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At Oldtimers tournament

## Leafs' title bid falls short

John Brooks' overtime goal denied the Pigwear Maple Leafs a fourth consecutive title at the 14th Annual Sports Unlimited Beavers Oldtimers Tournament.

Brooks' goal 3:21 into overtime gave the Black Hawks a 3-2 victory in the 35-and-over division. The Black Hawks appeared on their way to an easy victory, leading 2-0 with less than seven minutes remaining but Pigwear scored goals 64 seconds apart to tie the game.

The Hawks' Ron Newell, who had a goal and an assist in the final, was named tournament MVP while teammate Steve Knecht was the all-tournament goalie. Knechts' counterpart, Pigwear's Tom Parker, was pressed into duty in the tournament playoffs. Usually a forward, Parker backstopped Pigwear to a semifinal win and kept them close in the final.

Kevin Kennery scored a pair of goals to lead the Rebels Alumni to a 4-1 victory over Dadco in the 40A final.

Peter McMurray's goal stood up as the winner as the Old Bees edged the Eagles 2-1 for the 40B title. The Eagles trailed 2-1 until Don Parker scored with 6:32 to play to cut the lead in half.

The Goodtimers also had a comfortable lead in the 40C championship. Up 4-1 thanks to a John Dryden hat-trick, the Hard Nights scored twice in the final six minutes but couldn't get the equalizer. Don Richards had the winning goal.

Pat Maloney scored with 54 seconds to play to give Brampton a 1-0 win over Mississauga Valley in the 50A final. Rick Tomkinson posted the shutout.

Dream Team were 3-1 winners over the Halton Silver Halos to claim their second straight 50B championship. Vic Horan and Brent Ladds each had a goal and an assist for the Dream Team.

John Fitzpatrick scored the game's only goal giving Bell Island a 1-0 win over the Cobras for the 50C title. Mike Gaunther earned the shutout.



Pigwear goalie Tom Parker pokes the puck away from a Kings opponent in Sunday's action at the Sports Unlimited Beavers Oldtimers Tournament. Pigwear went on to the 35-and-over final but were edged 3-2 in overtime by the Black Hawks.

Photo by Shawn McAlpine

Boyd Russell's goal 3:23 into the game was all the Owen Flounders need-

ed as they defeated Tottenham 4-0 for the 55-and-over championship.

## Junior B Bulldogs 'on the right track' as they begin quest for Founders Cup

The Halton Hills Bulldogs have pulled out of the driveway and are now on the road to the Founders Cup.

The Bulldogs wrapped up their two-week exhibition schedule with a 9-3 victory over Oakville Sunday at Memorial Arena. That came on the heels of a 13-7 win over Oakville Friday.

Bulldog general manager Mike Hancock said things are going according to plan.

"I definitely think we're on the right track," he said. "There are a couple of things I'd rather have a firm commitment on by now but I'm not concerned about the team we'll put on the floor when the season starts. We'll be among the top two or three teams in the league."

The Bulldogs used their first exhibition game, 12-8 loss to Mimico last week, as an evaluation tool, giving their rookies a lot of floor time in order to assess where they stand. This week's lineup was a better representation of the final product, including off-season acquisition Josh McNaughton.

McNaughton was the starting goaltender for Wallaceburg, who won last year's Founders Cup. McNaughton not only shut down opposition shooters but showed the ability to get the

offence moving as well with five assists in the two games.

The team does have some holes to fill, though. Ryan Busby, the team's leading scorer, has told Hancock he won't be playing lacrosse this year. Same goes for Chris Lamoine, who was acquired from Guelph last season. Also, Stu Brown has returned to Oakville. Busby is by far the biggest loss of the three. He had 19 goals and 60 points in 17 games.

"We have some pokers in the fire that might help to replace him but he's definitely a unique kind of player," Hancock said. "It's not something we're giving up on, though. The door is wide open when he's ready."

Meanwhile, Mike Dube showed his rookie season was no fluke with six goals Friday and two more on Sunday. Veterans Richard Haan, B.J. Brown, Scott Aitken and John Derochie each had a goal Sunday as did rookies Kevin Brown, Adam Holton and Travis Bland.

The Bulldogs opened the regular season last night (Thursday) in Milton. Their home opener, sponsored by Rainbow Trophies, is Sunday against the Elora Mohawks. Game time is 6 p.m. at Memorial Arena.

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer



## Local gymnasts claim titles

Samantha Rodgers swept all four events on her way to the all-around victory in the tyro A division at the Interclub Challenge in Richmond Hill.

Rodgers, one of six Halton Hills gymnasts to win an all-around title, was first in each of the four events, including a score of 9.650 on the beam. She also earned top marks on bars (9.550), floor (9.450) and vault (9.100).

Carly LeBlanc won three of four events to claim the argo A division title. She won vault, bars and floor. Halton Hills teammate Kimberly Ivany won the beam and was second in the other three events to place second all-around.

Michelle Kupa also won three events to take the all-around title in cadette B division. Kupa had the top score on vault, bars and beam and was third on floor. Jennifer Garvie took first on floor, second on bars and placed third all-around.

Jenanne Hadad won the argo B division all-around title. She took first on floor with a score of 9.750. She also claimed a victory on bars, was second on vault and third on beam.

Colleen Beswick won the tyro B title with four top-three finishes. She was first on bars, second on floor and third on beam and vault.

Halton Hills' Kristin Lockwood and Alyson Grant finished one-two in the open B division. Lockwood won the floor with a score of 9.650 and was also victorious on beam. She was third on vault and fifth on bars to win the all-around title. Grant won both vault and bars, was second on floor and third on beam but finished just 0.200 behind her teammate.

In the precompetitive division, Lacey Leigh Olsen, Christine Bedggood, Emily Marshall, Candace Banks and Meryn Mercer all earned gold medals. Britney Doan won a silver and Rose Schmidt won a bronze.

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