

Blades took 5-0 record into Streetsville last night



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This unidentified Hamilton Kilty B's player swings out from behind the net. Blades goalie Dan Giffin, however, was up to the task.

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SPECIAL TO THE BEAVER

Another three wins had the Oakville Blades going into last night's provincial junior A game in Streetsville against the Derbys with a perfect 5-0 record.

That game went beyond our press deadlines. That has a set up an early season showdown this Friday against longtime rival Milton Merchants who are also sizzling along undefeated at 5-0-1 (after Monday's 3-3 overtime tie with Hamilton Kilty B's).

The Blades are also at home Saturday against Bramalea Blues (who improved to 3-2 after edging Buffalo 1-0 Monday night).

Both weekend games start at 7:45 p.m. at Ice Sports Oakville.

Please note, that prior to the Blades Saturday game, the Mississauga Ice Bears will take on Brampton Thunder in National Women's Hockey League (NWHL) action at 4:15 p.m. Should be a great double header.

Oakville's three most recent wins came 4-1 over Port Hope last Sunday, 3-2 over Hamilton Kilty B's last Friday night and 6-4 over Buffalo last Thursday night.

Here's the recap:
(BLADES 5, Port Hope 1)

This game was part of the annual league college weekend showcase, held this year at Erin Mills Twin Arenas, and featuring the league's lone inter-divisional games of the season. Starting at 9:15 a.m., Port Hope Predators opened the scoring but then the Blades woke up with five unanswered goals, including a 3-1 lead by the end of the first period.

Oakville played a strong, physical game and dominated for the most part. Rob Tarantino had another hat trick and Nick Davis and Geoff Aselstine each nabbed a goal.

"Today it was our speed and tenacity in the forecheck that really won us this game," said Blades head coach Jay Anderson.

"The line of Steve Pinizzotto, Marc Pinizzotto and Rob Tarantino played their best game yet.

"And again our goal tending was strong."

(BLADES 3, Hamilton 2)

The host Blades led this action packed game 1-0 and 3-1 en route to victory. The Kilty B's made it close, scoring in the final seconds with their goalie pulled in favour of the extra man.

Oakville was missing some key players during the game, with Mike Ruberto out serving a suspension he picked up the night before, and Marc

Pinizzotto and Kevin Harvey being ejected from the game early on.

Dan Giffin played a solid game for Oakville, making some incredible saves.

"Dan Giffin was the number one reason we won that game," agreed coach Anderson.

(BLADES 6, Buffalo 4)

Down 4-2 going into the final period, Oakville pulled off an inspiring come-from-behind road win against the much improved Lightning.

"It was very frustrating in Buffalo with a different system in place," commented coach Anderson. "The boys became frustrated. I was frustrated. But, we gutted it out and managed a win."

Oakville goals all came in pairs by Rob Tarantino, Steve Pinizzotto and Dan Powers. Anthony Santaguida stopped 46 shots for the Blades.

WEST CONFERENCE STANDINGS

| | GP | W | L | T | OTL | GF | GA | Pts | GAA |
|--------------|----|---|---|---|-----|----|----|-----|------|
| MILTON | 6 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 32 | 18 | 11 | 3.00 |
| OAKVILLE | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 28 | 11 | 10 | 2.20 |
| BURLINGTON | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 20 | 8 | 4.00 |
| GEORGETOWN | 5 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 39 | 24 | 8 | 4.80 |
| MISSISSAUGA | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 24 | 11 | 7 | 2.75 |
| HAMILTON | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 24 | 21 | 7 | 4.20 |
| BRAMALEA | 5 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 21 | 6 | 4.20 |
| BUFFALO | 6 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 21 | 25 | 4 | 4.17 |
| STREETSVILLE | 6 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 25 | 46 | 3 | 7.67 |
| BRAMPTON | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 44 | 0 | 8.80 |

* does not include Tuesday night games

BLADES GAME SUMMARIES

BLADES 5, Port Hope 1 (Sun. Sept. 22)

PERIOD 1
(6:34) PH Joey Anesty (Tyler Barret, Phil Butts)
(13:45) OAK Rob Tarantino (Steve Pinizzotto, Marc Pinizzotto) PP
(14:12) OAK Geoff Aselstine (Kevin Harvey)
(19:04) OAK Rob Tarantino (Steve Pinizzotto, Matt Ruberto)
PERIOD 3
(4:09) OAK Rob Tarantino (Marc Pinizzotto, Matt Ruberto) SH
(14:00) OAK Nick Davis (Tyler Woodisse, Brad McKenzie)

BLADES 3, Hamilton 2 (Fri., Sept. 20)

PERIOD 1
(5:47) OAK Rob Tarantino (Marc Pinizzotto, Matt Ruberto) PP
(9:59) HAM Joe Rand (Kyle Ellis, Mike Whalen)
PERIOD 2
(13:52) OAK Geoff Aselstine (Nick Davis, Matt Ruberto) PP
(16:11) OAK Zach Diluca (Steve Pinizzotto, Rob Tarantino)
PERIOD 3
(19:28) HAM Cal St. Denis (Mark Mazetti, Josh Soares)

BLADES 6, Buffalo 4 (Thurs., Sept. 19)

PERIOD 1
(6:16) BUFF Nick Schmitt (Mike Maier, Rick Lynch) PP
(11:15) OAK Dan Powers (Nick Davis, Tyler Woodisse)
(11:56) BUFF John Birnie (Rick Lynch, Nick Catanzaro)
(14:58) OAK Dan Powers (Tyler Woodisse, Paul Metcalf)
PERIOD 2
(6:35) BUFF Andy Bruserna (Matt Suto, Nick Tuzzorino)
(14:20) BUFF Nick Schmitt (Nick Catanzaro, Jon Birnie) PP
PERIOD 3
(9:36) OAK Rob Tarantino (Matt Ruberto)
(10:50) OAK Steve Pinizzotto
(13:57) OAK Rob Tarantino (Steve Pinizzotto, Nick Dodge)
(18:56) OAK Steve Pinizzotto (Daryl Simich, Nick Dodge)

Good run at Kawartha Challenge tournament

After a disappointing loss in their regular season opener last week, the **Oakville Rangers novice AAA team** bounced back with an impressive performance at the Kawartha Challenge tournament in Peterborough last weekend.

Oakville made it all the way to the championship game before finally running out of steam and losing 7-1 to Brampton Battalion. Ross Sloan scored the lone goal.

Here's the recap:
OAKVILLE 6, Central Ontario Wolves 3: Nicholas Vrbensky, a newcomer to the team, potted the hat-trick. Ross Sloan displayed his usual magic by adding two goals while Josh Dube added a single marker.

OAKVILLE 6, Oshawa Generals 2: goals were scored by Ross Sloan (2), Josh Dube, Nicholas Vrbensky, Jonathon Sisokin and Ryan McLaren.

OAKVILLE 2, Peterborough Petes 2: goals were scored by Brandon Johnston and Nathan Feric.

OAKVILLE 6, Oshawa Generals 1 (elimination game): goals were scored by Brandon Johnson (2), Nathan Feric, Ryan McLaren, Cameron Farrell and Jason Mitchell. Oakville advanced to the championship with this win.

Proud sponsors of the Oakville Rangers AAA novice team are Eye on Retail, D'Orazio Infrastructure, Canadian Marine Lift Systems and VDI Healthcare.

Pre season ends with sizzling 5-0 record for OMHA semifinalists

The **Oakville Rangers atom A rep team** have looked very sharp in the pre-season, as they breezed to a 5-0 record, outscoring their opponents 23-7.

This includes a 2-0 blanking of Lorne Park in their final tune-up before kicking off the regular season this week. Ryan Moore and newcomer Foster Dyck shared the shutout, and both have looked solid in the early going.

The scoring has been shared between all three lines, as the Rangers look to have a balanced attack, featuring 10 returning players and seven new skaters.

The three new AP players — Elliott Cheeseman, David Policelli and Anthony Theroux — have all seen game action and are already contributing to solid team play.

The coaching

staff of Bill Wiley, Paul Walker, Danny Tavares, Joey DiBattista and trainer Teresa Beckett look to have the boys well prepared to go even further than last season's OMHA semifinal appearance.
The atom A Rangers are: Ryan Moore, Nick Szabo, Dalton Newsom, John Nardozi, Andrew Eichinger, Ian Stansfield, Cameron Walker, Ryan DiBattista, Peter Copeland, Josh Wiley, Adam Davis, James Smith, Daniel Tavares, Tyrone Maguire, Jesse Maucieri, Wesley Brown and Foster Dyck.

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OAKVILLE BLADES

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MILTON MERCHANTS VS OAKVILLE BLADES

at Oakville Ice Sports Centre

Come early to watch the **Mississauga Ice Bears** play the **Brampton Thunder** NWHL Hockey at it's best!
4:15 at Ice Sports Centre

Saturday, Sept. 28 at 7:45 p.m.

BRAMALEA BLUES VS OAKVILLE BLADES

at Oakville Ice Sports Centre