

Undefeated playoff run leads tyke 2 Rangers to Tri-County crown

Ben Theron scored twice as the Oakville tyke 2 Rangers edged the Caledon Hawks 3-2 to win the Tri-County Hockey League championship.

The win capped an undefeated playoff run by the Rangers, who went 8-0-2 in the Tri-County post-season and won the six-point final 7-1.

Theron's second goal broke a 1-1 tie and Tyler Roseland-Barnes extended Oakville's lead to 3-1 late in the second period. Caledon got back within one with a little more than three minutes to play but Declan Abrahams made some big saves to preserve the win. Abrahams and Coran Hupalo shared the goaltending duties. The only goal Hupalo allowed was on a breakaway.

In the opening game of the series, Oakville took a 4-1 lead into the third, but Caledon rallied to force overtime. The Rangers would escape with the victory when Rhys Jones capped a three-point night with a breakaway goal in overtime.

In Game 2, it was the Rangers that needed a rally. Roseland-Barnes scored the tying goal as the teams played to a 2-2 tie.

Oakville took command of the series with a 3-2 win at home thanks to a pair of goals by Luke Hamilton.

Theron and Roseland-Barnes led the Rangers in the series, each with three goals and an assist. Hamilton had two goals and two assists and Jones had a goal and three assists. Tsiapalis had a pair of goals and Adam Wilson had three assists. Carter Robertson and Shyler McGahey also had goals while Quinton Kim-Lemay chipped in with two assists to lead the defence. Kieran McCabe and Nate Calderwood also had assists.

Other members of the team are Tyler Colwill, Trent Courage, Adam Green and Will Simmons. The team is coached by Rob Heitzner with assistants Trent Courage and Craig Hamilton. Sean McCabe is the team's trainer and Val Hamilton is the manager.



The Oakville tyke 2 Rangers defeated the Caledon Hawks in the Tri-County Hockey League final, taking the six-point final 7-1. The Rangers went 8-0-2 in the Tri-County playoffs, capping the final series with a 3-2 victory. | photo submitted



The Oakville peewee AE Rangers won the Tri-County championship. Team members are (front, from left) Jacob Scanga, Pierre-Olivier Charette (second row, from left) Ryan Bevington, Craig Caporal, Max Gilbert, Peter-Joel Hooper, Ethan Oliviera, Holden Harris, Ethan MacDonald, (third row, from left) Alex Williams, Kyle Patton, Carter Pauley, Luke Huntley-Brown, David Masar, Caleb Field, Nicco Folino, Jonathan Bodner, (back row, from left) assistant coach Greg Williams, coach Greg Harris, assistant coach Rob Bodner, manager Edward Scanga and trainer Rod Oliviera. Missing was trainer Andrew MacDonald. | photo submitted

Peewee AE Rangers take Tri-County title

The Oakville peewee AE Rangers scored the game's first goal with half a second left in the first period, opening the floodgates on their way to a 6-1 victory over Flamborough to capture the Tri-County Hockey League championship. The Rangers won the best-of-five series 3-1.

Oakville began the series with a convincing 4-0 victory but Flamborough fought back to tie the series with a close 5-4 win. It looked like Flamborough might carry that momentum into Game 3 when it scored just 10 seconds into the game. However, the Rangers battled back with three unanswered goals for a 3-1 win to regain the edge in the series.

Four remain in hunt for OJHL title

Four Oakville players are on the verge of advancing to the Ontario Junior Hockey League final.

The Toronto Lakeshore Patriots and the Aurora Tigers both won Monday night to take 3-0 leads in their semifinal series.

Michael Prapavessis' goal with 58 seconds to play gave Lakeshore a 4-3 victory over Georgetown. Fellow Oakville native Nathan Feric had a first-period power-play goal. Doug Bonar rounds out the Patriots' Lakeshore contingent.

Aurora, including Oakville's Callum Fryer, beat Kingston 3-1 Monday to move within one win of advancing to the final.

Venom upsets Burlington for OBA bronze

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The shots just didn't go in for the host Burlington team at the Ontario Cup provincial championships at the Haber Community Centre on the weekend.

Seeded No. 1 in Division 5 of the eight-division tournament hosted by Burlington Basketball, the local team finished fourth in the Ontario Basketball Association-sanctioned tournament after a 27-22 loss to the Oakville Venom No. 2 team Sunday afternoon.

The Venom could relate, having had its own troubles. The bronze-medal win wrapped up the season on a bright note after the Venom No. 2s struggled throughout. They were seeded seventh in Division 5 at the Ontario Cup.

"Mostly a losing record this year, surprisingly, so (the bronze medal) is nice," said Oakville coach Abdul-Rehman Khan. "We always we knew we had the talent. It was just a matter of bringing it together at the right time."

It was the third time the two teams have met this season, the first two being decisive victories in Burlington's favour.

"You gotta give Oakville credit," said Burlington coach Brian Buckley. "We played them earlier this year and kicked their butt, but they've really improved and that's a great thing. You want to see that in eight- and nine-year-olds."

Danyal Siddiqui led the Oakville side in points with seven against Burlington as he was asked to shoulder the scoring duties. Aiden Jones contributed five points to the cause.

"Different players step up at different times," said Oakville coach Abdul-Rehman Khan. "Today we saw the match-ups in a way that Danny was the player to get the points. It was his day."

Oakville started the tournament Friday with a 33-24 loss to South Windsor Warriors, but rebounded for a 39-34 win against Barrie Royals on Saturday.

A 35-28 loss later that day to the Blessed Sacramento-Tassone team sent the Venom to the bronze-medal game.

Burlington ran into a familiar problem as it had difficulty scoring early in the game.

"We've had that problem all year long," said Burlington coach Brian Buckley. "The first two shifts (of eight throughout the game) there's a lid on the hoop and then we catch up. Today, the lid went on the hoop in the second half, too."

Burlington opened with a 35-28 win over BS-Tassone and whipped the Ancaster Magic 41-20 Saturday morning. It was a heart-breaking 29-28 loss to South Windsor on Saturday afternoon that cost Burlington a berth in the gold-medal game despite a 2-1 record. That's the same mark as BS-Tassone, which advanced to the final and lost 43-31 to South Windsor.



Athletiques International's Riley Dane (left) won gold in the open women's long jump and triple jump at the March Classic track and field meet at York University. Clubmate Daniel Hughes earned a silver medal in the youth boys' triple jump and narrowly missed another medal, finishing fourth in the long jump. | photo submitted