vets come to town.

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# THE SCORE

## WOOLWICH WILDCATS

**Novice: LL#1**  
 Dec 27 vs Plattsville Rage  
 Home: 2 Visitor: 3  
**Goals:** Kolton Brubacher, Ethan Leveck  
**Assists:** Kolton Brubacher

**Novice: Major A**  
 Nov 30 vs Collingwood Blackhawks  
 Home: 6 Visitor: 3  
**Goals:** Owen Porter (2), Cody Paquet, Bryce McFadden, Jackson Gillies, Kolten Noot  
**Assists:** Bryce McFadden (3), Carter Crane, Ethan Straus

**Atom: MINOR A**  
 Dec 01 vs Centre Wellington Fusion  
 Home: 0 Visitor: 4

**Atom: MINOR A**  
 Dec 02 vs Guelph Gryphons  
 Home: 4 Visitor: 2  
**Goals:** Colton Sinclair, Rhys Taylor, Nolan Martin (2)

**Assists:** Mason Gear, Zach Carter, Josh Wraight, Thomas McCarthy, Cruz Balog

**PeeWee: MAJOR AE**  
 Dec 02 vs Halton Hills Thunder  
 Home: 1 Visitor: 4  
**Goals:** Matthew Ramage  
**Assists:** Jack Rozema

**PeeWee: MINOR AE**  
 Dec 01 vs Guelph  
 Home: 3 Visitor: 3  
**Goals:** Owen Weppler, Brooks Lehtonen, Tyler Gingrich  
**Assists:** Bryson Rozema (2), Brandon Fishman, Patrick McCarthy, Graydon Martin

**PeeWee: MAJOR A**  
 Dec 01 vs Ancaster Avalanche  
 Home: 4 Visitor: 4  
**Goals:** Eric Kane (2), Hudson

Haycock, Tyson Moran  
**Assists:** Owen Weber (4), Mitch Walker, Tyson Moran, Beckett Wadel, Nate Martin

**PeeWee: MINOR A**  
 Dec 01 vs Milton Winterhawks  
 Home: 1 Visitor: 3  
**Goals:** Riley Dettweiler  
**Assists:** Carter Snider

**PeeWee: MINOR A**  
 Dec 02 vs New Hamburg Huskies  
 Home: 1 Visitor: 0  
**Goals:** Danny Schaefer  
**Assists:** Carson Staken, Haiden Wagner

**Shutouts:** Ayden Schaap  
**Bantam: MINOR AE**  
 Dec 01 vs Center Wellington Fusion  
 Home: 1 Visitor: 5

**Goals:** Owen Brown  
**Assists:** Haiden Idzik, Jett Renon

**Bantam: MINOR AE**  
 Dec 03 vs Caledon Hawks  
 Home: 6 Visitor: 3  
**Goals:** Mason Sparks (2), Jonathan Enns (2), David Taylor, Evan Gruhl  
**Assists:** Owen Brown (2), Evan Gruhl, Mason Sparks (3), Haiden Idzik (3), Jonathan Enns, Ben Moyer (2)

**Tournaments**  
**Novice: MAJOR A**  
 Nov 30 vs Bradford Bulldogs  
 Home: 3 Visitor: 1  
**Goals:** Bryce McFadden (2), Cody Paquet  
**Assists:** Arabelle Weiss

**Novice: MAJOR A**  
 Dec 01 vs Huntsville Otters  
 Home: 3 Visitor: 2  
**Goals:** Ethan Straus, Jackson Gillies, Nathan Seller  
**Assists:** Sullivan Shantz, Kolten Noot, Cody Paquet, Arabelle

Weiss, Ethan Straus  
**Novice: MAJOR A**  
 Dec 01 vs Innisfil Winterhawks  
 Home: 4 Visitor: 1  
**Goals:** Ethan Straus (2), Bryce McFadden, Kolten Noot  
**Assists:** Kitson Bakker, Nathan Seller, Sullivan Shantz, Cody Paquet, Jack Wood

**Novice: MAJOR A**  
 Dec 02 vs Georgina Blaze  
 Home: 2 Visitor: 4  
**Goals:** Owen Porter, Jackson Gillies  
**Assists:** Bryce McFadden, Kitson Bakker, Jack Wood

**Novice: B**  
 Nov 30 vs Haldimand Rivercats  
 Home: 2 Visitor: 0  
**Goals:** Audrey English, Isla McCoubrey  
**Assists:** Ellie Clemmer, Sage Balog  
**Shutouts:** Elle English

**Atom: MAJOR A**  
 Dec 02 vs Barrie Colts  
 Home: 2 Visitor: 0  
**Goals:** Spencer Hume, Bryce Brubacher  
**Assists:** Luke Wood, MacIvor Zettel

**Atom: MAJOR A**  
 Dec 02 vs Barrie Colts  
 Home: 2 Visitor: 0  
**Goals:** Spencer Hume, Bryce Brubacher  
**Assists:** Luke Wood, MacIvor Zettel

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 Dec 02 vs Barrie Colts  
 Home: 2 Visitor: 0  
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**Assists:** Luke Wood, MacIvor Zettel

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 Dec 02 vs Barrie Colts  
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**Assists:** Luke Wood, MacIvor Zettel

**Atom: MAJOR A**  
 Dec 02 vs Barrie Colts  
 Home: 2 Visitor: 0  
**Goals:** Spencer Hume, Bryce Brubacher  
**Assists:** Luke Wood, MacIvor Zettel

**Atom: MAJOR A**  
 Dec 02 vs Barrie Colts  
 Home: 2 Visitor: 0  
**Goals:** Spencer Hume, Bryce Brubacher  
**Assists:** Luke Wood, MacIvor Zettel

## GETTING THE KIDS ON ICE



Woolwich Thrashers team member Logan Gillingham lends her expertise to the next generation of sledge hockey athletes during a session in November at the WMC. (VERONICA REINER / THE OBSERVER)

Veitch, Sutton Meier  
**Atom: MAJOR A**  
 Dec 02 vs Georgina Blaze  
 Home: 5 Visitor: 4  
**Goals:** Carter Weir, Bryce Brubacher, Luke Wood, Spencer Hume, Caleb Paquet  
**Assists:** Sutton Meier (2), Adam Bloch, MacIvor Zettel, Declan Martin, Spencer Hume, Avery Collingwood, Alex Veitch

**Atom: MAJOR A**  
 Dec 02 vs Barrie Colts  
 Home: 2 Visitor: 0  
**Goals:** Spencer Hume, Bryce Brubacher  
**Assists:** Luke Wood, MacIvor Zettel

**Atom: MAJOR A**  
 Dec 02 vs Barrie Colts  
 Home: 2 Visitor: 0  
**Goals:** Spencer Hume, Bryce Brubacher  
**Assists:** Luke Wood, MacIvor Zettel

**Atom: MAJOR A**  
 Dec 02 vs Barrie Colts  
 Home: 2 Visitor: 0  
**Goals:** Spencer Hume, Bryce Brubacher  
**Assists:** Luke Wood, MacIvor Zettel

**Atom: MAJOR A**  
 Dec 02 vs Barrie Colts  
 Home: 2 Visitor: 0  
**Goals:** Spencer Hume, Bryce Brubacher  
**Assists:** Luke Wood, MacIvor Zettel

**Atom: MAJOR A**  
 Dec 02 vs Barrie Colts  
 Home: 2 Visitor: 0  
**Goals:** Spencer Hume, Bryce Brubacher  
**Assists:** Luke Wood, MacIvor Zettel

**Atom: MAJOR A**  
 Dec 02 vs Barrie Colts  
 Home: 2 Visitor: 0  
**Goals:** Spencer Hume, Bryce Brubacher  
**Assists:** Luke Wood, MacIvor Zettel

**Assists:** Evan Reger, Zion Shadd  
**Atom: LL#1**  
 Nov 24 vs Oro Thunder #2  
 Home: 5 Visitor: 4  
**Goals:** Caleb Antonello, Zion Shadd, Jonah Schmidt (3)  
**Assists:** Nicholas Schlegel, Evan Reger (2)

**Bantam: LL1**  
 Dec 03 vs Waterloo  
 Home: 3 Visitor: 2  
**Goals:** Corbin Schmidt, Ashton Weber, Ethan Murr  
**Assists:** Josh Moore, Ethan Murr, Carter Rollins (2), Sam Goebel

**Bantam: LL1**  
 Dec 03 vs Oakridge  
 Home: 0 Visitor: 1

**Novice: LL#2**  
 Dec 02 vs Burlington  
 Home: 1 Visitor: 6  
**Goals:** Bronwyn Rozema  
**Assists:** Tatianna Kocan, Lexi Gaudet

**PeeWee: BB**  
 Dec 01 vs Orangeville  
 Home: 2 Visitor: 1  
**Goals:** Brie Brezynskie, Sara Forwell  
**Assists:** Olivia Straus, Sophie Payne, Claire Cattan

**Bantam: B**  
 Dec 01 vs Wilmot Wolverines  
 Home: 2 Visitor: 0  
**Goals:** Taylor Schmitt, Marlee Fraser

**Bantam: LL1**  
 Dec 01 vs Oakridge  
 Home: 0 Visitor: 2

**Bantam: LL1**  
 Dec 03 vs Waterloo  
 Home: 3 Visitor: 2  
**Goals:** Corbin Schmidt, Ashton Weber, Ethan Murr  
**Assists:** Josh Moore, Ethan Murr, Carter Rollins (2), Sam Goebel

**Bantam: LL1**  
 Dec 03 vs Oakridge  
 Home: 0 Visitor: 1

**Novice: LL#2**  
 Dec 02 vs Burlington  
 Home: 1 Visitor: 6  
**Goals:** Bronwyn Rozema  
**Assists:** Tatianna Kocan, Lexi Gaudet

**PeeWee: BB**  
 Dec 01 vs Orangeville  
 Home: 2 Visitor: 1  
**Goals:** Brie Brezynskie, Sara Forwell  
**Assists:** Olivia Straus, Sophie Payne, Claire Cattan

**Bantam: B**  
 Dec 01 vs Wilmot Wolverines  
 Home: 2 Visitor: 0  
**Goals:** Taylor Schmitt, Marlee Fraser

**Bantam: LL1**  
 Dec 01 vs Oakridge  
 Home: 0 Visitor: 2

**Bantam: LL1**  
 Dec 01 vs Oakridge  
 Home: 0 Visitor: 2

**Assists:** Marlee Fraser, Kaitlyn Hyatt  
**Shutouts:** Katie Lee  
**Tournaments**

**Novice: B**  
 Dec 01 vs Owen Sound Ice Hawks  
 Home: 0 Visitor: 7

**Novice: B**  
 Dec 01 vs Twin Centre Hurricanes  
 Home: 3 Visitor: 2  
**Goals:** Isal McCoubrey (3)  
**Assists:** Chloe Futher, Elle Schwindt.

**Novice: B**  
 Dec 02 vs Haldimand Rivercats  
 Home: 0 Visitor: 2

**Novice: LL#1**  
 Dec 01 vs Burlington Bar-racudas  
 Home: 0 Visitor: 5

**Novice: LL#1**  
 Dec 02 vs Waterloo Ravens  
 Home: 0 Visitor: 5

**Novice: LL#1**  
 Dec 01 vs Huron Heat  
 Home: 5 Visitor: 0  
**Goals:** Taylor Rayfield (2), Madison Gofton (2), Emma Forwell  
**Assists:** Emma Forwell, Taylor Rayfield

**Shutouts:** Haylee Turcott  
**Novice: LL#1**  
 Nov 30 vs Waterloo Ravens (Black)  
 Home: 6 Visitor: 1  
**Goals:** Madison Gofton (5), Cam Holland  
**Assists:** Charlie Wilson (3), Emily Wright, Kim Bishop

**Novice: LL#1**  
 Nov 30 vs Twin Centre Hurricanes  
 Home: 8 Visitor: 2  
**Goals:** Madison Gofton (6), Keira Walsh, Emily Wright  
**Assists:** Cam Holland, Kim Bishop, Emily Wright, Taylor Rayfield

**Novice: LL#2**  
 Nov 30 vs Waterloo Ravens (Black)  
 Home: 6 Visitor: 1  
**Goals:** Madison Gofton (5), Cam Holland  
**Assists:** Charlie Wilson (3), Emily Wright, Kim Bishop

**Novice: LL#1**  
 Nov 30 vs Twin Centre Hurricanes  
 Home: 8 Visitor: 2  
**Goals:** Madison Gofton (6), Keira Walsh, Emily Wright  
**Assists:** Cam Holland, Kim Bishop, Emily Wright, Taylor Rayfield

**Novice: LL#2**  
 Nov 30 vs Waterloo Ravens Black  
 Home: 1 Visitor: 5  
**Goals:** Ava Weber  
**Assists:** Bronwyn Rozema

**Novice: LL#2**  
 Dec 01 vs Twin Centre Hurricanes  
 Home: 7 Visitor: 1  
**Goals:** Ava Weber (3), Bronwyn Rozema (2), Vienna Cooney (2)  
**Assists:** Eden Ropp (2), Maria Martin (2), Olivia Adams

**Novice: LL#2**  
 Dec 01 vs Huron Heat  
 Home: 3 Visitor: 0  
**Goals:** Ava Weber (3)  
**Assists:** Eden Ropp, Maria Martin, Brook Wilson

**Shutouts:** Alanna Pickett  
**PeeWee: B**  
 Dec 01 vs Mitchell  
 Home: 2 Visitor: 1  
**Goals:** Jordyn MacDonald, Kayleigh Futher  
**Assists:** Avaigail Keagan, Sarah Montgomery

**Woolwich Thrashers**  
**Novice**  
 Nov 24 vs Windsor Ice Bullets  
 Home: 1 Visitor: 2  
**Goals:** Jesse Chamberlain  
**Assists:** Megan O'Brien

**Bantam**  
 Dec 02 vs Hamilton Sledge-hammers  
 Home: 6 Visitor: 0  
**Goals:** Dillon Stuebing (2), Dustin Hoag (2), Logan Gillingham, Hunter Karn  
**Assists:** Josh Chambers (2), Gideon Chamberlain, Dillon Stuebing, Jeramee Sneathage, Michael Papaioannou, Troy Clemmer  
**Shutouts:** Daniel Peters

## KINGS: Another busy weekend, including a pair of games at home

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 had personally put up half of the Elmira goals over the weekend, including the game-winner against Brantford.

“He’s a coach’s dream,” said Brown of the now-seasoned Goodwin, who is playing his second year with the Kings. “Last year as a rookie, he won our best defensive forward award on our team, and that to me speaks volumes about his reliability and his maturity in his game.”

But while Stratford’s game was close, and Brantford’s closer still, Elmira’s final game of the week proved to be a complete wash. Playing host to the visiting Kitchener Dutchmen December 2, the Kings found themselves on the short end of a 4-0 final score.

The first frame saw plenty of action, but no scoring.

The second 20 minutes of play, however, was all Kitchener, with the first goal coming four minutes in, and the second following two minutes after that. Outshot 15-3 in the period (33-21 overall), the Kings were perhaps lucky to go into the intermission down just 2-0.

The final frame was much less chippy, but just as disappointing, as the Kings let in two more goals while failing to put any on the board themselves. The final score was a stinging 4-0 rebuke for the home team.

Elmira could take some solace in its penalty killing, as the Dutchmen were 0-7 on the power play, though the Kings also put up a goose egg with the man advantage on five occasions.

With a three-game weekend behind them, the Kings will have little time



Elmira’s Zach Cameron, backed up by Damian Figueira, looks to clear the puck away from the danger zone during game action in Stratford.

to recuperate as they head into another busy weekend this week.

On Friday, the Kings will be in Brampton at 7:30 p.m. for the first two games against the Bombers. Saturday will see the Kings

return to the Woolwich arena to welcome the Waterloo Siskins, again at 7:30 p.m. Finally, on Sunday the Kings will again face the Bombers, this time in a 2 p.m. matinee on home ice.

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# Elmira field hockey player to make the jump to NCAA

Currently at EDSS, Morgan Hanley has been recruited by Virginia Commonwealth University for next year

» VERONICA REINER

**ELMIRA'S MORGAN HANLEY WILL** be taking her passion for field hockey all the way to the United States next year after she was scouted at a showcase competition.

The EDSS Grade 12 student earned herself a spot at Virginia Commonwealth University's (VCU), a National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division 1 team. She'll be attending the university in 2019, majoring in exercise science.

"I wouldn't say I was expecting it, but we were going down to those showcases in hopes that something would come up – a big opportunity for me in the States," said Hanley. "And that's what happened, so that was exciting. All the hard work paid off."

Hanley's interest in sports has been longstanding and wide-ranging; she participated in competitive gymnastics, played bad-

minton and ice hockey at EDSS, as well as skiing and snowboarding.

Her EDSS field hockey coach and former teacher, Lisa Douglas, took note of her athletic ability and leadership skills early on.

"She was our outstanding junior athlete in Grade 10," said Douglas. "What makes her stand out isn't just her athletic ability; it's her dedication to the sport, her positive attitude, her hard work, commitment, her leadership – she's an amazing leader as well."

Her interest in field hockey came while she was dealing with a non-sports related injury.

"I did competitive gymnastics for eight years," Hanley explained. "Then I had a broken foot, and I just decided it was time for a little bit of a change, so I moved to field hockey. It was a good change; I love gymnastics too – I still miss it to this day – but field hockey has been an amazing journey for me."



Elmira's Morgan Hanley, practicing this week at RIM Park, has been recruited to play field hockey at Virginia Commonwealth University, where she'll major in exercise science next fall. (VERONICA REINER / THE OBSERVER)

Although Hanley focuses more on field hockey, both indoor and outdoor, her interest in gymnastics remains. She currently dedicates her time to coaching at the Woolwich Gymnastics Club.

"She switched her passion from competing in gymnastics to coaching

gymnastics," said Tina Hanley, Morgan's mother. "Which she still does, just took on a different role in the gymnastics club. So rather than competing, she tried to help with coaching."

She also joined the KW Dragons field hockey team in Waterloo, which gave her the opportunity to travel far

for competitions. Her interest in field hockey ramped up after a trip to Toronto.

"Then we went to a tournament called May Melt-down in Toronto one year," said Hanley. "And my eyes were opened to a whole new world of field hockey."

Following a camp in Kitchener-Waterloo, she

joined the A&C Field Hockey Academy based in Brampton.

"She was an amazing leader for our field hockey team and helped raise the game of other players around her always in a positive way," said Douglas of Hanley's field hockey ability. "She had excellent input in game-play situations on strategies; just a pleasure to coach. She's one of those athletes that's been a pleasure to coach all the way through from Grade 9 to now."

Hanley also participated on Team Ontario and had received a gold and bronze medal with her team after competing in the Canadian national championships.

"She grew her love for field hockey the more she played and was exposed to different opportunities," said Tina Hanley. "It's just such an exciting world out there."

"We're very proud of her. And thankful for the new opportunity."

## Trio of local sledge hockey players will take their games to another level

Thrasher Logan Gillingham makes Team Ontario; Joshua Chambers and Troy Clemmer are off to ParaSport Championships

» FAISAL ALI

**FROM A HANDFUL OF** enthusiastic athletes 10 years ago to an organization with teams iced across multiple divisions, the Woolwich Thrashers have become a tour de force in the sport of sledge hockey.

Earlier this fall, the Thrashers opened their second rep. season in the Ontario Sledge Hockey Association, trouncing the Buffalo Sabres in their first home-and-home series of the year. In February, Woolwich will play host to the 2019 Canadian Sledge Hockey Championships, thanks in large part to the efforts of the Thrashers.

And now, adding even more to the team's rising success in the sport, several young players from the Thrashers' open division are taking their skills to a larger arena.

Logan Gillingham was selected to play in Team Ontario this year, while her teammates Joshua Chambers and Troy Clemmer were picked up to play in the ParaSport Championships in February.

"It's really, really cool," said Gillingham of playing for the provincial women's team.

"I've always wanted to make, like, higher than



Woolwich Thrashers Logan Gillingham, Troy Clemmer and Joshua Chambers at the Woolwich Memorial Centre's Jim McLeod Arena. (FAISAL ALI / THE OBSERVER)

just a smaller house league team, because I've been playing sports my whole life," said the 16-year-old athlete. "I think I've gotten pretty good at it quickly, and it's really amazing. Hopefully down the road I make it to Team Canada. That's the goal."

For Gillingham, who started playing sledge hockey just two years ago, the move to Team Ontario is a significant step towards her national aspirations. She'll be playing on the province's women's team alongside some of the top talent in the country this

season, while also competing with the Thrashers.

"It's [a] woman's Team Ontario, so there's people from all over Ontario and it's all ages. A few of them are on the national team as well as on this team," noted Gillingham.

While playing for the provincial team, she'll continue to battle with the Woolwich Thrashers – her sledge-family, as she calls it – in the open rep. league.

"We don't have a lot of practices for Team Ontario because everybody plays on their home team as well. So it kind of depends

who's around to practice," she explained.

As a result, it's hard to compare the level of camaraderie on the provincial team with that of her home team.

"[It's] not as much, no. This is like the best place for the family-orientated, team-orientated play," said Gillingham.

Also representing the Thrashers' name on a larger playing field are teammates Joshua Chambers and Troy Clemmer. Both will be taking part in the upcoming ParaSport Ontario games in February.

The games, set for the second weekend of the month, are expected to feature more than 500 participants, with sledge hockey teams from Kitchener to Orillia all contributing players.

Both Chambers and Clemmer are entering their fifth year with the Thrashers – half the organization's life – and in that time have seen the organization, and themselves, grow tremendously. Icing players for the ParaSport games is just one more achievement for the group.

"There have been a lot more players coming in in the last five years," said Chambers. "When Troy and I started, there were no games at all, there were no tournaments or anything. So we've played more games over the years, more tournaments. It's definitely evolved quite a bit."

The team has seen a significant boost in membership amongst children as well, with a feeder system of young players ensuring that the Thrashers will continue to grow and thrive for years to come.

"We've had more players come out and it's fun to see them grow," added Clemmer, who along with his teammates helps coach the tots. "We've definitely seen

some of our players grow since I started."

"We all kind of started off as a mix of all ages last year because we only had one practice time," said Gillingham. "So I think this year, just getting to see everybody like play with the puck a little more, because now there's more ice time, has been really cool."

Right now, the priority for the Thrashers open team is to make it further into the playoffs than last year, their inaugural rep. season.

"Well obviously, I think our goal is to win this year," said Chambers.

"Since the beginning of the season last year, we didn't do that well," noted Gillingham with a laugh. "We kind of got creamed our first two games last year. Like 4-0, I think it was."

"But then towards the end of the season we did pretty well. We got to become a really strong team together," she added. "We did extremely well our first year. We made it to playoffs, but lost, unfortunately."

Those hoping to catch the Thrashers in action can find them at their next home game at the Woolwich Memorial Centre on January 5, from 2-3 p.m. against Essex-Kent.

# SPORTS

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## Jacks improve their record with back-to-back wins

Team is anything but welcoming in 12-1 rout of Delhi, then follow up with 4-0 blanking of Mounties in Paris

» FAISAL ALI

**THE WELLESLEY APPLE-JACKS WERE** on fire this weekend as they picked up another four points with little resistance. Continuing their winner-takes-all performance from the week prior, the Jacks rolled over the Delhi Travellers 13-1 at the Wellesley arena on Friday. The following night, the Jacks braved the snowy trek to Paris, where they went on to leave the home out in the cold by a score of 4-0.

The wins gave the third-place Jacks (11-2-1-3) a much needed boost as they try to catch up to the top two teams of the league, Tavistock (15-2) and New Hamburg (15-4-0-1), while putting some crucial distance ahead of the receding fourth-place contenders, the Norwich Merchants (11-7).

Of the two games, the matchup against the Travellers presented the lowest hurdle for the Jacks, as the home side all but stole the show yet again from eighth-place Delhi squad (2-17).

The Jacks put up five on the board in the first frame alone, with the first goal coming just 23 seconds in off the stick of Alex Uttley.

Uttley potted the team's

second goal minutes later, followed by Zachary Lyons with two more, and then James Ranson, who netted the team's fifth in the last five seconds of the period.

Ranson put another one on the board halfway through the second, this time with Uttley lending an assist. Robert Colton followed up to make it 7-0 for the Jacks a few minutes later, followed again by Uttley with his third of the match.

The Travellers potted their lone goal of the match 14 minutes into the second – an unassisted marker from Mattson Demarest, but Wellesley's Brendan Baker quickly responded with a marker of his own, making the score 9-1 by the end of the second.

The final 20 minutes of play saw the Jacks add four more to the board before the buzzer, the first coming from defenseman Peter Cascagnette, four minutes in. Jordan Hoekstra followed with the team's first power-play marker of the match; Zach Ribeiro made it an even 12, and rounding out the scoring was Warren Gorman with the game's second and final power play marker as things were winding down.

Coming off a 13-1 landslide victory, the boys



Wellesley's Warren Gorman makes a dash for the puck during a game in Paris on Nov. 10. The Jacks were the dominant side, ultimately posting a 4-0 victory over the Mounties. [FAISAL ALI / THE OBSERVER]

continued to rack up the points in Saturday night's game against Paris – a much tougher nut to crack. The Jacks had beaten the Mounties 7-3 early in October in their first meeting of the season, but were played to an overtime tie just weeks later, giving Wellesley and Paris the only tie of the season thus far after

overtime solved nothing.

And with the Mounties enjoying home-ice advantage, the odds were stacked pretty evenly that Paris would at least cause some trouble for the visiting team.

But there was no trouble to be had, as Wellesley netminder Kailem Chappelle claimed his second shutout

of the season (the first dating back to a mid-September 15-0 blowout against the Travellers).

The solid defense and netminding of the Wellesley Applejacks was the star of the game, as the team fended off roughly twice as many shots on net as

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NOT SO GREAT  
OUTDOORSMAN /  
STEVE GALEA

## Outdoor wisdom often comes in fits and starts

» OPEN COUNTRY



**THEY SAY THAT EVERY** outdoorsman firmly believes two things. The first is that the fish that got away was a world record and the second is the he or she can build a fire better than the next person.

I was reminded of this the other day when I watched my friend's pitiful attempt at building a fire. Sure, the fire he was tending was going, but the flames were hardly clearing the top of the little metal chimney stove the water pot was seated on.

So I did what any experienced outdoorsman would do – I started fixing his pitiful fire when he was not looking. I did this by adding bits of birch bark and sticks that were probably much dryer than the ones he had used.

How do I know they were dryer? You could just tell.

As a result, the fire he had been tending to for the last five minutes really took hold and, had we been

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## New season underway for Woolwich Sun Rays

Local hockey team provides accommodations and opportunities for everyone to play Canada's game

» VERONICA REINER

**AT 24, JORDYN COOPER** is finally getting the opportunity to participate in her favourite sport after learning about the Woolwich Sun Rays, who played their first hockey game of the season earlier this month.

"I grew up watching it; my brother played since he was a little kid," said Cooper.

"So being able to play hockey now... it's always been a little dream for me to be able to play something that I was never able to because there weren't any teams in my area."

Cooper has cerebral palsy, which adversely affects the development of movement and posture. Growing up in the London-Exeter area, there were no

special hockey teams in which Cooper could participate. That's where the Elmira team comes in.

The Woolwich Sun Rays is a special hockey team for people with developmental delays. Cooper was always a huge fan of hockey – she has a friend who volunteered with the Elmira Sugar Kings, and made sure to visit plenty of their

away games.

So she was delighted to hear about her chance to play the sport she was such a fan of watching.

"I heard about them a few seasons ago; I had friends that played with the Woolwich Sun Rays," said Cooper. "So I came out to watch. At the time, it was too late to register to join. I was watching, and I was so

interested; I knew I wanted to play.

"So last season I was finally able to play. It was so fun to be out there with everyone else instead of just watching."

The Woolwich Sun Rays accept players of nearly all ages, from six to 60. Teams are formed based on skills and ability, not age. Volunteers and coaches help the

roster learn and develop at their own pace. Staff also make accommodations to hockey gear based on each player's needs.

"I actually have a velcro-piece attached to my glove, it's sewn on, and it attaches on to my elbow pad, which basically helps it stay on," explained Cooper. "They

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make special adjustments based on people's needs."

The team just wrapped up their first game on November 3 against the Cambridge Blades. The final score was 8-8. Winning or losing is not particularly important to the players in this game, according to team president Julie Jamieson.

"It's more about the opportunity and the sense of participating in a game that is loved across the country," she said. "The players are usually really glad that we can use their skills and abilities in a game situation."

It also does not neces-

sarily operate in the same format as a typical hockey game. There are volunteers out on the ice to help players who may need it. There's no overtime if a game ends in a tie.

"Sometimes, depending on how the game is played, the ref plays a pretty significant part to make sure things remain quite equal," added Jamieson.

The team practices once a week on Saturdays at 11 a.m. Cooper noted her skating ability had improved during her time playing hockey with the Sun Rays.

"I've improved a lot," said Cooper. "My skating has become much better since I've started. I'm just faster, my

balance is better, and I'm able to stop much easier."

The Woolwich Sun Rays were formed in 2015, beginning about a dozen players, but that number has increased with each season, notes Jamieson.

"We're so grateful for the support of the community, especially the volunteers and the coaching staff," said Jamieson. "We're really grateful that we have such a good roster; they really make all the difference for the players."

Their next home game will be at the WMC against the Guelph Giants on November 17. For more information visit [www.woolwichsunrays.com](http://www.woolwichsunrays.com).



Jordyn Cooper is all smiles outside the Jim McLeod arena at the WMC, where the Woolwich Sun Rays played their first game against the Cambridge Blades on Nov. 3. [VERONICA REINER / THE OBSERVER]

## Two outta three ain't bad, at least where Kings' week is concerned

Elmira follows close wins over Listowel and Brampton with losing struggle Tuesday night against Kitchener

FAISAL ALI

**FACING THE MIDWESTERN CONFERENCE'S** best and worst, the Elmira Sugar Kings skated away with a pair of victories before coming up short against a Kitchener squad that's had their number so far this season.

On the road November 9 in Listowel, the Kings squeaked past the first-place Cyclones 3-2 in overtime. Two days later on home ice, they posted a 4-2 win over the last-place Brampton Bombers. But Tuesday night, a short jaunt down the highway to Kitchener saw the team fall 4-1, the fourth straight loss to the Dutchmen.

Starting last Friday on the road, the Kings faced the Listowel Cyclones, eking out a narrow 3-2 victory settled in overtime.

Elmira drew first blood, the goal coming off the stick of Jonah Burley, assisted by Jeremey Goodwin and Hunter Dubecki, at 6:19. Listowel was able to knot things up, however, on a short-handed play, making it 1-1 with less than three minutes to go in the first frame.

It would take almost another full period of play for the tie to be broken, as Kurtis Goodwin (Zack Cameron, Burley) took advantage of a power play to get the go-ahead goal at 16:47. It was the middle period's only scoring play.

The situation was reversed in the third, as Listowel scored the frame's lone goal well past the midway point, forcing the an eventual overtime situation.

Scoring remained elusive through the first



The Sugar Kings got off to a slow start at last Sunday's home game Nov. 11 against the Brampton Bombers, but ultimately pulled through with a 4-2 win. [FAISAL ALI / THE OBSERVER]

overtime, but K. Goodwin needed just 16 seconds in the second OT to end it courtesy of his second goal of the evening. Cameron and Burley drew the assists again.

Shots were 31-25 for Elmira, which performed just well enough to take the win from the conference-leading Cyclones (14-2-0-2).

On Sunday, the Kings were back home to welcome the Brampton Bombers. But what ought to have been an easier go of it against last-place team in Midwestern Conference (3-15-2) proved to be a protracted slog as Brampton took the lead and played the Kings tight well into the third.

Special teams were a fac-

tor in this one, as each side scored one on the power play, with Elmira adding a shortie into the mix.

There was no scoring in the first frame, and it was only halfway through the second that the Bombers got the first goal courtesy of a power play.

Elmira responded minutes later with a daring short-handed rush by Ty

Biles (Burley, Luke Israel).

The score was 1-1 when the final frame rolled around, and now the Kings were starting to find their stride. Mason McMahon (Israel, Biles) found the back of the net at 7:47, but the Bombers responded just seconds later to make it 2-2.

Damian Figueira (Israel, McMahon) then followed

with a lightning fast reply 20 seconds later to make it 3-2, which is where things would stay for nine more minutes before Brody Waters (McMahon, J. Goodwin) sealed the deal on the Kings' third power-play chance of the night.

The outcome wasn't as nail-biting as the Listowel game, but it was a tight affair given the difference in the standings between the Cyclones and the Bombers.

There was no victory to be had – tight, hard-fought or otherwise – as the Kings returned to the ice Tuesday night to take on the Dutchmen in Kitchener.

Elmira's had a rough time of it against Kitchener this season, and this time was no exception.

The Dutchmen opened the scoring at 4:06 and added another five minutes later, the only goals of the frame ... and that would prove to be enough. There were still 40 minutes to play, however, and Kitchener kept coming, going up 3-0 at 16:29 of the middle stanza before Elmira finally got on the board less than two minutes later. The goal that made it 3-1 was a power play marker from Anthony Azzano (Cameron, Jakson Kirk).

There would be no more scoring until the last minute of the game when, with the Elmira net empty for the extra attacker, the Dutchmen put the game away.

After a busy three-game stretch, the Kings have been taking a breather before the lone game of the week Sunday night against the Brantford 99ers. The puck drops at 7 p.m. at the WMC.

# Lancers' bid for regional football berth ends in defeat at county finals



Sub-zero temperatures and a light smattering of snow made for challenging playing conditions Nov. 10 as the EDSS Lancers took on Jacob Hespeler Secondary School in the WCSSAA football finals. Ultimately, the JHSS came out on the top end of a 37-7 decision. (FAISAL ALI / THE OBSERVER)

**FAISAL ALI**  
**SPORTS LOVES A GOOD** underdog story, and for the Waterloo County Secondary School Athletics Association football series this season, those underdogs were the EDSS Lancers. Battling it out in the blistering cold last Saturday at the WCS-SAA finals in Cambridge, the EDSS senior football team was ultimately tackled by the five-time defending champs of the county,

Jacob Hespeler Secondary School. The final score saw the EDSS contingent falling in a 37-7 decision. The temperature had dipped into the negatives, and a light snowfall dotted the field, but a sizable number of fans had come out to watch, blankets and thermoses in tow. Despite the loss, the game was a significant milestone for EDSS. It was the first time the EDSS team had made it to

the WCSSAA finals since football was brought back to the school 13 years ago. But despite a stellar season, including a riveting semi-final match against Waterloo Collegiate Institute that saw the Lancers scrape by with a 7-6 difference on a Hail Mary pass in the final few seconds of the game, the Lancers couldn't best their Cambridge rivals in the finals. The loss essentially cuts the Lancers' chances

of making it to Central Western Ontario Secondary Schools Association (CWOSSA) regionals, as only the finalist was guaranteed to qualify. Short of a wildcard draw, the Lancers will have to sit the regionals out until they can return to the field next year. With a strong showing in this year's WCSSAA, the Lancers will no doubt be hoping to carry the momentum through into next year's season.

## JACKS: Face Ayr Friday night

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 they got (31-16). Though giving up five power plays, the Jacks' defenders were perfect, while the team capitalized on one of its four changes with the man advantage. Koby Seiling (Uttley, Hoekstra) opened the scoring 11:28 into the first with the lone goal of the frame. Star shooter Uttley potted the next two points, 3:30 (Shaun Pickering, Hoekstra) and 6:50 (Pickering, Tyler Schwindt) into the second. The score was 3-0 by the final stanza, and Ribeiro (Danny Ranson, Warren Gorman) added one more on the power play to make it four at 16:41. With another two wins under their belt, the Jacks

will be hoping to recreate the magic as they take on back-to-back visitors at the Wellesley arena this weekend. On Friday, they'll welcome the seventh-place Ayr Centennials for a 7:30 p.m. matchup. The following night, however, will be the most challenging game of the week as Jacks welcome the first-place New Hamburg Firebirds for a rematch, again at 7:30 p.m. New Hamburg has definitely been the stronger team this season so far, but the Jacks have proven to be near indomitable at home. The Wellesley team fell in their first two matches on the road against the Firebirds, but then came back to stomp their rivals 4-2 just last week in their first meeting on Wellesley ice.

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## GALEA: There's only one right way to build a fire: my way

**FROM | 11**  
 in a survival situation, the pasta with creamy Alfredo mushroom sauce which we were cooking would have been even warmer and probably would have saved our lives 'til dinner. Unfortunately, before I could make it even better, he returned and went back to wrecking the fire. A lot of people who do not understand fires – basically everyone but me – would have wondered how you can tell a fire is wrecked. Well, he wrecked this one by poking a stick at it and fanning the flames incorrectly. Oh sure, the fire survived these amateurish attempts,

and even kept us warm, but only because of the work I had previously done to encourage it. This is a small miracle though. Only a rank amateur would have used the poking stick my buddy was using. And the way he fanned it was OK for mid-August but certainly not robust enough for early November. Trust me. The sad part was he was not open to criticism so he'll probably never learn the correct way – also known as "my way" – to build a fire. This leads me to another point. My buddy is one of those purists who gathers dry kindling, bark, twigs

and the like. Then he relies on flint and steel to create a spark which he coddles until it smokes and breaks into a tiny, delicate flame. All this is cute, but not really required if you bring enough lighter fluid and a lighter. I know it is the romantic thing to be able to create a fire with nothing more than bark, dry pine needles, kindling and small pieces of strategically placed fire wood and flint and steel, but I'm also pretty sure that primitive peoples would have gladly traded all those things in for a lighter, blow torch or a propane stove had they been available. They were,

after all, a practical people. The best fire maker I ever met routinely used a gallon of unleaded gasoline to "get things going." I have never gone that far, but only because I look silly without eyebrows. The point I am making here is that everyone has a different way to build a fire. And, sometimes, if you want to keep peace in the outdoors you have to sit back and watch another person make a roaring one in a way that's completely wrong. I did this on that day, while I was thinking about that world record small-mouth bass I lost last summer.

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# Woodland's sports teams have a good fall session

Volleyball and basketball squads now heading to regionals with an eye on making it to the provincials

FAISAL ALI

**SPORTS TEAMS AT WOODLAND** Christian High School had a stellar start to the year, with a number of them qualifying for the Central Western Ontario Secondary Schools Association (CWOSSA) championships this week.

On Wednesday, the Breslau school hosted the junior and senior 'A' boys CWOSSA championships, inviting eight other teams from seven schools to compete.

Though scores were unavailable prior to print time for the volleyball championships, junior team coach Jamie Wright said he was feeling confident. Speaking before the games, Wright said his team's play was reason for optimism.

"It's been going very well. The boys have made excellent progress through the season. We knew coming into the season that we had a team that had a lot of opportunity to grow and to improve," said Wright.

The junior team ranked second over the regular season in the Waterloo Country Secondary School Athletics Association (WCSSAA), just behind Resurrection Catholic Secondary School.

The senior team also claimed the second-place spot over the WCSSAA regular season. Like the junior team, the seniors competed yesterday in the CWOSSA

regionals; but unlike the younger team, a good showing yesterday could mean a spot at the provincials.

Finally, the Woodland girls' senior basketball team will be playing at the upcoming CWOSSA 'A' regionals tomorrow. Like the senior boys' volleyball team, the girls will be battling for a chance to represent Woodland at the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSAA) provincials.

Assistant coach Matt Hazenberg attributed the girls' success in part to a change of the school's basketball team.

"A few years ago, there was a revamp of the basketball program. We got some community coaches to come in and help out with our school's program, starting from the ground up with the junior girls," said Hazenberg.

Still, the coach definitely does not discount the old-fashioned grit and determination of the Woodland team.

"The girls have done really, really well. They've been practicing hard, so they're really looking to CWOSSA this weekend, because they want another shot at getting a medal this year at OF-SAA," he said.

The girls' senior basketball CWOSSA championships will be held tomorrow (Friday) at Kincardine District Secondary School.



The senior girls' basketball team at Woodland Christian High School had an exceptional regular season, and will be competing at the CWOSSA championship games Friday in Kincardine. Pictured, the Woodland team battles the visiting Monsignor Doyle in the WCSSAA semi-final game Nov. 8, putting up a stunning 59-15 victory.

[FAISAL ALI / THE OBSERVER]

## THE SCORE

### WOOLWICH WILDCATS

**Novice: MAJOR A**

**Nov 10 vs Hespeler Shamrocks**

Home: 5 Visitor: 1

**Goals:** Arabelle Weiss, Owen Porter, Bryce McFadden, Cody Paquet, Nathan Seller

**Assists:** Carter Crane (2), Bryce McFadden, Jackson Gillies, Ethan Straus, Kolten Noot

**Novice: MAJOR A**

**Nov 11 vs New Hamburg Huskies**

Home: 1 Visitor: 3

**Goals:** Nathan Seller

**Assists:** Ethan Straus

**Atom: AE**

**Nov 02 vs Ancaster Avalanche**

Home: 4 Visitor: 2

**Goals:** Luke Forbes, William Krubally, Brody Habermehl, Sam Krushchat

**Assists:** Cam Allen, Sam Krushchat, Sam Houston, William Krubally

**Atom: AE**

**Nov 03 vs Guelph Gryphons**

Home: 2 Visitor: 3

**Goals:** Fraser Allen, Owen Hallman

**Assists:** Brody Habermehl

**Atom: AE**

**Nov 09 vs Orangeville Flyers**

Home: 2 Visitor: 0

**Goals:** Luke Forbes, Josh Thompson

**Assists:** Josh Thompson, Fraser Allen

**Shutouts:** Mason Maurice

**Atom: LL#3**

**Nov 10 vs Embro Edge**

Home: 4 Visitor: 7

**Goals:** Sebastian Abate, Cohen Clemmer, Jackson Kellough, Johnny Petrone

**Assists:** Sebastian Abate, Finn Smith

**Atom: LL#3**

**Nov 11 vs Woolwich LL#3**

Home: 4 Visitor: 3

**Goals:** Sebastian Abate, Cohen

Clemmer, Jackson Kellough

**Atom: MAJOR A**

**Nov 06 vs Centre Wellington Fusion**

Home: 4 Visitor: 3

**Goals:** Spencer Hume (2), Declan Martin, Adam Bloch

**Assists:** Bryce Brubacher (2), Adam Bloch, Lucas Benham, Luke Wood

**Atom: MAJOR A**

**Nov 09 vs New Hamburg Huskies**

Home: 4 Visitor: 2

**Goals:** Caleb Paquet (2), Declan Martin, Spencer Hume

**Assists:** Declan Martin (3), Logan Cluthe, Bryce Brubacher

**Atom: LL#1**

**Nov 10 vs Beverly Bandits #1**

Home: 1 Visitor: 5

**Goals:** Jonah Schmidt

**Assists:** Austin Thompson

**Atom: MINOR A**

**Nov 10 vs Hespeler Shamrocks**

Home: 4 Visitor: 1

**Goals:** Matthew Kochut, Colton Sinclair, Jordan Martin, Josh Wright

**Assists:** Mason Gear, Levi Adams (2), Rhys Taylor (3), Jordan Martin

**Atom: LL#2**

**Nov 10 vs New Hamburg Huskies 4**

Home: 3 Visitor: 3

**Goals:** Matthew Wilkie, Oliver Horn, Anand Ghali

**Assists:** Oliver Horn

**PeeWee: MINOR A**

**Nov 10 vs Dundas Blues**

Home: 6 Visitor: 2

**Goals:** Jakob Noot, Hunter Bender, Riley Dettweiler, Josh Carson (3)

**Assists:** Connor Goebel, Danny Schaefer, Jakob Noot, Carson Staken, Josh Carson, Carter Snider (2)

**PeeWee: MAJOR A**

**Nov 08 vs Centre Wellington Fusion**

Home: 3 Visitor: 1

**Goals:** Hudson Haycock, Isaiah Shantz, Seth Shantz

**Assists:** Seth Shantz, Tyson Moran, Hudson Haycock

**PeeWee: MAJOR A**

**Nov 11 vs Guelph Gryphons**

Home: 1 Visitor: 0

**Goals:** Tyson Moran

**Assists:** Kane Kruschat, Hudson Haycock

**Shutouts:** Tyler Fisher

**Midget: MINOR A**

**Nov 04 vs Brampton**

Home: 3 Visitor: 1

**Goals:** Cameron Leonard, Nate Snyder, Owen Troyer

**Assists:** Kolin Weigel, Kyle Kraemer (2), Kris Hutchings-Hahn, Eric Lacey, Cameron Leonard

**Midget: LL#1**

**Nov 02 vs New Hamburg**

Home: 7 Visitor: 3

**Goals:** Connor Bentley (3), Matt Fleischmann, Andrew Weber (2), Sam Nitsche

**Assists:** Cody Kroetch, Sam Nitsche, Eli Baldin, Max Nitsche, Matt Fleischmann, Tyler Brubacher, Mac Benham

**Midget: LL#1**

**Nov 03 vs Tavistock**

Home: 4 Visitor: 4

**Goals:** Connor Bentley, Sam Nitsche, Matt Fleischmann, Mack Willms

**Assists:** Matt Fleischmann, Andrew Weber (2), Tyson Mifflin, Mack Willms

**Woolwich Wild**

**Atom: LL**

**Nov 11 vs Cambridge Roadrunners**

Home: 8 Visitor: 1

**Goals:** Addison Fitzgerald (4), Addison Bettke (2), Mia Medeiros (2)

**Assists:** Cayleigh McQuinn (3), Addison Bettke (2), Addison Fitzgerald (2), Amelia McLeod, Mikaela Blanchet, Macey Robbins, Addison Searth, Alie Moyer

**Bantam: B**

**Nov 06 vs Wilmot Wolverines**

Home: 4 Visitor: 2

**Goals:** Marlee Fraser (2), Maggie Sabeen, Katie Lee

**Assists:** Sophie Beyer, Taylor Schmitt, Marlee Fraser (2), Katie Lee (2)

**Bantam: B**

**Nov 10 vs Ayr Rockets**

Home: 0 Visitor: 2

**WOOLWICH THRASHERS**

**TOURNAMENTS**

**Open Non-Contact**

**Nov 2 vs Buffalo Sabres**

Home: 4 Visitor: 1

**Goals:** Troy Clemmer, Gideon Chamberlain, Dustin Hoag, Josh Chambers

**Assists:** O'Brien, Hunter Karn, Josh Chambers, Jesse Chamberlain, Gideon Chamberlain

**Open Non-Contact**

**Nov 3 vs The Wickenheisers**

Home: 6 Visitor: 0

**Goals:** Gideon Chamberlain (2), Dustin Hoag, Josh Chambers, Dillon Stuebing, Logan Gillingham

**Assists:** Jeramee Snethlage, Gideon Chamberlain, Hunter Karn, Lucas Harrison, Dustin Hoag, Logan Gillingham, Dillon Stuebing, Brandon Lalonde, Jesse Chamberlain

**Open Non-Contact**

**Nov 3 vs Hamilton Sledgehammers**

Home: 3 Visitor: 0

**Goals:** Logan Gillingham (2), Dustin Hoag

**Assists:** Megan O'Brien, Gideon Chamberlain, Logan Gillingham, Dustin Hoag, Dillon Stuebing

**Open Non-Contact**

**Nov 4 vs Ottawa Senators**

Home: 0 Visitor: 5

**Open Non-Contact**

**Nov 4 vs Cruisers Red Dawgs**

Home: 2 Visitor: 0

**Goals:** Dustin Hoag (2)

**Assists:** Logan Gillingham, Gideon Chamberlain, Lucas Harrison

**Shutout:** Daniel Peters

**Intermediate: C**

**Nov 2 vs Hamilton Sledgehammers**

Home: 2 Visitor: 4

**Goals:** Chaz Fisher, Matt Byars

**Assists:** Evan Kraayenbrink, Christy Campbell, Andy Menkveld

**Intermediate: C**

**Nov 3 vs Cruisers Silver Streaks**

Home: 0 Visitor: 5

**Intermediate: C**

**Nov 3 vs EASA Storm C**

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**Goals:** Peter Papaioannou, Kevin Menkveld

**Assists:** Carl Kraayenbrink, Paul Carere, Andy Menkveld



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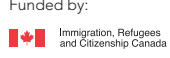
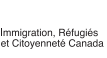







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