

Blades host Kingston Saturday

The Oakville Blades will host Game 5 of the Ontario Junior Hockey League semifinal Saturday.

The Blades led the best-of-seven series 2-1 heading into Thursday's game in Kingston (results were not available at press time). The winner of the series will advance to the OJHL final against the winner of the Wellington/Stouffville series. Saturday's game at the Sixteen Mile Sports Complex starts at 7:30 p.m.

Galbraith, RIT fall in NCAA final

Oakville defender caps career by being named to all-tourney team

Traci Galbraith scored twice in the semifinal and was named to the all-tournament team but the big prize that she and her RIT Tiger teammates were chasing, got away.

Norwich defeated RIT 5-2 in Saturday's NCAA Division III women's hockey final, denying the Tigers their first national title.

Despite the loss, RIT established numerous school records, including wins and winning percentage after finishing the year 26-2-2.

"Norwich was the better team today. It was two great teams going toe-to-toe, it was just their day and not ours," said RIT coach and Oakville native Scott McDonald. "One off night can't take away what we accomplished this season. I'm proud of what our team did this season, and couldn't ask for anything more out of our players."

Galbraith finished her senior season as RIT's leading scorer from the blueline with eight goals and 25 points. She finished her four-year career with 23 goals and 74 points in 109 games.

The biggest goals of Galbraith's career

came in last Friday's semifinal. She scored a pair of power-play goals in a 5-2 win over Middlebury to help send the Tigers to their first national championship game.

Galbraith scored the game's first goal and came up with another key marker, scoring just 1:09 after Middlebury had cut RIT's lead to 3-2.

Galbraith, who had three assists in RIT's opening round game, was the only Tiger named to the all-tournament team. The White Oaks grad also set up the winning goal in RIT's 2-1 win over Plattsburgh in the ECAC championship game.

Prior to the start of the tournament, the 22 year old was also honoured for her outstanding season as she was named a RBK Hockey Division III All-American. Heading into the NCAA tournament she ranked fifth in the nation in scoring among defencemen and helped RIT post the lowest goals-against average in the country (0.85).

She also earned all-ECAC West first team honours this year, the fourth straight year she was named to the all-conference team.

Bantam AE Rangers rally to repeat as champs

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off life hung in the balance in the preliminary OMHA round-robin. The Rangers lost their first two games and tied their next but came back to win the next three to squeak through to the quarter-finals.

It was an example of what Bessant said was the team's biggest strength, "a combination of intestinal fortitude — or guts — and character," he said. "They never shied away from a challenge. Whenever it mattered, these young men always stepped up."

They went on to eliminate Orangeville in four games and then knocked off Peterborough in the semifinals, allowing just three goals in the three-game sweep.

Members of the OMHA championship team are: Quentin Allen, Jonathan Baratta, Ryan Bessant, Alex Bisson, Victor Christiansen, Andrew Giles, Oliver Green, Evan Herniak, Braden Holloway, Scott Lengyel, Horia Lucaciu, Chris Luongo, Tim Molloy, Daniel Ohorodnyk, Austin Platt, Nick Van Eeuwijk, Cole Vincent, head coach Dave Bessant, assistant coach Joe Holloway, manager Peter Christiansen, trainer David Platt and assistant trainer Mike Herniak.

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Kronic, MVC place seventh in provincial tune-up

The Mountain Volleyball Club 15U volleyball team finished seventh at the 15U Bugarski Cup Premier Division tournament in Hamilton.

MVC, which includes Oakville's Mila Kronic, was ranked 11th heading into the tournament.

After finishing third in its pool, placing ahead of higher seeded teams, MVC defeated Mississauga Pakmen 25-16, 25-21 in the opening round of the playoffs before falling to the eventual champions, Eclipse, 25-16, 25-21.

MVC then lost to the Georgetown Impact 25-17, 25-12.

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