

Thought Of The Week
By Ted Ecclestone

Man is not the sum of what he has but the totality of what he does not yet have, of what he might have.

Jean Paul Sartre
Situations (1939), 1



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Summer shoot-out success at Barry Burman Tournament



This past weekend 42 teams from across Ontario joined with four Northmen squads competing in the 2009 Barry Burman Summer Shootout hosted by the Orangeville District Minor Lacrosse Association.

Held at both the Alder Street and Tony Rose arenas, the round robin portion event kicked off at noon on Friday and ran through until the action was capped off by the medal games featuring the top two teams from each pool of the Peeewe, Bantam, Midget and Intermediate divisions.

This year, all four host

Northmen teams advanced to the medal round on Sunday. A 3-1 record in pool play earned the Northmen a berth in the Peeewe Bronze medal game against Halton Hills Bulldogs.

This seesaw battle went right to the end with Orangeville scoring a power-play goal with just 22 seconds left on the clock to clinch 3rd place and a bronze medal.

Next up was the Bantam Northmen, again hooking up with Halton Hills.

Carrying a similar 3-1 record into their final game, Orangeville was unable to mount much of an offence

against a potent Bulldogs team who went on to take a 6-1 victory for the Bantam Bronze.

A perfect 4-0 earned the Northmen a shot at gold in the Midget final yet once again Halton Hills.

The Bulldogs wasted no time in jumping out to an early lead and despite a spirited effort by the Northmen in the second and third periods, they could not erase the deficit two goal deficit, having to settle for silver with Halton taking the gold in a 5-3 decision.

The last game of the tournament featured the favoured

Northmen playing against Toronto Beaches in the Intermediate final.

With three wins and a tie against Spartan in the round robin, Orangeville came out confident building up a 2-0 lead heading into the second period.

Undaunted, the Beaches refused to play second fiddle to their hosts chipping away at the Northmen lead and went into the third period with the game tied at 3-3 where they shut down the Orangeville offense and added two more of their own to take home the gold with a 5-3 win.



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OUTLAWS RUNNING BACK Norm Craig breaks out of the backfield in Sunday's 24-21 win over the Etobicoke Eagles. Photo/MIKE MALONEY

Numbers don't add up for Northmen B

By MIKE MALONEY
Sports Editor

Heading into their final regular season game on Sunday, it all came down to the numbers for the MacMaster Pontiac Buick GMC Northmen. A win and the team would edge past Owen Sound into eighth place in the OLA Junior B Western conference standings and a playoff berth against Windsor.

A loss would leave them watching from the sidelines and wondering what went wrong.

It was with the simplicity of that scenario that the Northmen took to the floor in Elora on Sunday night in a do-or-die scenario against the Mohawks.

With the division title

also on the line, Elora was not about to give Orangeville a free ride and quickly capitalized on chances offered up by the Northmen.

Scoring first on a power-play opportunity just four minutes in, the Mohawks widened their lead to 2-0 just over three minutes later.

Jake Thompson would get things happening for Orangeville off the top of two, teaming up with Kyle Kallay and Dustin Caravello at 3:01; only to have Elora fire back with one of their own 17 seconds later.

Cody McMahon was next in line on the Northmen score sheet, scoring at 6:30. Yet again, Elora responded in kind, adding yet another pair over the

next two minutes.

The two squads would trade goals over the bottom half of the second period, Orangeville's coming off the sticks of Andrew Stoner and Kevin VanAlstine to end the period with the Northmen trailing 7-4.

Orangeville again would come out in the third looking to get back in the game and were on their way with Ace McNutt and Steve

Hawkins dropping in markers on either side of Elora's Justin Gibson's second of three goals. But it was a pair of back-to-back unassisted goals by Mark England at 10:09 and 14:20 that put the lid on the game for Elora.

McMahon would tally for Orangeville one more time with Curtis Rydall out of the net in favour of an extra attacker to close within three and five

minutes left to play before Gibson effectively nailed the lid shut on the Northmen season with his third at 17:19 to give Elora an 11-4 victory and end the post season aspirations of the Junior B Northmen.

Speaking after the game, the disappointment was obvious on the face of coach Blaine Burman. He knew his team had played tough in

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Home sweet home - Outlaws go 3 for 3

Home proved the best place to be as the Orangeville Outlaws went three for three in Ontario Minor Football League action on Sunday.

Stepping onto the Westside Secondary gridiron to start the day were the Atom Outlaws who rolled over the Halton Cowboys 48 - 21 in the first meeting of these two teams this season. The win is a big confidence booster for the club after close losses in their last two outings, improving their season record to 2-3 heading into this weekend's road game on Saturday against the Etobicoke Eagles.

Next onto the field were the Peeewe Outlaws and they quickly picked up where their younger brethren had left off.

Playing against Brampton, the Outlaws held off a late fourth quarter challenge by the Bulldogs, avenging a loss to the same team earlier in June by posting a 29-20 victory.

In the final game of Sunday afternoon, it was the JV team's chance to shine for Orangeville.

Coming off a bye from the week previous but still plagued by lingering injuries, the Outlaws were looking to extend their two game winning streak to three.

Sam Hogenhout took control of the offence and marched the team down the field on numerous drives. Garth Bistoquet, Andrew Gerrold and Tyler Kirkpatrick did yeoman like work opening huge running lanes and giv-

ing Hogenhout and the offence time to put up 24 points.

Strong games were also put in by Norm Craig, Liam Smith, Aaron Macmillan and Jamal Kett.

The Eagles offence was held in check for

most of the game by an aggressive Outlaws defense while a couple of late scores by the

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Masters swimmers record top ten finishes

Three Masters swimmers Patricia Riley, Kimberly McGowan and Scott Palmer, members of the Dufferin Aquatic Masters (DAM Otters) recently attended the Canadian National Masters Swimming Championships in Etobicoke.

The Masters are adult members of the Orangeville Otters Swim Club who are active in competitive racing, triathlons, and fitness programs.

Patricia, Kimberly and Scott are only a few among the current dedicated members of the D.A.M.Otters. who as a group, swim up to 4 hours a week.

The three swimmers came home with a total of 11 top ten finishes amongst a very competitive group of swimmers. Each swimmer was thrilled with their National top ten finishes and performing best times as well.

Highlights of the National Championship

results include: Patricia Riley - 1st in 400 metre Individual Medley, 2nd in 100 metre Butterfly, 3rd in 400 metre Freestyle, 5th in 200 metre Freestyle, and 8th in 100 metre Individual Medley.

Kimberly McGowan - 4th in 200 metre Individual Medley, 9th in 100 metre butterfly, 9 in 200 metre back.

Scott Palmer - 6th in 200 metre Breaststroke, 10th in 100 metre Breaststroke and 10th in 50 metre Breaststroke.



ORANGEVILLE NORTHMEN David Morton gets wrapped up by Mowhawks Craig England during OLA Junior B action in Elora on Sunday. Photo/MIKE MALONEY

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