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'Kiss' production touches your heart, makes you laugh

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Theatre Orangeville's upcoming production, Kiss the Moon, Kiss the Sun, by Norm Foster,

touches on difficult relationships, tough situations and impossible yet realized dreams.

Take a young woman in a relationship but not married who is unexpectedly

pregnant; take a woman whose life is in danger, the mother of an developmentally challenged adult, worried about her child when she dies; take a doctor with her own problems

who is trying to facilitate many aspects of the whole story and you have Norman Foster doing what he does best: presenting a good story, told with honesty, humour and pathos.

As always, David Nairn, artistic director of Theatre Orangeville, and the play's director, looks for balance and empathy amongst his actors when casting any production. While considering the role of Holly Fitch in Kiss the Moon, Mr. Nairn said that he "had no vision of the character, Holly," in his mind until he watched Susie Burnett do "Jan" in I'll Be Back Before Midnight, which ran at the theatre until early last month.

Said Mr. Nairn: "I realized that she was perfect for Holly and wondered why I hadn't thought of her before."

Possibly the answer is that this is the first time he and she have worked together. Midnight was cast and directed by Robert More, who knew Ms Burnett well over the years of working with her in Port Dover.

For her part, Ms. Burnett is delighted to be back to Theatre Orangeville so soon, with a part that is also very challenging and completely different from the character of Jan. Holly is the unwed mother, who is, as Ms. Burnett said, "a free spirit, a unique personality."

She told me at our pre-

show group interview, "There are parts when I'm still learning not to cry."

Avery Saltzman, on the other hand, has known David Nairn since they went to University together, meeting in 1975 - "that's 34 years ago," reflected Mr Nairn, "that's frightening."

Currently the co-artistic director and co-founder, with David Eisner, of the recently established Harold Green Jewish Theatre, Mr. Saltzman actually played the role of Robert, the developmentally challenged adult, when Kiss the Moon was produced at Theatre Orangeville eight years ago.

He was emphatic about telling me: "What we all

have in common here is our friendship for David Nairn which brings us back to Theatre Orangeville. The productions here are usually new Canadian work and performances are kept to very high standard. We all feel great respect and friendship for David."

Lally Cadeau, who plays the part of Claire, Robert's mother, has a string of accolades that is very long, starting in 1981 with the ACTRA Award for Best Newcomer. She won a DORA Award for Best Actress in 2008 for her portrayal of Rose in the play by that name which was the inaugural production for the Harold Green Jewish Theatre. She played nine seasons at

Stratford and many, many roles all over North America, including seven seasons as Janet King in Road to Avonlea. Ten years ago, Ms Burnett worked with Ms Cadeau at Stratford in the Pride of Miss Jean Brodie.

Of her role as Claire, Ms Cadeau told me: "(in the play) I lost my husband 32 years ago so Robert and I have been constant companions all those years. I'm his mother but we are best friends as well."

David Rosser lives separate lives in the theatre world: on the one hand, he plays in musical theatre, just coming from a year's tour in Mama Mia! ("It gave me the chance to

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Avery Saltzman (Robert) and Susie Burnett (Holly) star in Theatre Orangeville Production of Kiss The Moon, Kiss The Sun. Contributed Photo

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Muskies season ends in overtime

By MIKE MALONEY
Sports Editor

For 78 minutes and 58 seconds on Tuesday night, they had the chance to be giant killers - the Shelburne Muskies, a bunch of gritty come-from-behind underdogs who refused to roll over and play dead.

They were a team that even down three games to none to the number one team in the league, rebounded to win three straight and force a seventh and deciding game in their best of seven WOAA Northern Division championship.

But time ran out for the Muskies after 18:58 of the first overtime period when the

Winterhawks cashed in their lone powerplay opportunity of the overtime to defeat the Muskies by a score of 3-2 and take the series four games to three.

The rebound had started the weekend in before in Shelburne where the Muskies had handed Saugeen a humiliating 6-0 defeat, setting the stage for game five in Port Elgin on Friday.

Tied 2-2 at the end of the second on goals from Warren Sly and Matt Loughheed the Fish looked to have knocked the wind out of the Saugeen sails when Derek Smith popped a pair to make it 4-2 with 12:02 left on the clock. Spurred on by the capacity crowd of over

1,200, the Winterhawks took full advantage of a pair of Muskie penalties for two powerplay markers to even the score at 4-4.

Digging deep, Shelburne again stepped up their attack and were rewarded when Kevin Tuckey slapped home a beauty with 6:52 remaining to play then hung on to hand the Winterhawks their first loss at home this season by a final score of 5-4.

Playing back in Shelburne on Sunday afternoon, Saugeen again had a chance to finish things off.

Up 2-0 late in the second, Loughheed finally cracked the seal on the net of Winterhawks goalie Nick Goetz to

finally put Shelburne on the scoreboard heading into the third.

From there on it was all Shelburne as the Fish cranked up the Muskie machine.

With Rob Senay again riding the hot hand in goal for Shelburne, Chris Greer, Zac Duerden and Brad Horan all got in on the scoring action with Loughheed picking up his second goal of the night to make it 5-2 and set up a winner-take-all game seven.

And it was those same Muskies that made the trek west through sleet and blowing snow to Port Elgin on Tuesday night to settle the score one last time.

Horan seemed to have the hot stick early for Shelburne, tagging powerplay markers in the first and second to give them a 2-0 lead early in the second.

Down but not out, Bill Monkman kept the Hawks from melting down between periods, scoring a powerplay marker with 2:15 remaining in the second.

The overtime stage

would be set when, with 6:03 left in regulation time, Curtis Johnston scored a wrap-around goal to tie the score at 2-2.

Even starting overtime shorthanded, Shelburne pressed the attack time and time again, out shooting the Winterhawks 17-6 in OT but just couldn't catch a break.

Then with 1:28 left on the clock, Bill Boyes drew a questionable hooking penalty which gave Saugeen the best opportunity of the night, one they were quick to capitalize on as Ryan Dugeon blasted a slapshot through traffic from the blueline to score the game winner 26 seconds later.

For all the Muskies, it was a tough way to end a great season but for Shelburne coach Joe Bakes, the loss was particularly hard. "It hurts, it truly does hurt being so close. To have the game end on a power-play really hits home." Bakes has been nothing but an ardent supporter of the effort his team has put forth throughout the season and even

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MUSKIES J.J. DICKIE get the hop off the draw over Winterhawks Jason Hutchinson during game seven action of the WOAA Senior Men's Northern Division championship final in Port Elgin on Tuesday night. Photo/MIKE MALONEY



THE ICE HAS BARELY melted but both Orangeville Northmen junior franchises are eager to get things underway as both squads kicked off their 2009 training camps at the Tony Rose this past weekend. Photo/MIKE MALONEY

Tiger Atoms earn Provincial berth

The Ontario Laser Atom B Tigers secured their entry into the Provincial Championships being held in Mississauga April 17-19th by defeating the North Halton Twisters 3-0 on March 7th in Milton.

The Twisters had fought off elimination the week before to hang on to a 2-2 tie forcing game 3.

The Tigers were just too determined and dominated the game with goal scorers Alyssa Noble, Hayley Williamson and Megan Hurrell leading the

way. Assists went to Avery Cooke, Karlie Peel and Tori Mugridge.

Megan Poole earned her second shutout of the series with the help of her great defence Lauren O'Malley, Samantha Sterritt and Lara Granger.

Erin Thornton and Emily Hunwicks also played hard but did not get rewarded on the score sheet.

The coaching staff was proud of their players who were missing one their defence as Lauren Albano was out of the country

Day of Champions

- Orangeville Minor Hockey Association wrapped up the 2008-09 season this past weekend when they hosted their Day of Champions at the Alder Street Community Centre.
- 44 teams representing the top four teams in each of the 11 house league divisions from Minor Tyke to Midget, competed for bragging rights in both championship and consolation finals. Starting on Friday night with the Bantam and Midget divisions, the teams played through Saturday in both the Red and Green rinks to decide the eventual winners.
- Results are as follows.
- Minor Tyke Championship Vancouver 10 Montreal 2
 - Consolation Calgary 6 Toronto 3
 - Tyke Championship Calgary 4 Montreal 2
 - Consolation Vancouver 4 Edmonton 2
 - Novice Championship Toronto 6 Montreal 4
 - Consolation Vancouver 6 Calgary 1
 - Minor Atom Championship Montreal 3 Vancouver 0
 - Consolation Toronto 4 Ottawa 1
 - Atom Championship Ottawa 4 Vancouver 2
 - Consolation Edmonton 7 Calgary 1
 - Minor Peeewe Championship Calgary 5 Vancouver 0
 - Consolation Edmonton 5 Toronto 1
 - Peeewe Championship Toronto 5 Vancouver 2
 - Consolation Ottawa 3 Montreal 2 (OT)
 - Minor Bantam Championship Toronto 4 Edmonton 1
 - Consolation Vancouver 4 Calgary 1
 - Bantam Championship Toronto 4 Vancouver 2
 - Consolation Montreal 5 Calgary 3
 - Minor Midget Championship Ottawa 3 Calgary 1
 - Consolation Edmonton 3 Toronto 1
 - Midget Championship Vancouver 5 Edmonton 2
 - Consolation Montreal 5 Ottawa 1

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