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### 2011 GAIT/OLA BANTAM PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONS CROWNED

This year's Gait/OLA Bantam Provincial Championships crowned three new champions in three thrilling final matchups.

The Gait/OLA Bantam "B" Championship looked to be a defensive showdown between Peterborough and Mississauga after one period of play. Evan Gilbert scored the only goal of the first period to give Peterborough a 1-0 lead. Both teams' offensive units started to click in the second period and the game became a back-and-forth affair as the teams traded goals before the buzzer. Mississauga took a 4-3 lead into the third before Peterborough tied things up with ten minutes to go. Mississauga's Dylan Strome completed his hat-trick at the 6:08 mark of the third period to give the Tomahawks a 5-4 lead. Strome then sealed the game with his fourth goal at 2:41 and Mississauga claimed the Gait/OLA Bantam "B" Championship. Peterborough's Julien Jacobs had 1g, 1a in the loss.

Following the "B" Championship, Kitchener 2 faced off against Uxbridge in the Gait/OLA Bantam "D" Championship. Kitchener 2 scored two early goals to take a 2-0 lead before Tyler Stinson got the Enforcers on the board at 0:21 to trail 2-1 heading into the second period. Uxbridge scored the only goal of the second to tie the game at two entering the third period. The Braves and Enforcers exchanged third period goals and would need overtime to decide a victor. Kitchener 2 scored twice before Michael Berger scored his second of the game for Uxbridge with 3:25 left but Kitchener 2 was able to hold on and claim the Gait/OLA Bantam "D" Championship. Kitchener 2 was lead by Tyler Verutis and Ryan Smart, each with 1g, 1a and Jeremy Kuehn with 2 assists.

The final Bantam division to be decided was the Gait/OLA Bantam "C" Championship which was an all Zone 5 affair as Kahnawake battled Cornwall. Kahnawake got off to a quick start as Cameron Horn scored just 49 seconds into the contest. Cornwall tied the game 1-1 before Kahnawake struck twice more with less than two minutes remaining in the first to take a 3-1 lead. The first period turned out to be the decisive one as each team tallied once in the second period and twice in the third. Cornwall could not overcome the two-goal deficit and Kahnawake claimed the Gait/OLA Bantam "C" Championship. Horn finished the game with 2g, 3a for Kahnawake while Tyler Akins had 2g and Aodin Macdonell had 1g, 2a for Cornwall.

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