

AE minor atoms up 2-0 in OMHA finals, AAs tied 1-1

At one point this season the additional entry minor atom Winterhawks strung together 19 straight wins.

Right now, they'd be happy with just one more.

That's all that's standing between them and an OMHA championship, following decisive back-to-back victories this past weekend.

Milton put the Whitby Wildcats on the proverbial chopping block Sunday afternoon, striking twice in the opening frame on the way to a 6-2 win.

The Winterhawks scored in the opening minute of both the second and third periods to regain momentum after the host Wildcats cut into their lead.

Michael Amaro tallied twice in the middle stanza, while Jason Trakas had a goal and two assists and defenceman Austin Green contributed two helpers.

Rounding out the scoring were Jake Kotyk, Ryan Chisholm and Cohen George. Jake Storey came up with several big saves in the second period while the verdict was still in question.

At Memorial Arena Saturday, the

Winterhawks ran into some sharp goaltending but were fairly dominant in a 4-1 triumph. Two third-period goals, including an empty netter, sealed the deal.

Hailey Simoneau led with a goal and two assists, while George and Jordan Turley each had a goal and an assist. Amaro also lit the lamp, while in net for the win was Thomas Jackson.

The AE minor atoms can clinch the title at Memorial Arena Saturday (5:30 p.m. start).

Meanwhile, the AA minor atoms split their first two games of the OMHA final with the Clarington Toros, who evened things up with a 3-2 squeaker at Milton Sports Centre Sunday.

Travis Harrison drew the Winterhawks within a goal with 12.6 seconds remaining, but that's as close as the hosts came to putting a stranglehold on the series.

Joshua Cacciola scored Milton's other goal on a penalty shot, burying an upstairs backhand.

The AA minor atoms head to Clarington Saturday for game three, and host game four Sunday at Memorial at 4 p.m.



Michaelis disappointed with OFSAA finish

"I beat him before, so it kind of sucks," Michaelis said.

Michaelis had defeated Flosman rather handily, 11-1 in the semifinals of last month's Ontario juvenile championships. In the OFSAA final, though, already up 3-2, Flosman scored four quick points on his way to a 9-2 victory.

"(Flosman) was able to shut down his attacks," said coach Simon Vanellis, whose Spartans finished seventh in the team standings.

Michaelis had won four straight matches, including a semifinal victory over St. Elizabeth's Sebastian Galzote, to reach the final. But despite not coming away with the gold, the Græde 11 student can look forward to what he hopes will be another Kielburger first next year — a team medal, which would be the

Spartans' first since winning back-to-back bronze in 2009 and 2010.

"We should have a really good team," Michaelis said. "Pretty much everyone is back except for Cody and one other."



An hour and a half before Michaelis' victory, Cody Franke won the school's first OFSAA medal by taking the bronze-medal match 6-0 over Ethan Slater of St. Ignatius.

Franke won his first two matches before losing to the eventual champion Antonio Mancina in the quarter-finals on Wednesday. He had to work his way back through the draw, winning all four of his matches to earn the bronze medal.

"It's very tiring, but it's all worth it," he said. "I'd wrestle anyone for it again."

Vanellis said the win was pretty

typical of Franke's other OFSAA matches.

"He was pretty much in control the whole time," he said. "There were times when the other guy would look like he was taking control and (Cody) would quash it."

Wrestling wasn't Franke's first choice when he started high school. Or his second. "I'm a big guy and I wanted to play football or rugby, but we didn't have a football or rugby team," Franke said. "So I tried wrestling. Once I did it, I wouldn't pick another sport over it."

Though he was looking for a physical sport, it was the emotional side that captivated Franke.

"When you win a match, you feel amazing, like you're on top of the world," he said. "And when you lose, you never want that feeling again. That's what keeps you training and working hard, so you never have that feeling again."

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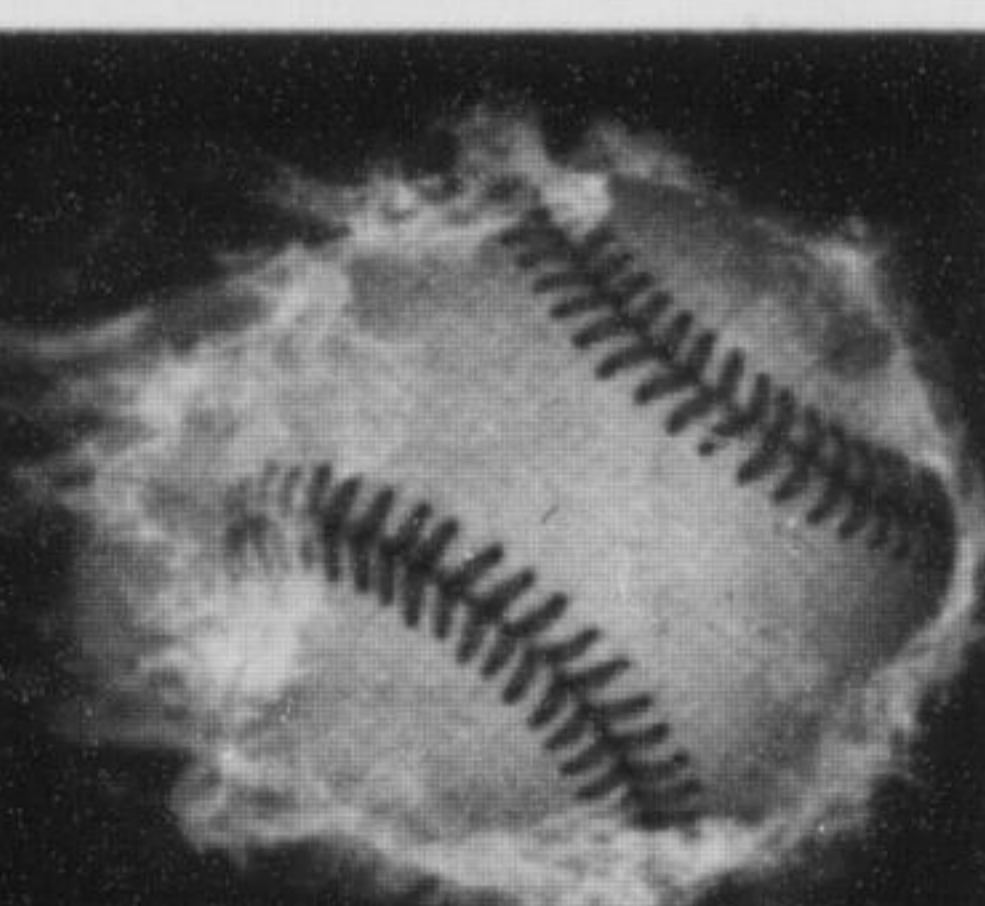


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