

# Blades salvage 4-4 tie with Burlington

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Something has sure caught the attention of these players. The Oakville Blades hosted the Burlington Cougars in provincial junior A hockey action on Sunday with the two teams fighting to a 4-4 draw. The Blades players, here (in white jerseys) are Mike Tarantino and Mike Lukajic (#16).

The Oakville Blades battled back all night, and it paid off as they tied rivals the Burlington Cougars 4-4 Sunday night in Provincial Junior A hockey.

The Blades would not give up all night, as they found themselves behind the Cougars for most of the game.

The game was very physical, with crunching open-ice checks and hard hits into the boards. The contest proved very rough as the winner would truly deserve it.

Although the game only consisted of 20 total minutes in penalties, it did not lack in aggressiveness. The referee, with the game being so close, let the teams play rather than letting the man-advantage decide the game.

Burlington got off to a 2-0 lead after the first period off short-handed and power-play goals. Both goalies kept their teams in the game with great saves. The score could have been much different than 2-0.

The Cougars increased their lead to three with approximately three minutes left in the second period. Oakville, though, did not lie down as they scored two goals 23 seconds apart, in the last minute of the second period.

Mike Lukajic scored on a slapshot off a face-off. Chris Knighton capitalized on a giveaway in the neutral zone, and went up top with his shot on

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### Get in the game

Glen Eden Ski and Snowboard Centre is holding an open house on Saturday, Nov. 13th, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

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The hockey season may be barely under way, but it's already time to be thinking about baseball.

Both of Oakville's youth hardball leagues are holding registration in November for the 2000 summer season.

Oakville Little League holds its registration Nov. 6/13, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at White Oaks Secondary School (phone 827-1831).

The Oakville Minor Baseball Association holds its registration Nov. 6/20, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Iroquois Ridge High School (phone 416-443-6622).

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The Oakville Girls Softball Association is holding registration for the 2000 spring/summer season on Saturday, Nov. 13, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at White Oaks High School. Fees include winter clinics, house league, select and rep teams.

Season starts in mid-May and ends in late August with one or sometimes two games per week. Games are played in the evenings Monday through Thursday at local Oakville parks with practices on weekends.

Phone 825-5848 or visit the league website at [www.ogsa.on.ca](http://www.ogsa.on.ca)

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The Halton Invictas rep football team are accepting registration all this month (Nov. 1-30th) for next year's spring/summer season.

Players must be 19 years and under, as of June 1, 2000.

Indoor practices will begin in February.

To register, call Jack Crawford at 639-5992.

The Invictas play in the Ontario Varsity Football League.