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The Red Hawks junior girls' soccer team were all smiles after winning the COSSA A Championship final on Wednesday, May 31 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field. The Hawks edged out the Knights 1-nil in overtime with a golden goal (sudden death goal) for its first COSSA title in recent memory.
/DARREN LUM Staff



Crowning achievement for junior Red Hawks

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

They did it! The Red Hawks junior girls' soccer team won the COSSA championship title with a thrilling 1-nil win in overtime off of a corner taken by their captain, Melissa Brinkos.

There was plenty of shock and relief for home fans and players on both sides, as the winning goal was tallied from a goal mouth scramble set off by a miscue.

The chain of events was set off by the corner being misplayed by the Knights keeper, who let the ball squeeze through her gloved hands and then the subsequent loose ball (on the goal line) inadvertently was knocked in by a defender. Fatigue likely factored in the miscues after more than 90 minutes of play was not enough to decide the final.

It doesn't take away from effort by the Hawks, who had several chances to score in the second half alone and controlled much of the play for the game.

Head coach Janice Scheffee said this victory is special because of the work put in by her players even when winter had yet to relinquish the grasp on the highlands.

"They worked hard. Their skills have improved the entire season. They're highly athletic so today it all came together at the right time," Scheffee said. "They passed well. They were patient."

The team started indoor practices in the gym back March when the snow is still blanketing the pitch.

"We were on the field two days before our first game on the field just because of field conditions with snow in April. So for us to start so much further behind [than other teams and] to get something like this shows that hard work does pay off and those number of touches do count and matter. It's a big deal for our school. It really is," she said.

Scheffee said there was surprise at the winning goal since she had trouble seeing if the goal went in from her vantage point. Having the own goal awarded to captain Brinkos was appropriate because of the hard work she has put in this season in not just making herself better, but the team too.

"For her to put the icing on the cake is perfect," she said.

Brinkos was beaming, obviously happy, believing it exemplifies the team's growth over the season.

"We grew a lot as the season went on so I'm really proud that we made it here," she said.

Winning it all is a testament to the team effort, she adds.

"It's amazing. This is a really great team and so it's a great way to end it like this," she said.

The shutout was earned by Connie Oh, but it was earned by the entire team and their gritty and intense style of play.

Brinkos is the consummate team player, Scheffee said. Her response, deferring credit to her teammates doesn't surprise her.

"She's a team player and just wants the best for the team ... it's not about individual success for her. She's already played for the senior team earlier this year. She will continue to raise the level of our soccer teams for years to come," she said.

Starting off the day not many would have predicted the eventual victory for the Red Hawks junior girls' soccer team. Many would have not predicted the COSSA

final would bring two Kawartha schools together such as the host Hawks and the visiting Norwood Knights, who upset Nicholson Catholic College 1-nil (late goal by Kristina Ellis with minutes left in the game) from Belleville.

Coming into the final, the Hawks had the advantage having earned a the bye to the final being the top A school seed of Kawartha (earned with an end season win). The Knights had played the semi-final a couple of hours before and had to win to make the final. Two games on a day when the temperature was above 33 degrees Celsius was a lot to ask, as the Hawks with its deep bench of plus six players enabled regular rotations.

To the credit of the Knights, they played well, keeping much of the Hawks attack on the outside and enduring the heat with no subs (one player was stretchered off for what appeared to be a head injury and taken to the hospital by ambulance) for much of the game.

The Hawks place in the final at COSSA was attributed

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A Norwood Knights junior player battles Red Hawks player Trista Greer for a loose ball during the COSSA A Championship on Wednesday, May 31 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field. The Hawks edged out the Knights 1-nil in overtime with a golden goal (sudden death goal) for its first COSSA title in recent memory.
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Sr Hawks host COSSA soccer championship

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Staff Reporter

Everybody loves to win, but the value of an experience comes from how it leaves you.

The senior girls' Red Hawks soccer team is not despondent despite losing by more than six goals to Nicholson Catholic College in the semi-finals at the COSSA (Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics) championships for A schools.

There is sense of satisfaction and eye on the future for head coach Amy Klose.

"Their winning record says a lot for the team this year," she said, referring to the regular and post-season totals. The team finished its season 4-2-1. No small feat for a program that only up until a few years ago had trouble scoring let alone finishing with a winning record.

"So, great season. We continued to learn [up until the end] even. Last night we worked on a ton of positional and passing drills and you could see they worked on

that. They were working on passing and playing their position really, really well," she said.

Recognizing their opponents were going to be stronger than their Kawartha opponents, the team adopted a greater emphasis defence instead of its offensive tendencies.

"They really did hold it well through the first half," she said, referring to the team being able to hold Nicholson to just two goals.

Much of the defensive strength comes from Arden Harrop in the backfield, who played a "fantastic game."

"She's just been everywhere on defence with lots of speed and lots of accuracy so that was awesome," she said.

Klose adds midfielder Maya Meraw and backfielder Emily Klose also deserve credit.

Unlike the junior squad, who had several extra players, the seniors had just two substitutions, including Abby Gordon.

This tournament featured the best senior and junior soccer teams in the COSSA region. There were represent-

atives from Kawartha and Quinte regions (Belleville and Trenton).

After Nicholson beat Haliburton, they ended up advancing as the COSSA entry to the all-provincials with a 2-nil win over Trenton's St. Paul Catholic Secondary School.

The team is expecting to lose Gordon, Kailynn Sikma, Klose, Ali Paul, Emma Scheffee, and Claire Karaguesian to graduation. However the coaching staff of Amy Klose and Doug Sullivan are already preparing for next season, ready to improve.

"We have a ton of returning players and lots to work with next year. Doug and I already have our list started of things we're going to work on next year," she said. "I think winning a few games this year changes how they feel about it and these girls will continue to grow next year. We got a strong group of juniors as well. There are lots of girls with great ball control so we look good for next year. We'll actually be stronger next year than this year."



Above, Red Hawks senior player Jamie Evans chases down Nicholson Catholic College player Amy Viera during the A COSSA semi-finals on Wednesday, May 30 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field in Haliburton. Although Haliburton was shutout and did not advance to the COSSA final where Nicholson defeated St. Paul Catholic Secondary School 2-nil, the Red Hawks had reason to be proud by playing with intensity and representing Kawartha and the Highlands well./DARREN LUM Staff



Top right, Nicholson Catholic College senior player Anna Noronha left, challenges Red Hawks backfielder Arden Harrop during the A COSSA semi-finals on Wednesday, May 30 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field in Haliburton.



Right, flanked by Nicholson Catholic College senior players Alli Roach, far left, and Ashley Fillion, far right, Red Hawks player Emma Scheffee narrowly avoids the ball during the A COSSA semi-finals on Wednesday, May 30 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field in Haliburton.

Future for school soccer program is bright with COSSA success

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to there only being one team representing Quinte.

Scheffee credited the team's captains Brinkos and Paige Billings, who had to leave in the second half (the game started an hour later than scheduled) for personal reasons, with solid leadership and excellent play.

"Melissa is an extremely talented player and she's

raised the level of the team. She moved here and joined our high school last year. Her skills have elevated all of us and so she is counted on those key times. We count on her a lot – all of the Grade 10 players," she said, referring also to Billings, Hailey Anderson, Jessica Byers, Matea Cameron and Trista Greer.

Getting to host COSSA and coming through in the game with the win could mean greater attention and a

better turnout for the teams.

"Hopefully, we can get more girls that want to play. We had a lot. Most of our team on the roster are Grade 9s, which is nice to see. We only had four returning Grade 10 players so we had Jessica Byers, a new Grade 10 player, but we have a solid core coming back and hopefully if we can get some more girls coming out in Grade 9 the program can only get stronger," she said.

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Red Hawks badminton doubles players and friends Owen Patterson-Smith, left, and Ben Schmidt reflect on their OFSAA experience, playing against the best badminton players in the province. The pair of OFSAA finalists are graduating this year and will remember the path to the all-provincials for its enduring qualities and less about what could have been./DARREN LUM Staff

OFSAA journey caps athletic Hawks careers

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

There may not be any OFSAA (Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations) championship medals from which the Red Hawks senior doubles badminton team of Ben Schmidt and Owen Patterson-Smith will be able to look at with nostalgia years after leaving high school.

But they share something more valuable than medals: the satisfaction of an unforgettable and enjoyable journey of potential fulfilled as a player and as a mentor.

Weeks have passed since the duo played in the all-provincial tournament, going in as the second seed from COSSA and where they finished as a C flight quarter-finalist in Windsor, and they sat down to share the ups and downs of the season.

"This year was probably the most fun because all the games were close and I played with my friend. I remember playing with Jaydon [Wood], who was a lot of fun too ... by yourself is a little different because you're not doing it with somebody, you have pressure, and it's always fun to do sports with other people," Schmidt said, referring to when he played singles last year.

Schmidt earned three consecutive trips to the all-provincials for badminton. First, in Grade 10 with senior Jaydon Wood and then as a singles player last year and then with Patterson-Smith.

There's no doubt Schmidt still feels a slight disappoint-

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This year was probably the most fun because all the games were close

— Ben Schmidt

ment at the finish, referring to the close scores and how narrowly they missed advancing to the quarter-finals of the A flight. He doesn't dwell on it though – merely mentioning it for context.

There is perspective by the youngest of four brothers, who have all played in OFSAA – older brother Darcy finished second in the country at the Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association Championships earlier this year

with his doubles partner from Humber College.

Schmidt acknowledges there is always expectation, but for him it's always about playing and preparing for each match, forgetting about what is supposed to happen and more on preparation.

This was the first trip to the all-provincials for Grade 12 athlete Patterson-Smith.

"At the start of the year when I was the chosen one to play with Ben I was pretty excited I might actually get the chance to go to OFSAA for something in my high school career. I'm really glad we did. It was a great experience. Tons of fun," he said.

This badminton season was far simpler for Patterson-Smith. It contrasted greatly from his time with the Red Hawks senior boys' basketball team and the OMHA midget Highland Storm, who won the provincial title. For those teams he was expected to be one of the leaders and in badminton he only focused on his game.

"It's not as much about bringing everyone else up. You just have to elevate your own game and I definitely felt the pressure having to elevate my game," he said, "to meet the standards."

Schmidt quickly interjected, saying he didn't consciously apply any pressure to his friend.

Both players are open about the disparity in talent between them.

Despite the apparent differences, commitment to excellence wasn't one of them and Schmidt knew this about his friend.

He said his partner was motivated from the beginning. "If you want to go, I'll take you there ... you just have to work at it," he said.

Work wasn't an issue for Patterson-Smith, who not only practiced regularly at the school, but also travelled down to Schmidt's club, the Ridges Club based in Millbrook, and practiced there once a week for hours at a time.

The work paid off as the pair dominated Kawartha. Schmidt, who admitted it was a challenge to play with a partner that started at a lower calibre than him, found fulfillment in being able to see his friend and teammate progress and improve and play up to his potential.

He even remembers a memorable shot, executed during OFSAA on the first day.

With his back to the net, Patterson-Smith ran back for a deep shot, destined for the back left corner. He managed to not only get to it, but struck the shuttlecock with his racquet before it hit the court floor and had the touch to drop the shuttlecock just over the net for a point.

"That might have been the highlight of my badminton career," Patterson-Smith said, laughing.

After heading into the third set tied 1-1, the Hawks were narrowly defeated 22-20. A win then could have put them in the A flight quarter-finals. It wasn't meant to be as the Hawks dropped the last set.

Schmidt has been playing for the Ridges Badminton

Club in Millbrook for the past four years.

Patterson-Smith doesn't downplay the perceived pressure he felt this season to not only raise his game, but to perform and to, ultimately, advance to the all-provincials as everyone expects of "a Schmidt."

It was a reference to the family lineage, dating back several years to other Hawks elite badminton players from Schmidt's eldest brother Jesse, Darcy and, the most recent HHSS graduate, Caleb. They all were OFSAA finalists.

Patterson-Smith admitted the pressure was owed to his own perception.

Upon reflection, it was a good thing and he felt he responded well to the challenge.

"It definitely pushed me to play at another level, I guess. Badminton was always more fun for me for the first three years. This being my Grade 12 year playing with Ben, I took it a lot more seriously and competitively. I tried to actually make it somewhere," he said.

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We dominated for quite a bit too. You don't see a lot of competition when you're playing with a Schmidt in the early competitions

— Owen Patterson-Smith

The highest level of competition he achieved was earning a trip to Kawartha.

Patterson-Smith called it a great year.

"It was lots of fun and full of challenges, which makes everything more interesting. We dominated for quite a bit too. You don't see a lot of competition when you're playing with a Schmidt in the early competitions," he said.

He adds there was satisfaction derived from the sport by playing at a higher level than what he was used to. His past doubles partner Nolan Flood was not available because of a co-op placement, keeping him out of school. Patterson-Smith credited Flood with the foundation of his skills.

This doubles team came together rather suddenly.

At the end of last year, following Schmidt's OFSAA run where it ended in the semi-finals in C flight for singles, there was discussion about a rule to only allow one

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Senior athletes earn berth to provincials

BEV KERR

Special to the Echo

The start of the games.

The Older Adult Centres Association of Ontario initiated the concept of the Ontario Senior Games in 1982.

The Ministry of Tourism and Recreation agreed to provide financial assistance to help develop this program and to promote activities for seniors throughout Ontario. The District 11 games were formed years ago after Bruce Henry and Bruce Armstrong first discussed the idea. The gentlemen brought the idea back from Belleville to Haliburton. They received a good response from the seniors. Thus a committee was formed and District 11 held their first senior games.

The Ontario Senior Games Association and its member districts (ours is District 11 – Haliburton/Muskoka) welcome all adults 55 years plus. The games are open to all levels of experience. The OSGA 55+ District Games are a fantastic way to meet new friends with a common interest in an active lifestyle. Whether you enjoy card games, racquet sports or team sports, there is an opportunity for everyone. The Ontario 55+ Games provide a special experience for every competitor to be active physically, mentally and socially.

During the summer games 2018, athletes 55 and older participate in Ontario Senior Games in their district. Our District 11 Haliburton/Muskoka will participate in a variety of events – bid euchre, bocce, bowling – five pin, bridge – duplicate and contract, carpet bowling, cribbage, crokinole, euchre, golf – 18 holes, pickleball, shuffleboard, tennis and walking – prediction time. In 2017, District 11 Haliburton/Muskoka had approximately 292 participants. These events are organized for those who are wishing to remain active and have opportunities to socialize and meet new friends.

District 11 results

The following are results from events for the Haliburton/Muskoka District Summer Games 2018 Ontario Senior Games Association 55+ May 3 to 18.

Bid euchre in Cardiff

Convenors Donna and John Teravainen ran the bid euchre on Thursday, May 3 at the Cardiff Community Centre. Congratulations to the first place winners Bill and Marlene Bona, second place winners John Bradley and Betty Brett, third place winners John and Donna Teravainen, fourth place winners Leon and Joyce Wright and fifth place winners Cynthia Goodison and Lorne Dinesen.

Bid euchre in Minden

Convenor Beverly Johnson ran bid euchre on Monday, May 7 at the Royal Canadian Legion in Minden. Congratulations to the first place winners Pat Norman and Cheryl James, second place winners Olga Mark and Irene McDowell, and third place winners Neil and Donna

Darby, fourth place winners Doug and Murriel McIntosh, and fifth place winners John and Bev Kerr.

Bid euchre in Gravenhurst

Convenor Lynne Briden ran the bid euchre on Friday, May 18 at the Gravenhurst Seniors Centre.

Congratulations to the first place winners Desimir and Ilse Nikolic, second place winners Lorne and Ruth Robertson, third place winners Joan Parsons and Francene Corbell, fourth place winners Bob and Gary Cockburn, fifth place winners Bernice Sopher and Bev Skelding and sixth place winners Irma Saminen and Brenda Gabitious. Congratulations to the qualifiers from Cardiff, Minden and Gravenhurst, who will go to the Haliburton/Muskoka district bid euchre final that will be held at the Gravenhurst Seniors Centre in June.

Cribbage in Gravenhurst

Convenor Doug Duce ran Cribbage on Friday, May 4 at the Gravenhurst Seniors Centre.

Congratulations to the first place winners Georgie Adair and Fern Holmes, second place winners Jim and Maureen Fahl, third place winners Bev Skelding and Bernice Sopher, fourth place winners Francene Corbell and Joan Parsons, fifth place winners Ann Cameron and Whitney Lovella, sixth place winners Bill and Sandra Buckley, seventh place winners Ron Belfry and Doris Cooke and eighth place winners Lynne Briden and Anne Brown.

Cribbage in Kinmount

Convenors John and Donna Teravainen ran cribbage on May 10 at the Kinmount Legion.

Congratulations to the first place winner Bruce Armstrong and Jackie Metcalfe, second place winners Beverley Alexander and Kaye Bull, and third place winners Frank and Leanna Wright, fourth place winners Bill Bona and Barb Haley-Marsh, fifth place winners Joyce Broersma and Ron Cook, sixth place winners Carol Wilson and Bev Johnson, seventh place winners Neil and Donna Darby, and eighth place winners Andre Guay and Ken Jones. Congratulations to the qualifiers from Gravenhurst and Kinmount, who advance to the Haliburton/Muskoka district cribbage final at the Kinmount Royal Canadian Legion in Kinmount late May.

Euchre in Gravenhurst

Convenor Lynne Briden ran the euchre on Friday, May 11 at the Gravenhurst Seniors Centre.

Congratulations to the first place winners Douglas and Barbara Duce, second place winners Desimir and Ilse Nikolic, third place winners Georgie Adair and Fern Holmes, fourth place winners Robin Stock and Karen Tolton, fifth place winners Ron Belfry and Doris Cooke, and sixth place winners Anneka McVee and Janet Lamorie.

Euchre in Minden

Convenor Beverly Johnson ran euchre on Monday, May 14 at the Minden Legion. Congratulations to first place winners Beverley Alexander and Kaye Bull, second place winners Irene McDowell and Olga Mark, third place winners Al McMullen and Sharron Atkinson,



District 11 OSGA competitors from left, Evelyn Galloway, Delma Sleeper, Barb Haley-Marsh, Noreen Howe, Judy Smith and Fred Krieger took the top three places at the carpet bowling district level event on Wednesday, May 16 at the Cardiff Community Centre. Congratulations to the gold place team winners Barb Haley-Marsh and Noreen Howe, who earned a berth to the provincial level competition to represent Haliburton/Muskoka district in Mississauga in August. Galloway and Sleeper won bronze while Smith and Krieger won silver. All first place finishers at the district level are eligible to advance to the provincials. In the event the top finishers choose not to compete, the next top finisher interested will compete and represent District 11. /Submitted by Bev Kerr

fourth place winners Cecile Guay and Betty McDonald, and fifth place winners Dan and Lynn Duhaime. Congratulations to the qualifiers from Gravenhurst and Minden to go to the Haliburton/Muskoka District Euchre Final that will be held at the Gravenhurst Seniors Centre in June.

Carpet bowling in Cardiff

Convenors Carrol Williams and Fred Krieger ran carpet bowling on Wednesday, May 16 at the Cardiff Community Centre. Congratulations to the gold place winners Barb Haley-Marsh and Noreen Howe, silver place winners Fred Krieger and Judy Smith, and bronze place winners Evelyn Galloway and Delma Sleeper.

Congratulations to the gold place winners to represent Haliburton/Muskoka District in the Provincials, Ontario Senior Games 55+ held in Mississauga in August. Galloway and Sleeper won bronze while Smith and Krieger won silver. All first place finishers at the district level are eligible to advance to the provincials. In the event the top finishers choose not to compete, the next top finisher interested will compete and represent District 11.

Winning COSSA match key to team's advance to OFSAA

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club player per event. It left Schmidt, who has played the past four years for the Ridges Club, looking for a doubles partner this year since he would have likely become the second entry for OFSAA (knowing the best singles player from COSSA was returning this season).

Schmidt was confident he would earn a top two placing to advance to OFSAA with Patterson-Smith.

That said, he adds, it's a common practice for him to not look past any matches.

"Just give it your all and the outcome is the outcome, right?"

OFSAA wouldn't have even been possible without the team's narrow defeat in COSSA.

The team won two consecutive sets (21-19 and 21-6) after dropping the opening set 20-22.

"This woke us up," Patterson-Smith said.

The pair admit they came into the game overly confi-

dent, having beat their opponents soundly in Kawartha. They didn't let their guard down like that the rest of the season.

The Hawks doubles team probably ended up playing some 10 matches at OFSAA in two days, Schmidt said. They ended up being one of the last few teams on the court to end the entire tournament.

Neither realized the significance of that match since it will be the last match of their high school career.

Success doesn't just happen overnight without dedication and hard work without a framework of support. For both of the players it came from not just their hard work, but the support of family and the dedication of coaching.

Schmidt thanked his dad, longtime badminton coach Bob Schmidt.

"My dad has been a big factor. He's been training me all the time after school. When it's the season and the off-season in the evening. I've been practicing six days a week when the season's been on," he said.

Patterson-Smith credited the team's coaches such as Jason Morissette for the foundation of his game and Ben's dad, Bob, the past two years, including his ex-partner Flood, who was a strong partner and prepared him for this final year in badminton.

This pairs team is unlikely to play again competitively except for the odd match for recreation.

Schmidt is ready and excited for next year when he will be playing for the Humber Hawks, like his older brother, Darcy, who he will live with this autumn.

Schmidt and Patterson-Smith couldn't believe the high calibre of play demonstrated by players at the all-provincials. For OFSAA first-timer Patterson-Smith it was revelatory.

"Watching some of the men's singles is just absolutely insane. Some of them there were top players in Canada for their age. It was crazy to watch. The amount of hours you're putting in to become as good as that. The consistency was insane," he said.

First public meeting for hall of fame

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

It's time to bring your ideas to the first-ever public meeting for the proposed Haliburton Sports Hall of Fame.

Back in January, Haliburton resident Scotty LaRue spoke to the *Echo* about his proposal to start a hall of fame that will showcase the great people who have represented the area well and have strengthened the fabric of the community through their achievements in sport.

See more details in the article "Sports hall of fame proposed for Haliburton" (www.haliburtonecho.ca/sports-hall-of-fame-proposed-for-haliburton), as reported on Jan. 9.

He is inviting the public to provide feedback and to lend their support to the hall concept on June 8 at 1 p.m. at the Dysart township's council chambers, located at 135 Maple Ave in Haliburton.

LaRue hopes for a good turnout and said this meeting will provide a basis to either move forward or to end it altogether.

"We're just going to have a question and answer and discussion. Get a general feeling of how and what the people think about proceeding or squashing the idea," he said.

He adds this is still in the preliminary stages and no major decisions will be made at this meeting.

It will be ideal if people are interested and, if they want to, show a commitment to serve on an executive committee to advance this initiative.

With files from the Echo archives



The Haliburton County Red Wolves Special Olympians Carrie Crego, left, Skylar Pratt, Emily Boccitto, Alyssa Whitaker, and Jason Cochrane hold their medals won at the Special Olympics National Games in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island on Sunday, May 13. This group won a team silver in the five-pin bowling event. Individually, which was "pins over average" in their respective divisions, the team's members Pratt and Boccitto won silver while Whitaker won gold and Crego took home bronze. Submitted by Duane Pratt

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Red Wolves thankful for experience

Athletes represent Highlands and province at the Special Olympic National Games

YVETTE BRAUER

Special to the Echo

On Sunday, May 13, five Haliburton County Red Wolves Special Olympics athletes, Alyssa Whitaker, Skylar Pratt, Emily Boccitto, Carrie Crego and Jason Cochrane left Minden to compete in the Special Olympics National Games in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

The Red Wolves Special Olympics five-pin bowling team of Cochrane, Boccitto, Whitaker, Pratt, and Crego won silver. Individual medals were won by Whitaker, gold; Boccitto, silver; Pratt, silver and Crego, bronze for "pins over average" in their respective divisions.

We were part of team Ontario with other athletes representing other communities from all over the province. We stayed at UPEI (University of Prince Edward Island) for the week. We played against teams from British Columbia, Newfoundland, Manitoba and Saskatchewan. We joined athletes from across Canada for meals. We also exchanged pins. New friendships were formed as well as meeting old friends and updating the

Facebook information to stay in touch. Over the course of seven days we had an opportunity to tour this beautiful province. Red rocks, red dirt, red sand and a lot of water. Without the support of the community this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity could not have been possible. I was privileged to accompany our athletes on this adventure, on behalf of them and myself a heartfelt thank you.

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Without the support of the community this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity could not have been possible.

— Yvette Brauer



The Red Hawks wrestling team is sending Matt Manning, left, Emily Klose, Aidan Coles, Hannah Riopelle and Nic Graham, who will compete at OFSAA from March 5 to 7 in Windsor. Coles advanced to the all-provincials by going undefeated at COSSA, which was hosted in Haliburton at the local high school./DARREN LUM Staff

Wrestlers Windsor bound, compete with best

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The Red Hawks wrestling team has reason to celebrate after the success at the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics (COSSA) on Feb. 22 in Haliburton.

They not only finished as the third best school out of 14 area high schools and with the third best girls' teams, but will also have five Hawks compete at this year's all-provincials, OFSAA (Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations) championship from March 5 to 7 in Windsor.

The team was led by a COSSA championship title won by Aidan Coles, who is a Grade 11 student.

Coles, a third year wrestler, felt a sense of relief when he learned he made the all-provincials by going undefeated and capturing the COSSA title in the 95 kilogram weight category.

"You're always scared that you're never going to make it, but this year [after making it] you want to do better than you did last year so at the same time there is still a challenge ahead," he said.

Coles loved last year for the opportunity to have a new experience, which included the level of competition and just getting to enjoy the hotel's facilities such as the pool.

"OFSAA is cool because it is a new experience and being able to see all the good wrestlers. We're used to being the best wrestlers in our division and then you go there and every wrestler is the best wrestler of their division so the competition is a whole new step [higher]," he said.

He admits he was a little nervous before competing last year, but once he competed everything disappeared. It's something he'll be ready for this time around.

Although Coles finished first at COSSA, he is fully aware and expects tougher competition so isn't letting this title win make him get too confident.

Grade 12 students Matt Manning and Emily Klose, both finishing second at COSSA, are on a mission to make the best of this year's opportunity in their fourth and final year of high school.

Emily, who wrestled in the 61 kilogram weight class, agrees with her coach and dad that making OFSAA last year was a victory, but improving at the all-provincials is the new goal for her this year.

Manning agreed with her and will push to do better than last year's quick exit.

Moving down a weight class from 61 kilograms has meant a few changes to Emily's approach to opponents this year.

"In 64 [kilograms] a lot of girls [go] down from higher weight classes so they are a lot bigger, structurally, I guess. I'll be wrestling against girls that are shorter and narrower," she said. "Taller girls tend to use different moves so that'll make a bit of difference."

Manning has wrestled all four years of attending HHSS.

He acknowledged getting to compete at OFSAA in his final year is satisfying.

"It's nice to make it the final year. Go out doing well," he said.

Cole did say he appreciated the home town advantage for the support he and his teammates had at COSSA.

"It's always nice to be able to have people appreciate [our efforts]. For a lot of people wrestling is like a foreign sport. Nobody knows a lot about it," he said.

He adds it's great for family and friends to learn what the sport really is about despite some of the peculiar misconceptions. One of them being biting, Emily said.

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Resilient Red Hawks victorious

The Red Hawks boys' hockey team had reason to celebrate after winning the Kawartha High School Boys' Hockey League Championship last week in Cobourg. They beat St. Peter Catholic Secondary School 3-2 in overtime (game winner scored by Owen Smith) and then came from a 2-0 deficit to against Campbellford 3-2 for the Kawartha title. Josh Boice scored the game-winner. Congratulations to the entire team, and special mention to the Grade 12 leaders Owen Smith, Josh Boice, Jacob Haedicke, Shawn Walker, and Nolan Flood for their determination and leadership. Also to Carson Sisson for having an outstanding day in goal. The Hawks played in the COSSA championship as the No. 1 AA seed in Belleville (with results not available as of press time). /Submitted by Ron Yake

All-provincial individual berths a product of a strong team

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COSSA silver medalist Hannah Riopelle chose to move up a weight category from 41 kilograms to 44 kilograms this year. Her preparation included having wrestling partners that were heavier than her to adjust to moving up.

COSSA third place finisher and Grade 10 Nic Graham was an athlete of few words, but said getting to advance to the all-provincials is exciting.

This group, all being repeat all-provincial qualifiers, encouraged and told their teammate Graham to just focus on doing his best.

Besides Manning and Emily, who will graduate, the team next year are expected to also lose Noelle Duprét Smith to graduation.

Despite the losses, Klose believes the team has the potential to do well. This stems from the return of Coles and young wrestlers such as rookie and Grade 9 student Connie Oh, who finished third at COSSA.

"She had a fantastic tournament. She was taking it to senior athletes, which was great," he said, referring to how wrestlers compete against athletes in all grades in respective weight classes.

The 16-member wrestling team have a lot to be proud about finishing as the third

best school in the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics.

This quality and skill is only developed after years of work in a place where everyone on the team is helping each other be their best, Klose said. It's why there has been success.

"The mat room is only as strong as the team. You can have one great individual, but they won't peak unless the mat room supports him [or her]. We're really happy. It's a cohesive group and that helps elevate everyone's play," he said, referring to himself and to coach Dan Fockler.

The team includes (besides those already mentioned were Brooklyn Spence, Tyler Wilson, Ethan Coles, Tyler McGovern, Owen Wootton, Eli Samson, Austin Weller, Jackson Garthshore, and Connor Spence.

Klose attributes the success and the quality displayed by his wrestlers to hard work and time put into the sport.

"It's a sport where you grow over years and the people that are going on have had a lot of mat time so whether it's tournaments around here ... a few have been to OFSAA before. Some have been in tournaments in Brampton. All of that builds in to their mat experience," he said. "Hopefully that extends to the OFSAA mat. We'll see. It should."

Hawks rinks advance to COSSA championship

The following are HHSS sports briefs for the week ending March 2.

Congratulations to the girls' curling team for dominating in the Kawartha play downs last week. The team consisting of Ania Smolen, Chelsea Flynn, and Emma Casey defeated I.E. Weldon by a score of 10-4 and will advance to COSSA. Way to go, girls!

Kim performs when needed

Congratulations to the boys' curling team for winning the Kawartha curling championship last week. Special congratulations to Grace Kim who was substituted in for the championship game and led the team to victory. Good luck at COSSA to Dustyn, Jonas, Liam, and Jacob. Submitted by Judi Paul

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Red Hawks volleyball team going to all-provincials

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

There is a lot of excitement and a bit of surprise for the Red Hawks senior girls' volleyball team after learning about their berth to the all-provincials Ontario Federation School Athletic Associations (OFSAA) A championships last week.

Normally, the team would have been done for the season after finishing in second place at the Central Ontario Federation School Athletic Associations (OFSAA) championships at the Quinte Christian High School in late February. OFSAA berths go to the top team from COSSA.

However, a team that was eligible to compete at OFSAA decided to not go and their loss is the Hawks' gain. Hawks coach Dan Gimon explained the school was asked to go due in large part to the team's record this season.

Gimon said his players were happy upon learning of the news, even if a little taken aback.

"They're pretty excited," he said. "They're surprised."

Gimon reminded players they earned this berth through their hard work. If they didn't have quality results, which included wins over AA schools at COSSA, they likely wouldn't have been considered.

In the COSSA semi-final, the Hawks displayed the kind of resiliency that coach Gimon has been working diligently on with his players. All that work paid off with a comeback in the fifth and deciding set against Nicholson Catholic College so they could play in the COSSA final.

"At the switch we're down 5-8 and we were able to get the ball back. Then Arden Harrop went on a serving streak and the girls dug deep and stayed positive and got pumped and won 15-10," he said.

He adds that win was significant for the team.

"This was really huge for them, mentally. That mental toughness aspect that we've been working on. It was really, really good for them," he said.

Gimon sees this growth as something that they will be able to draw upon in the coming provincial championship where there will be tough competition.

"They know that just because you're down five points it's not the end of it. It's one point at a time and they know they've done it in the past and they can do it again. So, I think it is very big for them," he said.

The Hawks will enter the all-provincial tournament as the second seed for COSSA and will be seeded in the tournament among the 20 schools according to their wins and losses record. It will be a round-robin format with four (best-of-three) matches in pool play. Each of the four pools will include five teams. After round robin play, the top two move on to the championship rounds while the third and fourth teams move to a consolation round and the fifth place team is eliminated.



The Red Hawks senior girls' volleyball team is advancing to the all-provincials in Windsor due to a solid season. Conventionally, their second place finish at COSSA is not enough for an OFSAA berth, but when a school pulled out from the provincial tournament the Hawks were asked to come. The team is represented by back row, from left, Hawks coach Dan Gimon, Karley Wilson, Samantha Steffensen, Dakota MacDonald, Kristie Clements, Arden Harrop and teacher Judi Paul. Front row, from left, Nicole Cox, Natalya Gimon, Allie Paul and Abby Gordon. Absent for the photo is Emma Scheffee.

Gimon said this team's dedication and their work ethic in the season enabled a quicker evolution of the players' skills, which led the coach to re-evaluate his two-year plan for the team early in the season. What was expected to be a rebuilding season has become one of the best.

When he saw his team's fundamentals were sound, he could get his team to work on more advanced drills and employ more sophisticated strategies. Gimon said getting to work with a club team (his daughter plays on) has given him greater coaching tips and drills to share with the Hawks.

This all-provincials will be the swan song for four senior students: Ali Paul, Abby Gordon, Emma Scheffee and Kristie Clements. They turned out to be part of the team's "core." This will be Clements' first OFSAA trip while teammates Paul, Gordon and Scheffee have been to the all-provincials multiple times as field hockey players.

With just four graduating players, the future is bright for the school's volleyball program, particularly if players return and this year's second-year junior players move up. Gimon acknowledged the support of coaches such as Brett Caputo, who has been driving force behind the program, which has included a new boys' team, Janice Scheffee, Mike Gaffney, and long-time coach Steve Smith in the program.

This support and success the seniors and the juniors had this season gives him optimism for continued development to a quality volleyball program.

"With all this coming together it could be a good thing for volleyball in Haliburton," he said.

Road to OFSAA:

Kawartha championship results

Loss TASS (AAA): 12-25, 20-25

Win FFSS (AA): 25-21, 25-18

Win HCHS (AA): 25-16, 25-20

Finished second after pool play, forcing them to play top seed, St. Petes (all club players under 17 and under 18)

Loss St Peters (AAA): 9-25, 14-25

COSSA Championships (best of five)

Win Nicholson Catholic College, 25-16, 12-25, 25-14, 21-25, 15-10

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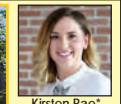
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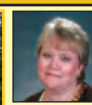
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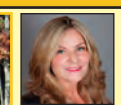
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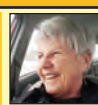
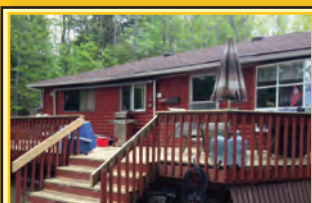
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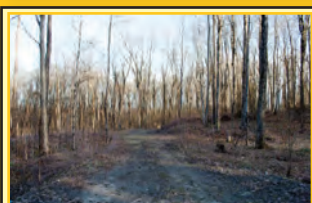
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Haliburton ice racer wins season championship

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Local teen Cole Stiles is feeling a sense of pride after winning the novice ice class series championship, organized by the Oshawa Competition Motorcycle Club.

The motorcycle ice racer and Grade 11 Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student attributed his success to consistency.

Stiles never finished lower than third place in all six races this season, which was highlighted by the victory at the first race on Jan. 14. He was the only competitor who completed every race.

With a total of 247 points, he beat his next closest competitor Ely Silva-Neto by 47 points.

Stiles credited his family and his sponsors, which included Curry Chevrolet Buick GMC Ltd. and Haliburton Marine, for their support and the *Haliburton County Echo* for coverage.

He never imagined he would win the overall series championship in his rookie season and will be receiving his championship trophy at a banquet event in November.

Asked to describe ice racing, he said, "It's fast. It's exhilarating. You never know what to expect."

His advice for new riders is to make sure they have good equipment, be focused and physically fit.

This season Stiles and his dad, Steve, who competes in the veterans class, travelled many miles, making trips to races in Tweed, Bala and Bewdley. The circuit includes two types of courses, which are five-kilometre oval track and "grand prix" road courses, measuring close to a half a mile.

His dad loves the time he gets to spend with his son and doesn't mind the work to prepare the machine for each race.

The main difference between other kinds of riding and ice racing is the effort, which is both physical and mental.

"You just have to stay focused and stay on the track and not hit a snowbank ... or crash," Stiles said.

Even though he won his first race, he

Haliburton's 16-year-old Cole Stiles leads a small group, which includes his dad Steve and family friend and area cottager Josh Gavin, during a lap around the practice course on Grass Lake at the back of his home on Sunday, March 4 in Haliburton. The Grade 11 HHSS student recently won Oshawa Competition Motorcycle Club's ice racing championship series in the novice class. /DARREN LUM Staff



remembers when he got off his bike he was so stiff and sore he could barely move.

The most noticeable difference between a motocross bike and an ice racing bike is the 1,100 studs per tire. It's something Stiles is familiar with on another level.

"I've gotten sliced open once by the tire," he said. He was attempting a wheelie in practice, which didn't end well. "I didn't even really feel it. I got nine stitches and a bunch of staples."

The lover of speed and motorcycles will continue this season, preparing for the well-known Corduroy Enduro race in Gooderham in the fall.

Stiles said he was three when he went from the tricycle to the dirt bike, albeit an electric one.

This past year he returned in a big way to motorcycling after a four-year hiatus.

His family has been heavily involved since he was a toddler.

His older sister, Alesha, who is 19, raced from when she was seven and then his dad started at 22.

"I just thought might as well and give it a try," he said.

He expects to race in the novice class next year and believes after two or three

years he'll move up to the next class of intermediate.

He said ice racing is mainly for fun. His next goal is to compete in the Maguire's Motocross Racing Series and be a semi-professional motocross racer.

Steve Stiles, who has ridden a motorcycle for much of his 42 years, and still has a passion for them, spoke to the *Echo* weeks before his son claimed the overall series championship.

When Cole was 12, motorcycle racing wasn't in the picture.

"He was hockey, hockey, hockey and this year, he [decided] to focus on [ice racing]," he said.

Cole practised once a week. Often it was with family friends Darren Baker, 11, and his younger brother Gavin, 7, who also competed in their respective categories such as the 85 series and the Peewee A (six to 12 years old).

Steve is in the early stages of bringing an ice race on the season race circuit he and his son compete in to be staged on Head Lake on a Sunday. He wants to showcase the sport he calls an "adrenaline junkie sport."

"Your adrenaline is pumping the whole time that you're on that bike," he said.

This event is affordable and inclusive and brings families together.

"It's free admission and it's family oriented. You go to the track and that's all you see is families," he said. "I think we don't have a lot going on here in the winter."

He said this event could also help the local economy, benefiting eateries and accommodation providers.

Another part of his effort to educate and raise awareness for the sport is to hold public sessions on the bay of Grass Lake in Haliburton on Sundays for anyone interested in trying it.

"Believe it or not a dirt bike will hook up on the ice the same as riding on pavement," he said, referring to a motocross bike with studded tires for the ice. The first time he turned the bike on its side, called a controlled slide, he scared himself, he said, laughing.

The first session was held this past Sunday. Contact Steve (s.stiles@live.ca) for more information.

Eventually, he said, he'd love to start a club so that there could be a ride every weekend.

"That'll take some time," he said.

Athletes and volunteers needed for OSGA senior games

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Spring is on its way and it's time to sign up to compete or help volunteer for district 11 (Haliburton and Muskoka area) towards the upcoming Ontario 55 plus Summer Games.

Sanctioned by the Ontario Senior Games Association, the games are an opportunity for anyone 55 and older to not only compete, but also get to meet new people with added benefits of physical activity and mental engagement.

There were close to 350 participants in the games from district 11 in 2017. This coming year from May 3 to June 21 there will be an opportunity to compete in athletic and non-athletic events such as bid euchre, duplicate and contract bridge, 18-hole golf, pickleball, tennis, shuffleboard, crokinole, carpet bowling, predication and Nordic walking and five-pin bowling.

The cost to register is \$17 and enables you to enter one or all of the offered events in district 11 for the Summer Games 2018. There are additional fees related to bowling, golfing and pickleball.

Forms are available at the OSGA website under district 11 and participating locations such as the local Royal Canadian Legions locations, the Pinestone Golf and Conference Centre, 241 Pizza in Haliburton and the Gravenhurst Seniors Centre. Deadline to register is April 16.

The top finisher at the district level advances to the provincial competition, the Ontario 55 plus Games where

there will be 36 OSGA member districts represented in Mississauga from Aug. 10 to 12.

Top finisher at the provincial level this year advances and competes at the Canada 55 plus Gmes held in two years.

District 11 media relations Bev Kerr and it's co-ordinator John Kerr not only help to organize and promote events, but they also compete.

The married couple first participated in the senior games to get involved, which started because they wanted to learn more about the community when they moved here from Hamilton five years.

"We really didn't know anybody. We didn't know activities that go on throughout the week. We were able to find out that information," John said, referring to bid euchre, shuffleboard and bridge.

For Bev, it was all about engaging with the community on a deeper level.

Getting involved gave them a "a purpose for OK, tomorrow I'm going to bid euchre. The next day I'm going to shuffleboard or bridge." Then having nothing, like staying at the house [was not an option]," she said.

The benefits of doing this has meant a benefit for their physical and mental health, which includes the social connections they've developed into lasting friendships.

Getting involved isn't new for them and was something they did while living in Hamilton.

There is a type of reunion that takes place at different competitions, particularly the Canadian level events.

"Once you're involved in a few years you look forward to seeing people from different places in Ontario because

you meet them there," he said.

The Kerrs compete as a team when they can.

This summer the Kerrs will be heading to the East Coast to represent district 11 in predication walking and Nordic walking (prediction with poles) Canada plus 55 Games. They will compete in St. John, New Brunswick from Aug. 21 to 24.

These competitions not only satiate the couples desire to compete, but also provide a chance to learn about other communities.

Bev appreciates the opportunity to visit different communities in the province and in the country that she would otherwise not have a reason to visit.

The Kerrs usually compete in bid euchre and euchre, contract and duplicate bridge, cribbage, predication and Nordic walking, shuffleboard and bocce.

Before they came here and competed in the senior games, they had never played contract bridge and bocce. Now they are gold medal winners in bocce. They appreciated the opportunity to learn a new game and believe other seniors can do the same.

John said he is appreciative to main sponsor Bank of Montreal, who helped with the purchase of T-shirts that will be worn by the district 11 competitors at the Ontario Senior Games.

Volunteers are welcome and needed as timers for the upcoming prediction walk event on Wednesday, June 6 in Haliburton.

Contact Mary Johnson at 705-754-1884 or Doug McIntosh at 705-489-3850 for more information.

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Midgets headed to OMHA finals

Congratulations to the Highland Storm Highlander and Smolen Family Dentistry Midget team as they advance to the OMHA finals. It was a clean sweep, winning all three games against the Brighton Braves. The semifinals began in Minden, Friday, March 2, and the Midgets shut out the Braves 4-0. The Storm team wasted no time and took control of the game early in the first period dominating the plays. The give and go action from Boice and Patterson-Smith found open Owen Smith to complete the job with a goal. The back and forth action made for great entertainment. Late in the first, Boice created the scoring opportunity for Patterson-Smith and he chipped in the second Storm goal. The Midgets kept the pressure on and took advantage of the power plays to make it a 4-0 win. Dollo's point shot was picked up by Patterson-Smith. He manoeuvred around the opponent's net and waited for the right time to feed Boice, who top cornered it. Later in the period, Jacob Haedicke held the line and made a quick pass to Flood, who nailed in the last goal. A great start and shut-out for Smolen. The next day they travelled to Brighton and stifled the Braves 4-1. The Braves managed to get on the scoreboard in the first period. The Storm brewed and responded in the second with a shot by Flood and Boice picked up the rebound, making it a 1-1 game. Shortly after, Gilbert deflected Jacob Haedicke's shot, now 2-1 Storm. The Storm turned it up a notch in the third. Owen Smith drove the puck into the opponents' zone and found Boice ready to widen the gap to 3-1. Late in the third period, the Storm capitalized on a power play. Jacob Haedicke snapped a quick pass to Patterson-Smith, and his keen eye made it 4-1 and that ended Game 2.

The Storm team finished the series Sunday, March 4, with a well-earned 3-2 victory. A do-or-die game for the Braves made it action-packed and tough one for the Storm. Late in the first, Boice picked up Gilbert's shot and found the open top corner. Minutes later, the Braves answered back ending the first period 1-1. It was an intense second period as both teams played hard for the go ahead goal. Storm team captain, Patterson-Smith did his magic to deke out the defence and find the opening, ending the second period 2-1 for the Storm. Early in the third, the Storm gave the Braves a power play and the tying goal. End-to-end action continued. With less than a minute left in the game, the Storm team went on the attack. Owen Smith chipped in the goal with help from Boice and Patterson-Smith. A huge applause to the entire Storm team, they all played an awesome weekend of hockey.

Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke

Atom A's tie series

On Friday, March 2, The Cottage Country Building Supplies/Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm Atom A's hosted the Frontenac Flyers for the first semifinal game.

The game started with a goal by the Frontenac Flyers but with only minutes left Cheyenne Degeer got her first goal of the night. Going into the second, the game was tied at one goal each but Frontenac got a two-man advantage and scored. Then Frontenac scored another goal near the end of the period. Going into the third the score was 3-1 Frontenac. The third period was a busy period. Addison Carr scored early followed by a rocket goal from the blue line by Beckam Reynolds. The game



The Atom A Highland Storm's centre Addison Carr turns up ice, breaking past defenders for the Frontenac Flyers on Friday, March 2 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. Sponsored by Cottage Country Building Supplies and Ridgewood Ford, the team was playing in Game 1 of the Ontario Minor Hockey Association's semifinal playoffs. /DARREN LUM Staff



The Atom A Highland Storm's winger Cheyenne Degeer cuts back inside, evading a Frontenac Flyers defender.

was tied but not for long. Frontenac scored three goals in a row and the score was 6-3 Frontenac. The Storm were not done though. Cheyenne Degeer scored her second goal making it 6-4, but with a minute left Frontenac scored and the final score was 7-4 Frontenac.

On Saturday, March 3, the Atom A's hosted the Frontenac Flyers for Game 2 of the semifinal game.

The first period was a battle between both teams and was scoreless. The second started with two goals by Frontenac but Addison Carr danced one into the net and Joshua Scheffe scored a beauty goal at the front of the net tying the score going into the third. For the third period these two teams had everyone on the edge of their seats. It started with an early goal by Frontenac, followed by Carr scoring. But Frontenac answered with two goals in a row. There was only a minute left, the Storm took a time out and got themselves ready to take this game back. And that is just what they did. Carr scored his hat trick goal and then Joshua Scheffe scored an amazing goal with only seconds left.

This game was going into a 10-minute sudden death period.

This sudden death did not last long as there was an early scramble at the front of the net and Joshua Scheffe scored his hat trick goal and the game winner.

Highland Storm won 6-5.

The series is now tied one game apiece.

The Cottage Country Building Supplies/Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm Atom A's travel to Frontenac to face the Frontenac Flyers for Game 3 and 4 of the semifinal playoff games on March 9 at 7 p.m. and March 10 at 2 p.m.

Submitted by Amber Card

Bantam girls Jets headed to LLFHL championships

The Canadian Tire/Parkview Dental Bantam girls Jets won their final game 4-0 on home ice against the Keene Wolverines. Throughout the fast-paced game the girls skated hard and displayed their precision passing skills, great positional play and teamwork. Halfway through

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the first period, Kennedy Croskery started off the Jets' scoring with a beautiful raised five hole goal, assisted by Haley Goulet. Early in the second, Ryan Rupnow added another with a wicked wrist shot from the point assisted by Beth Brownlee. Near the end of the second, Emma Tidey worked her way through the Wolverines' defence and deked out their goalie with a skillful spin, and backhanded the puck into the net, unassisted. Halfway into the third, Hannah McMann waited patiently in front of the net and her perseverance paid off with a goal and pass from teammate Goulet.

Bella Smolen had a fantastic game in net stopping many shots and shutting down the Wolverines.

The team will continue to practice hard as they prepare for the LLFHL Championships, March 23 to 25, and provincials, April 6 to 8. Both are played in Toronto. We wish the girls all the best in their hopes to bring home a medal after a successful season with only one loss, two ties, and the rest all wins. Smolen's net minding skills and consistency between the pipes earned her 16 shutouts throughout the season. We are proud of you, girls, and how much you have grown individually, and as a team both off and on the ice. Good luck!

Submitted by Linda Goulet

Tykes finish season

The Tom Prentice and Sons Trucking Tykes finished out their 2017/2018 season on the weekend of March 3 and 4. On Saturday they travelled to Madoc to play a double header against their rivals, the

Centre Hastings Grizzlies. The fans were treated to the Storm's best, most competitive games of the season. Early in the first period, Ethan DeCarlo bats the puck away from the Grizzly player and Mason Latanville picks it up and scores. Next shift, the Grizzlies go top shelf on Storm goaltender Carter Braun. Vanek Logan rallies back carrying the puck up the right side and goes blocker side for the goal. Luke Gruppe beats the goalie putting one in the back of the net.

Zach Prentice prevents a Grizzlies breakaway and Gruppe skates back but they manage to score. Early in the second Jack Tomlinson scores five hole. The rest of the period was scoreless until the final six seconds when the Grizzlies put one on the board. Braun had a busy third period where he made remarkable back-to-back saves over and over. The Grizzlies only manage to get one goal, tying the game up at 4-4 at the end of the third. The Grizzlies take the game in a shootout. The players and their families were all treated to amazing hospitality by the Centre Hastings team who provided all with a wonderful lunch before heading out on the ice for Game 2. Tomlinson's hard work earned him an unassisted hat trick, but in the end the Grizzlies won 5-3.

The Storm faced the Parry Sound Shamrocks on Sunday. The entire team demonstrated great teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the game and ended their season with a well-deserved win. The entire team has come such a long way since beginning their Tyke season just months ago. They have been exposed to the great hockey fundamentals that they will use to carry on their success in the upcoming years, both on and off the ice.

A special thanks to the fabulous coaching staff and on-ice helpers, Greg Schefee, Ben DeCarlo, Corey Casey, Shannon Prentice, Brandon Logan and Josh Burk; you have all had a positive impact on the Tykes and they are forever grateful.

Submitted by Jessica Tomlinson

Bantam A's play Flyers

The Highland Storm Pepper Mill Steak and Pasta House Dollo's Foodland Bantam A's travelled to Frontenac Friday evening for Game 2 of the semifinals. The boys played extremely well the first two periods with Storm goalie Nate Miscio making some super saves and helping his team build confidence in front of a very large and boisterous hometown Flyer crowd. The boys went into the second intermission down 1-0 and the way they were playing, a win could still be easily within their reach.

Miscio continued to shine in the third period even with a large group of Flyer fans standing behind him the entire game. Penalties continued to plague the Storm and unfortunately had to pay the price when the Flyers made it 2-0 on the power play with two minutes left. Desi Davies pulled the Storm within one with 64 seconds left but the Storm would go on to lose 2-1 and face elimination when the teams played again on Saturday.

Goaltender Ben Landry got the nod from the coaches to begin Game 3 for the Storm and like Miscio in Game 2, made numerous exceptional saves throughout the game. Storm captain Jaxon Gill scored early but the Flyers came right back to tie the game at one. The teams continued to exchange goals with Storm markers com-

ing from Hunter Arnott and Sam Hoenow who finished off a nice pass from Cody Switzer sending the game deadlocked at three into the third period. The Flyers were rewarded a penalty shot with minutes to go and the Frontenac player scored on a pretty bar down wrist shot. Tyson Clements came through to tie it again at four with only three minutes left. Some chances continued at both ends with no result sending the game into overtime. Unfortunately the Flyers scored quickly in OT sweeping the Storm and eliminating the Highland boys from the playoffs.

Submitted by Gord Hoenow

LL Atoms host tourney

The Storm's TD LL Atoms hosted their end of season MPS LL tournament. Their first game found them facing off against their local friends (and rivals) the Storm's Pharmasave LL Atoms. TD got off to an early start when Andy Lippolis won the faceoff and scored unassisted 11 seconds into the game. As the first period was drawing to a close Pharmasave's Logan Reid setup Lara Gallant to tie the game at one. In the second TD got goals from Owen Sisson assisted by Toby Posti and Ethan Thomas. Then later in the second it was Thomas unassisted. Before Pharmasave answered with some hard work by Erik Bird and Lara Gallant in the corner to set up Logan Reid right in front to make it 3-2 TD going into the third. Pharmasave's Erik Bird and Gallant were at it again this time setting up brother Haiden Bird with only five minutes remaining in the third bringing the game back to a tie, three all. Then with close to two

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minutes remaining it was TD's Olivia Gruppe passing up to Toby Posti who then circled the net twice before banking it in from behind the net off goalie Bryan Robichaud's back. Final score 4-3 TD.

MVP- TD- Toby Posti

MVP- Pharmasave Bryan Robichaud

TD's second game was against South Muskoka Fitzmaurice. It wasn't till the second period that Ethan Thomas was able to open the scoring, assisted by Eric Mueller and Toby Posti. It was clear that Fitzmaurice came to play but the Storm's goalie Jacob Lloyd stood his ground and

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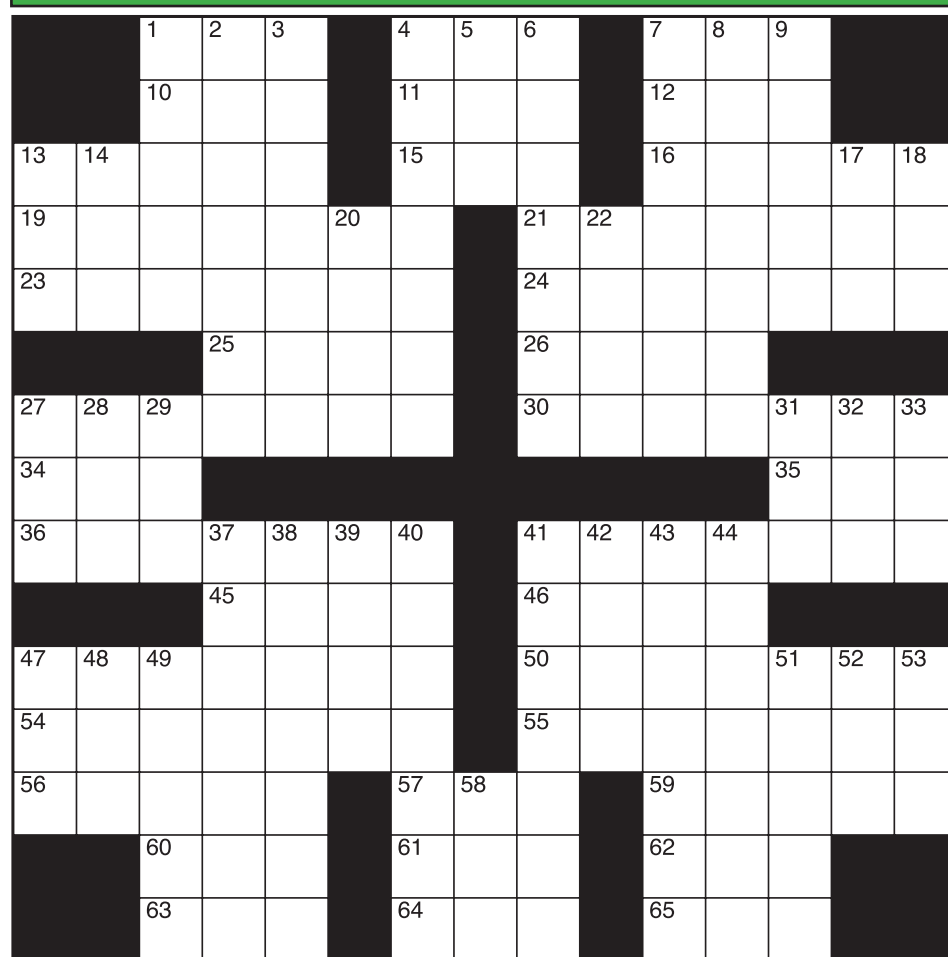
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 - One who buys and sells securities (slang)
 - Be in debt
 - Lively ballroom dance
 - Singer Charles
 - Polish city
 - Former
 - Dismissing from employment
 - Minerals
 - Plotted
 - Consult
 - After a prayer
 - Agents of one's downfall
 - Leaseholders
 - Supervises flying
 - Voodoo god
 - Alfalfa
 - Apply another coat to
 - Witnesses
 - Jai __, sport
 - Ones who proof
 - Recant
 - Small group with shared interests
- CLUES DOWN
- Czech monetary unit
 - Able to arouse intense feeling
 - Elk
 - Muscular weaknesses
 - Geological time
 - Depths of the ocean
 - Burns to the ground
 - Becomes cognizant of
 - Cause to shade
 - US political party
 - Refers to some of a thing
 - Single
 - Type of beer
- CLUES ACROSS
- Part of warming head-gear
 - Woolen cloth
 - Snag
 - Central American fruit tree
 - Woman (French)
 - The 22nd letter of the Greek alphabet
 - Type of bed
 - Soviet Socialist Republic
 - Consume
 - Japanese freight company (abbr.)
- CLUES DOWN
- Ancient Iranian people
 - Grocery chain
 - Gridiron league
 - English river
 - __ and cheese
 - Peyton's younger brother
 - Long time
 - High schoolers' test
 - Respects
 - Organize anew
 - Filippo __, Saint
 - Intrinsic nature of something
 - Cheese dish
 - Ancient Greek City
 - Patron saint of Ireland
 - Produced by moving aircraft or vehicle
 - Shock treatment
 - __ Jones
 - Things
 - Having wings
 - Panthers' QB Newton
 - Third-party access
 - Satisfaction

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The Storm's TD LL Atoms hosted their end of season MPS LL tournament.

turned away all but one. Final score 1-1.

MVP- Toby Posti

After the round robin the B semifinal found the TD Storm vs Pharmasave's Storm. The first period saw two Ethan Thomas breakaways resulting in a 2-0 end of the first period for the TD Atoms. The second saw chances at both ends but no score. The third saw a wild flurry of goals. Four goals in three minutes. TD got one from Posti assists to Max Chapman and Andy Lippolis. Then it was Pharmasave's Bryant Medlar assisting a Lara Gallant goal. TD responded 20 seconds later with another Thomas breakaway resulting in parents and fans throwing their hats onto the ice. Just over two minutes later it was Haiden Bird setting up Gallant's second of the game.

The final 4-2 TD.

MVP- TD -Adam Davis

MVP- Pharmasave Jacob Mantle

The Storm's TD Atoms found themselves in a rematch of Saturday's tie game against South Muskoka Fitzmaurice. Only this time it would decide the B pool champion. In a perfect start, the Storm's Max Chapman won the faceoff back to Olivia Gruppe who passed it up to Owen Sisson. Sisson went right at the net scoring 10 seconds into the game. Fitzmaurice managed to tie it up just before the end of the first. The second was scoreless but far from uneventful. Finally with eight minutes to go in the third it was the Storm's Toby Posti on a great individual effort scoring to put the Storm up by one. Then minutes later it was Posti and Sisson at it again this time setting up Olivia Gruppe for her first goal of the season. The Storm's goalie

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minor hockey

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Jacob Lloyd stood on his head stopping Fitzmaurice as they tried to claw their way back into the game during final minutes. Final score 3-1 Storm.

MVP- Owen Sisson

Next weekend the LL TD Atoms play in the Glen Dart tournament in Haliburton.

Submitted by Jamie Lloyd

LL Bantam

Well, they did it! The Total Site Services Bantam Local League team travelled to Parry Sound for the MPS Tournament and came home victorious! It was a great weekend of team bonding and fun. We played five games and by no means was it a walk in the park. The team played like a team and we are all so proud of them. The MVPs of the games were as follows: Darian Maddock (our star goalie), Reese

Casey (our captain), Cody Martin (slap shot king), and Nick Phippen (star centreman). There were so many moments but too many to mention them all. A huge thank you to our sponsor Total Site Service for their support all season. Thank you to the great group of parents who supported the players every weekend and a huge thank you to our coaches Darryl Winder, Scott Coles, James Raposo, Greg Phippen and Jeff Martin this team has grown greatly because of your teaching. What a fantastic way to end our season.

Submitted by Kathy Martin

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