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U18 Pirates win league championship

■ Daniel Bushman

After wrapping up the regular season in first place with a 13-3-1 record, the U18 Lanigan Pirates not only took aim at marching to the East Central Minor Hockey League final but the club went undefeated in playoffs to win the title at home, improving its overall record to 19-3-1.

Head Coach of the U18 Lanigan Pirates Todd Wildeman said the season started off on the right foot and continued all year. "The players were ready to go and excited to play hockey. With last season ending early due to the pandemic, the kids were excited to get going this year."

Scoring 127 goals during the 2021-'22 season while allowing just 70, through 23 regular season and playoff games, the Pirates were led by a contingent of seven players in their final year of minor hockey.

With just three losses all year, the first place Pirates entered the playoffs against eighth seeded Davidson. Winning 7-2 and 11-1, Lanigan advanced to the league semifinal where it met fourth seeded Wadena. In round two, Lanigan shutout its opponent 6-0 and then swept the series with a 4-2 victory.

Undefeated in the post-season and moving to the league final, the team took on third place Strasbourg, who carried a regular season record of 11-5-1. Wildeman knew that Strasbourg would be a tough opponent as the two teams had each won once, lost once and tied against each other during the regular season.

In game one and looking to get ahead in the series, Lanigan headed to Strasbourg Mar. 21 and played a solid 60 minutes to take a 6-2 win. "It was close going into the third period. We scored a few and worked hard to get those and the win."

Heading back home, the Pirates looked to earn the victory in familiar confines. During the Mar. 23 game, the back and forth contest would end in favour of Lanigan to give them the league title. "In Lanigan it was a 4-3 win and very, very close. It could have went either way."

Knowing how hard it was for the team to finish first in the regular season and then winning a league title, Wildeman said it was rewarding to watch his club raise the trophy at the end of the year.

"The boys have been working at that for a long time. This year we had the players in place to do that, especially with having seven Gr. 12s. It was a pretty special win. This group of



League champions

The 2021-'22 U18 East Central Minor Hockey League champion Lanigan Pirates. Pictured back row (left to right): Wade Prouse, Todd Wildeman, Ryder Huculak, Tyler Paproski, Aidan Toms, Riley Bieber, Rhett Bryksa, Aidan Barnes, Carson Jones, Ethan Purshega, Dayton

kids have not won league before, especially those Gr. 12s, so it was pretty special for them to win it on their way out on their last chance."

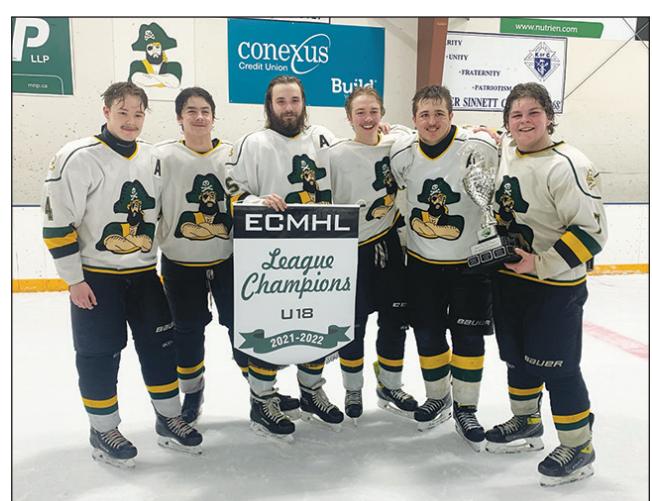
Noting the last time a Lanigan U18 team won a league title was back in 2004-'05, Wildeman added the team also entered provincials, facing a tough Redvers team. Giving them everything they had, Wildeman said the Pirates took the series the distance but came up just short. "Redvers eventually went on to win provincials and the one game that we beat Redvers was their only loss of the entire season."

After a memorable year, Wildeman wanted to extend his appreciation to his team, parents and those who supported the Pirates. "It was nice to see the rink full and loud. Lots of fans came out for that championship game. All of the parents and kids were all pulling in the same direction all year and a lot of fans came out during the season to support us all year."

With the majority of players representing Lanigan, one from Nokomis and another from Drake, this year's U18 team included: Aiden Toms (2), Chase Failler (3), Ethan Gray (4), Kacen Hyra (5), Joey Loyns (6), Ryder Huculak (7), Ethan Purshega (8), Riley Bieber (9), Rhett Bryksa (11), Nolin Gunther (12), Aidan Barnes (14), Dayton Uchacz (15), Jace Wildeman (16), Carson Jones (18), Tyler Paproski (19), Luke Prouse (20),

Uchacz, Jamie Gray, and Ken Jones. Front row: Chase Failler, Joey Loyns, Nolin Gunther, Vince Worobec, Ethan Gray, Jace Wildeman, Kacen Hyra, Luke Prouse, and Dalton Wolfe.

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Pictured above: six of the seven Lanigan Pirate graduating players after winning the U18 ECMHL League Championship. Left to right: Ethan Gray, Aidan Barnes, Dayton Uchacz, Jace Wildeman, Carson Jones, and Ryder Huculak. Missing: Dalton Wolfe.

Vince Worobec (31), Aron Toms (34), and Dalton Wolfe (41). The team was coached by Todd Wildeman along with Jamie Gray, Ken Jones, Wade Prouse, and Nolan Blair.

A look at the provincial budget with Donna Harpauer

■ Daniel Bushman

After months of preparing, making decisions, going over forecasted projections and coming up with what she feels is the best way moving forward for Saskatchewan, Finance Minister Donna Harpauer

understands tabling a budget on behalf of the province is no easy task.

Since introducing the latest budget, which forecasts \$17.2 billion in revenue for 2022-'23 along with a deficit of \$463 million, the local MLA who is the province's

Finance Minister and Deputy Premier said there is great responsibility and privilege that comes with presenting the document.

"I still can't believe that I have this job and it is such an honour and a lot of responsibility. Each and

every time I always think, I am still that girl from the farm. I approach budgets for the province in a very no nonsense and practical way that recognizes that our future generations cannot pay for grandiose spending but yet, there are still services and

programs that our citizens expect and deserve."

After navigating through the pandemic over the past two years, when the Mar. 23 budget was presented in Regina, Harpauer said it was nice to return to a full Legislature of guests including

members of her family. "It feels good to start to move back to normal after two very challenging years for government, for communities and just for people and what that new normal will look like.

It was great to have people (see page three: **BUDGET**)

Officiating at the Olympics a dream come true

■ Daniel Bushman

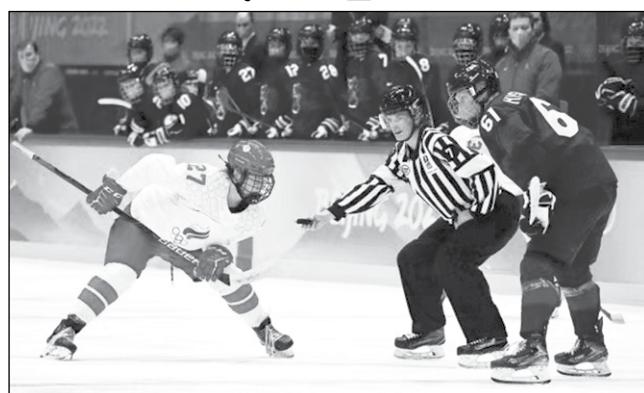
With a lot of hard work, tremendous dedication and extreme focus, official Alex Clarke not only realized her dream of representing her country at the Winter Olympics in Beijing but has returned to Canada with memories lasting a lifetime.

A dream years in the making for Clarke, after working an international tournament in Beijing in 2019, Alex wanted to return in 2022 and took a gigantic step in that direction this past November. Taking part in an officiating camp and qualification tournament with referees from across the globe, following that, the talented Clarke (nee Blair) who grew up on a farm near Drake was one of 22 selected for the Winter Olympics.

Officiating five preliminary games, a quarter final and bronze medal match during the women's ice hockey portion of the Olympics in February, Clarke who now lives near Weyburn noted the whole experience was exhausting but rewarding. "Keeping up with the covid protocols felt like a full-time job. Between zoom meetings to make sure we were up to date with the IOC Playbook, I had to drive to Regina three times and Winnipeg once for covid tests. I also had to work a full-time job and stress about not getting covid all in the last two weeks leading up to the games. There were moments when I felt like I was going to have a nervous breakdown. Thankfully it all worked out in my favour, but not without its stresses!"

After preparing in Canada for the Olympics, adhering to the protocols before hopping on a plane to Beijing in late January, once Clarke arrived, she began to adjust to her new surroundings. "We had daily covid testing. Every morning when I woke up I would go get tested, go to breakfast, then back to my room. We had a lot of down time since we weren't able to go anywhere except the arena. So I would usually spend 20 to 30 minutes in meditation after breakfast, followed by a short gym session, looking through the rule book, and game prep with the game crews."

Sticking to her routine, once Clarke's first assignment arrived and she could finally hit the ice, the official described how incredible it was. "I think when you watch players step onto the ice, or walk out onto a stadium for the first time in movies pretty much sums up how it truly feels. It's a sense of nerves, calmness, relief, excitement, and adrenaline all mixed into one!"



After years of dedication, official Alex Clarke who grew up on a farm near Drake not only qualified for the 2022 Winter Olympics as an official for women's ice hockey but she was able to officiate five preliminary games, a quarter final and the bronze medal match in Beijing. Clarke noted the opening ceremonies and bronze medal game were two highlights that stuck out for her during her time in Beijing.

- photos courtesy Alex Clarke



Because covid protocols did not allow for Clarke and other officials to take in non-hockey events including visiting the Olympic Village, Alex said the rink became a familiar venue throughout the games. Able to watch the mens and women's ice hockey games, Clarke said, "Needless to say we spent a lot of time at the arena!"

Despite the restrictions put in place, Clarke stated the Olympics provided her with a series of moments where she was in awe of being there. She also added there were other moments where the stress of competition felt crushing. "Overall it was an incredible experience, but you truly do feel a wide range of emotions going through it all."

Noting the opening ceremonies and bronze medal game as highlights in Beijing, Clarke explained they were both huge moments of realizing that she truly achieved her dream. "Watching the gold medal women's hockey game in person was also incredible though as we got to be a part of it from the stands and watch the celebration and see the medal ceremony."

As for her bronze medal assignment, at first Alex admitted she was quite disappointed as she had hoped to work the gold medal game but those feelings later changed to excitement. "After processing the assignments and experience I am so incredibly proud to have been able to work the bronze medal game at the Olympic level, and know that it truly is an accomplishment. And it was a very skilled game, with two very skilled teams; so to be on the ice with those players and other officials makes me proud as well."



As a young referee working at the Drake Sportsplex during her minor hockey days to years later being able to perform at the Olympics, Alex said the support she received from back home was tremendous. "I am so grateful for my support system back home while I was in Beijing. My husband had his hands full with our two and a half year old daughter, and both our parents ended up helping out big time as she was sick while I was away and therefore not able to be in day care. She pretty much spent a week with my in-laws and a week with my parents which was a huge help so that my husband didn't have to take two weeks off of work to be home with her. My employer and coworkers also provided me with the backup needed at work so I was able to focus 100 percent on the Olympics and honestly was so incredible to be able to feel confident that they had my back while I was away as well."

Becoming the first woman ever to ref a Canadian Hockey League and Western Hockey League game as part of the 2021-'22 season and the first female AHL linesperson to work a game at Abbotsford Centre before going to the Olympics, when asked about where the Olympics ranked for her during this memorable year, Clarke said, "I think I need time to reflect on the season as a whole; for me I have had so many incredible opportunities and experiences this season that I have to default to saying that this season ranks as the most memorable as a whole."

With her Olympic debut over, that has not meant Clarke's time on the ice has slowed down. After returning home in February, she has officiated WHL and Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League games before heading south of the border.

"I am off to Tampa, Florida to officiate the Isobel Cup as part of the Premier Hockey League, and in Abbotsford for another AHL game the following weekend. Things will start to slow down soon as seasons are wrapping up, then I trade my skates in for a pair of work gloves and a grease gun as we head into seeding season on our farm!"



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(from front page: **BUDGET**)

back in the Legislature. It is the people's house and the people's building so it was good."

Trying to ensure that various sectors are taken care of despite lots of volatility making commodity prices difficult to forecast, the MLA for Humboldt-Watrous who attended high school in Lanigan shared about the process of coming up with this year's budget.

In preparation to deliver the province's first budget since the pandemic started, Harpauer started the process in September by taking a look at what the revenues are projected to be at that time. Then meeting with different ministers, the Deputy Premier heard about pressures and needs from each. Going through those items in October, November and December, Harpauer was joined by six elected members from the Treasury Board as the group talked about the priorities and what they should be.

In the case of the 2022-'23 provincial budget, Harpauer said health care was very defined as a priority. With that in mind, leading up to the final sign off on the budget, the Treasury Board updated forecasted revenues regularly although Harpauer mentioned this year was more challenging than most because of factors like covid, inflationary rates, delays in global supply chains and other various pressures.

Despite the unknowns, by adding in strong revenues from potash and oil amidst a volatile global situation, Harpauer said those revenues were positive, showing that things are moving in the right direction. However, she cautioned that it is too soon to tell if oil prices will remain high for an extended period and what that could mean. "We will continue to monitor the impact on both revenues and affordability and respond as required."

In order to find revenue for the budget, the Finance Minister indicated there are three revenue streams the provincial government utilizes: resource revenue, transfers from the federal government and taxation. Judging on the numbers from this past year, Harpauer said the tax intake has recovered to almost pre-pandemic levels. "What that

indicates is our economy is recovering much faster than we anticipated, going from what we projected would be a huge deficit to a \$2.1 billion improvement (from last year's budget) to only having a deficit of \$463 million, which is phenomenal. It is just an indication that our economy is recovering and recovering rapidly."

As Harpauer hinted toward optimism, she also mentioned projections were quite conservative in the budget, being mindful of not wanting to rely heavily on resource revenue due to volatility. "We want to make sure we have got a really solid base and when resource revenues spike, we are going to be mindful of the decisions made around those spikes."

As an example, Harpauer noted the province was lending in the previous budget but in the third quarter, saw potash and oil being higher than anticipated. Further outlining how substantial the change is to the numbers when it comes to relying on oil, Harpauer stated, in Saskatchewan for every dollar for a barrel of oil that goes up or down, it effects the budget by \$14 million. In Alberta, for every dollar going up or down, it effects their budget by \$500 million.

While Alberta has had an almost instant recovery economy wise because of the increase in oil, in Saskatchewan's case, they also benefitted but Harpauer said they do not want to put such a substantial reliance on that resource within a budget. "What we did was we took \$450 million of unexpected cash and applied it all to operating debt and that brought the debt to below \$10 billion again."

While the additional funds from those resources were certainly welcome, the long-time MLA also knows how hard things have been since the pandemic hit Saskatchewan. "I was quite devastated the last two years. You start shutting down businesses and putting out support programs, it is very challenging for the provinces and for the nation. We were borrowing money just to operate which was devastating. But I am extremely optimistic about the future going forward."

Optimism that extends to the remainder of this year as Harpauer suggested there will be a lot activity after \$13.6

billion worth of investment through the private sector. "We are going to see a lot of construction and when that gets done there will be a lot of really good permanent jobs in the province."

Hoping for the economy and the province to move forward towards more of a normal, Harpauer who once interned at Royal University Hospital said the economy was not the only thing that was focused on in the budget.

"There are a number of initiatives we are going to be fairly aggressive on in health care."

A major priority in the 2022-'23 budget, a record \$6.8 billion was put into health care. Some of the funding was earmarked for thousands of additional surgeries in an attempt to bring down wait times. It also included increases to hire and retain physicians, to hire and train more nurses, and to hire more paramedics.

As part of that, Harpauer also noted the importance of a new and independent agency dedicated to recruiting and retaining health care workers, particularly targeting family physicians working in rural areas of the province.

Along with a number of initiatives and record spending on mental health and addictions for various programming around the province, reflecting back on the budget, Harpauer was pleased with the work done in health care.

Now with the budget tabled and months of hard work and tough decisions over, Harpauer remains busy in session and is also conducting a question and answer tour related to the budget. As part of that, Harpauer was invited by the Chamber of Commerce in six communities including Regina, North Battleford, Saskatoon, Weyburn, Moose Jaw and Prince Albert to do the Q and A sessions. Looking forward to the opportunity to spend time in other centres while talking about the optimism she sees for the province, Harpauer is hoping for good things to come.

"We are recovering and we have got some pretty exciting investments happening that are going to help many many industries and as people start coming back to our province there will be good paying jobs and it will help many of us."

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Dated this 4th day of April, 2022
Kelli Timmerman, Chief Administrative Officer
Town of Lanigan

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Kelli Timmerman,
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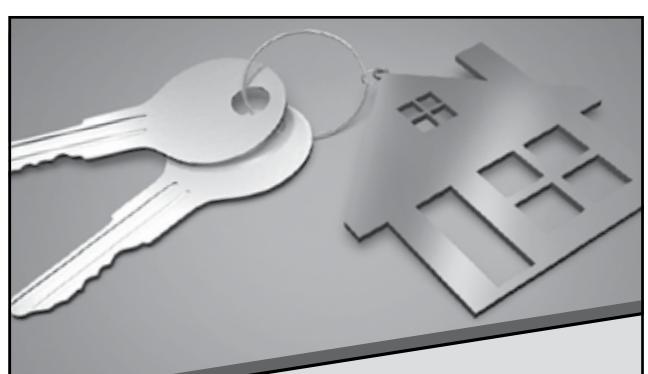
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Jansen

Louise Shannon

In last week's news regarding the passing of Beth Neuman, it should have been Bess Neuman. The Lanigan Advisor apologizes for any confusion.

Team bowling is over for the season. Apparently the men's team did really well getting eight turkeys.

Get well prayers are given for Meagan Briske, Alvin Amendt, Albert Block and Irvine Braitenbach.

With this warm weather I hope we can get rid of all this snow.

Do not get taken in by the scams going on the Internet.

I am enjoying my Purdys chocolates from the Kinettes.

I have to do some spring cleaning. I hope everyone has a great week.

Prairie Rose Bowling



Seniors

Thursday, Mar. 24

LHS: Vorgeen Wacker, 208 MHS: Rodney Liebrecht, 299

LHT: Vorgeen Wacker, 487 MHT: Rodney Liebrecht, 666

MHS: Vic Kline, 203

MHT: Vic Kline, 499

Mens

Monday, Mar. 28

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Mixed

Thursday, Mar. 24

LHS: Karen Doidge, 189

LHT: Karen Doidge, 482

MHS: Jeff Benson, 173

MHT: Jeff Benson, 475

Ladies

Wednesday, Mar. 30

LHS: Linda Kinzel, 216

LHT: Linda Kinzel, 547

Plunkett

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Dennis and Leona Credgeur returned home from Meadow Lake after being away for a week helping the kids out.

We sure have lots of snow around here. The weather has been cool and frosty.

David Toth had back surgery in Humboldt.

Most folks are busy doing spring cleaning.

My two girls were here

for a couple days to help with spring cleaning.

We see a lot of deer between Guernsey and Lanigan.

Some folks are returning from the sunny south.

Get well wishes go out to anyone ill and in the hospital.

Anyone having any news please phone me at 306-944-4852.

Thank you.

Viscount

Sandra Reid • 306-227-1193

Welcome to the month of April! What a great month, hopefully we see some sunshine and gentle April showers to bring us some beautiful May flowers. I cannot wait, it seems like this winter keeps dragging on.

Wednesday, Mar. 23, there were three of us ladies who worked on blankets. We joined together to sew squares to make blankets to give to shelters. If you feel like joining us for Blankets for Canada, please do. We meet every Wednesday afternoon at the Viscount library.

Best wishes to anyone who is under the weather. I hope you feel better soon. Have a great week, stay warm, stay safe and enjoy all that you can!

uncompliCATED -Not age but the tally of heartbeats



■ by Arlene Martin

The way hubby described it, he fell instantly, as if struck by a bullet. His coffee spilled over a friend sitting beside him. In the blink of an eye, Mark was on the floor, eyes wide but not responding. He was gasping and breathing, suffering. He'd never married, had no children. Those sitting with him did the best they could.

Someone called 911 and the voice that responded gave instructions what to do. There is no ambulance in that little town. The nearest was fifteen minutes away. Fifteen minutes too late. This man, in his mid-fifties took his last breath on the restaurant floor.

Randy returned home earlier than usual. His face was ghostly white and I knew something grim had happened. Then he relayed the events as they played out. He had lost a good friend. Right in front of his eyes.

Unbelievable. Inconceivable. Horrifically.

In the morning Randy will return to the coffee shop. He worried through the day about leaving without paying for his toast and coffee. He worried all day about the things

(The following is a repeat from April 7, 2017. It just seemed right to let it be read again.)

His name was Mark and he was Randy's friend. Every morning he joined the good ol' boys at the local coffee shop. This morning was no different. He was sitting across from Randy and the guys were discussing trucks - pickups, new and old. Mark just had his coffee cup refilled when it happened.

The way hubby described it, he fell instantly, as if struck by a bullet. His coffee spilled over a friend sitting beside him. In the blink of an eye, Mark was on the floor, eyes wide but not responding. He was gasping and breathing, suffering. He'd never married, had no children. Those sitting with him did the best they could.

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Mark had talked about, the plans he was in the midst of: moving his elderly father into a care home, finishing the building of a helicopter, Mark's family, getting Mark's truck home. I let him talk. Talk sweetheart, get it out, don't keep it inside. I was taken back fifty years when his brother died in an auto accident for I saw the same anguish in those blue eyes I love as much as my own soul.

I was up doing some things that I didn't accomplish the night before so I watched him slip into his jacket and head towards the door. I called his name and he looked at me suddenly. I blew him a kiss and said, "Come home to me." He laughed and said, "I sure will."

Unlike Mark.

At the coffee shop in the morning his friends will gather again, as usual. But the conversation likely won't be about trucks and engines and farming. The good old boys will talk about Mark and the heartbreaking reality that he is gone.

I have said it often that one's moments and minutes and days are all tagged with expiration dates. For that reason I choose not to hold back a compliment, I won't let someone's silence, thoughtless, unkind remarks or withheld gratitude simmer in, and dim my spirit. Today, in gratitude, I hugged my doctor, I hugged and thanked my pretty helpful pharmacist and I blew a kiss as hubby walked out the door. I swooped one of our pets in my arms, soothed by his purring and I rubbed my chin into Benny's soft shiny fur. I intend to fall asleep tonight thinking about the incredulity, though fragility of life.

And Mark. I will think of the times he's stopped at our farm always wearing a big beautiful smile.

It's easier to live and love deeper and more passionately realizing the only thing separating the distance between life and death is but one little heartbeat.

Canucks face Flyers in league final

■ Daniel Bushman

After winning the Senior A Provincial title against Meadow Lake Mar. 20, the Drake Canucks took aim at claiming a league championship. Finishing first during the Long Lake Hockey League regular season with a record of 12-2-0-1, Drake faced Foam Lake who also replicated the same record.

With the Canucks winning the regular season series between the two clubs, Drake opened the best of five at home Mar. 22. Just a few days after winning a provincial title, the Canucks were unable to muster any goals in game one as Foam Lake tallied twice in the opening 20 minutes and then added a pair in period two to win 4-0.

As the series shifted to Foam Lake for game two Mar. 25, Drake looked to even the best of five and got off to a 1-0 lead. With 9:50 remaining in the first, Maguire Blair opened the

scoring and the Canucks took aim at adding more. However, just over a minute later, the Flyers tied the contest as Justin Boyer made it 1-1. Foam Lake then added a second marker, this time with 5:37 remaining and the Flyers pushed ahead 2-1. Not wanting to fall too far behind, the Canucks found themselves with a man advantage and on the power play, connected with 16 seconds left in the frame. With a marker by John Lawrence, clubs headed into period two all tied up at two.

In the middle stanza, Drake found its groove scoring an even strength goal, a shorthanded tally and a power play marker to lead 5-2. Foam Lake countered late in the period to get to within a pair but after 40 minutes, the Canucks went into the final 20 minutes leading 5-3.

Looking to tie the series, Drake entered the third ahead but it would be Foam Lake scoring early on to make it 5-4. Teams

then swapped goals as the Canucks maintained its one goal advantage midway through the final period. The team then collected two more markers, one from Cam Blair and another by John Lawrence and at the buzzer, Drake won 8-5.

Teams were back on the ice in Drake the following day for game three. In that matchup, with both teams looking to take a 2-1 series

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- photo and info submitted by Isabel Bowman

(from page four: **CANUCKS**)

Maguire Scheidt.

Down 5-3 through 40 minutes, Drake tried to nab a pair of third period markers and started with a power play goal from Cody Pettapiece to make it 5-4. With Spencer Ewen getting the call for Drake and Brad Sentes in net for Foam Lake, both netminders stood tall for the majority of the final frame, keeping shooters at bay. Looking to find the equalizer, Drake pulled Ewen for the extra attacker but it would be the Flyers scoring with 44 seconds left as Justin Boyer got the goal giving Foam Lake a 6-4 win and a 2-1 series lead.

Back in Foam Lake for game four Mar. 28, the Canucks looked to extend the series and force a fifth game back home. In the first period, with Calvin Bartel getting the call in net for Drake, the Canucks tallied to begin the contest as Cam Blair scored his first of the night with 10:47 remaining. The Flyers countered with a goal of its own less than a minute later but with the power play, Drake pushed ahead once again.

With 6:11 on the clock in period one, Cam Blair notched his second of the night from Cody Pettapiece and Carter Coben and the Canucks regained the lead, this time at 2-1.

Maintaining a one goal advantage into the second, Drake took aim at adding to its total but it would be the Flyers scoring four times in period two, one of those coming shorthanded.

Down 5-2 through two, the Canucks looked to get back on the score sheet and with just over 10 minutes remaining in period three, Cam Blair completed the hat trick to make it 5-3. With the season on the line and with less than a minute to play, Drake pulled its goalie and David Stumborg scored with 34 seconds to go. Down by just one and looking to force overtime, the Canucks pressed but were unable to score before the final buzzer as Foam Lake took the LLHL championship on home ice by a score of 5-4.

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