

# Royals rebound to take series with Elora

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In spectacular fashion, the Hillsburgh Royals edged Elora Rocks twice in overtime on the weekend, to bounce back and win their Ontario Hockey Association Southern Senior B quarter-final hockey series, three games to two.

The Royals, who opened the series Feb. 13 with an 11-0 win needed 7-4 and 6-5 overtime victories after dropping 6-1 and 4-3 decision to Elora in Games Two and Three of the series.

Friday, in Elora, the Rocks drew first blood when Morley Bosomworth connected for an unassisted marker after just one minute and 24 seconds of play.

Hillsburgh tied the score when Brian Demone fired the puck between Gary Trimble's legs at 5:48 of the opening frame and then went ahead five minutes later when Paul Allison deflected Chris Peavoy's pass into the net.

Elora tied the game before the period ended when Dave Harris blasted a shorthanded goal past Brad Miller with seven minutes remaining.

But in the second period, the Royals responded with their own shorthanded effort when Kent McArthur converted Mark Hamilton's nifty pass after 12:51 had elapsed in the period.

Elora then tied the score again as Bosomworth scored his second of the night on the powerplay with 3:48 remaining, and 29 seconds later they took the lead as Chet Couture hit the twine, again on the powerplay and Hillsburgh appeared to be in trouble as Elora outshot the Royals 16-7 in the middle frame.

But with time running out in the third, Steve Bronizewski deflected Brian MacKenzie's shot past a beleaguered Trimble to knot the score at four, and the score remained that way as regulation time ran out.

In overtime, the Rocks fired eight shots at Brad Miller, but Hillsburgh with only four shots connected for three goals.

MacKenzie scored on a breakaway from the blueline, and Andy Broadbent and McArthur scored into the empty net for the Royals in what many spectators thought was the game of the series.

But Saturday in Hillsburgh, the Royals and Rocks topped Friday's contest as Broadbent fired the game-winning goal at 1:30 of the second overtime period, giving Hillsburgh a 6-5 win.

Again Elora opened the scoring when Gary Short connected on the first of the Rocks' five powerplay tallies. But Hillsburgh tied the score when George Osborne's slapshot from the blue line eluded Trimble and then took the lead 3-1 before the period ended as Hamilton and Doug Pemberton netted markers. Broadbent assisted on all three Hillsburgh markers.

As the second period started, Chris Peavoy fired a shot that deflected in off an Elora defenceman's skate and Hillsburgh appeared to be on their way to the league's semi-finals.

But before the period ended, Elora scored three powerplay goals as Hillsburgh took a rash of penalties. Larry McDougall, Short with his second of the night, and Don Bauman all scored.

Hillsburgh regained the lead in the third on a strange play.

The Royals were about to be assessed a penalty to Demone when Elora got careless in their own end. As Trimble skated to the bench so an extra attacker could take to the ice, an errant Elora pass deflected into their own net. MacKenzie was credited with the goal for the Royals.

Elora tied the game at five on the ensuing powerplay, just 34 seconds after the bizarre Hillsburgh goal, when Bosomworth banged in a rebound and the score remained tied as the teams headed into overtime.

The score remained tied through the first extra period as the Royals' Miller and Elora's Trimble made a number of fine saves before Broadbent fired home the winner after just one and a half minute of play in the second overtime frame.

McArthur sent Broadbent and MacKenzie away on a two-on-one break and Broadbent's high rising slapshot caught the corner from the top of the face-off circle.

The goal gave Hillsburgh the victory in both the game and the series.

In last Tuesday's contest, Elora edged the Royals 4-3. Bosomworth scored a hat-trick for Elora while Short netted a single marker. Elora led the game 4-1 going into the third period before Paul Fraser and Broadbent narrowed the margin to just one. Glenn Murray scored Hillsburgh's other goal in the first period.

Hillsburgh now faces Tavistock who eliminated Harriston Blues three games straight.

The best-of-five semi final series got underway Monday night in Tavistock, and returns to Hillsburgh this Friday night at 8:30 p.m. for Game Two.

**ROYALTIES**-Overtime periods consist of a full 10-minute period, no matter how many goals are scored, and if the game is still tied, then 20-minute sudden victory periods are played...The Royals could be without three players who were injured against Elora. Paul Allison, who was hit from behind Friday, did not play Saturday and is suffering from injured ribs. Glenn Murray (knee) and Larry Stevens (wrist) could both have sustained serious injuries Saturday and are awaiting medical results.

**PLAYOFF RESULTS**

**SERIES 'A'**  
Quarter finals: Monday Feb. 16 Tavistock 6 Harriston 6 (Tavistock wins series 3 games to 0).

**SERIES 'B'**  
Tuesday Feb. 17 Elora 4 Hillsburgh 3; Friday Feb. 20 Hillsburgh 7 Elora 4 (overtime); Saturday Feb. 21 Hillsburgh 6 Elora 5 (double overtime). (Hillsburgh wins series 3 games to 2).

**SERIES 'C'**  
Semi finals: Friday Feb. 20 Exeter 8 New Hamburg 5, Sunday Feb. 22 Exeter 5 New Hamburg 3; Exeter leads best of 7 series, 3 games to 0.

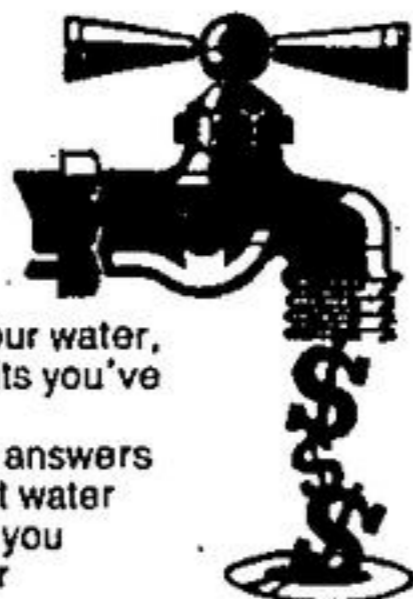
Future games: Wed Feb. 25 at New Hamburg 8:30 p.m., if necessary; Sun. March 1 at Exeter, 7:30 p.m.; Fri. March 6 at New Hamburg, 8:30 p.m.; Sat. March 7 at Exeter, 7:30 p.m.

**SERIES 'D' (best of 5 series)**  
Mon. Feb. 23 Hillsburgh at Tavistock, 8 p.m.; Fri. Feb. 27 Tavistock at Hillsburgh, 8:30 p.m.; Mon. March 2 Hillsburgh at Tavistock, 9 p.m.; if necessary; Fri. March 6 at Hillsburgh, 8:30 p.m.; Sat. March 7 at Tavistock, 9:15 p.m.

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## Fuelers eliminated

**By IRON KERSLAKE**  
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The Casselman Fuels AA Minor Novices were eliminated in the finals of their zone playoffs with Milton last week. Several other rep teams fell in the same "close doesn't count" way too.

Last week's games included a 4-4 tie in overtime and a 3-1 loss. The Fuelers went into Milton down 2-0 in the series and played aggressive hockey with Pete Mashinter leading the scoring with three goals.

Tim Van Hinte was the setup man for Pete twice and once on the fourth goal scored by Robert Walsh. Also earning assists were Gary McNiven, Nathan Milne, Andy Kerslake and Robert Walsh.

Goalie Andrew Craig had a big game too as there were times when there were several green shirts in the crease looking for rebounds that didn't come or were stopped anyway.

Back in Georgetown and needing a win to stay alive the game was close throughout with both teams sticking to end to end hockey.

Tim Van Hinte scored with assists to McNiven and Milne to keep the score close and except for a couple of breaks Milton didn't really dominate the game.

The last game was a disappointing loss but the team and coaching staff played so well and worked so hard that everyone can be proud of this team for achieving so many successes this year.

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