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THREE NEW CHAMPIONS CROWNED IN INTERMEDIATE ACTION

This year's Reebok/OLA Intermediate Provincial Championships took place at McKinney Arena in Whitby and delivered some exciting competition including some overtime magic.

In the Reebok/OLA Intermediate "B" Championship, Markham took on Guelph in a physical affair. Guelph held a 2-1 advantage with 6:38 remaining in the first before Markham rattled off three consecutive goals to lead 4-2 heading into the second period. Markham extended their lead with two more goals in the second including Patrick Morgan's hat-trick goal at the 14:42 mark. Guelph's Brad Malott added a goal for Guelph in the third but could not mount a comeback and Markham took home the Reebok/OLA Intermediate "B" Championship by a score of 6-3.

Next on the schedule was the Reebok/OLA Intermediate "A" Championship where Newmarket battled Brampton. Newmarket's Scott Tremblay scored with just 0:29 seconds remaining in the first to give the Redbirds a 1-0 lead. Brampton hit the score sheet twice within two minutes of each other to give them a 2-1 lead after two periods of play. Tremblay scored his second of the game for Newmarket to tie things at 2-2 with 14:14 to play. Brampton's Shawn Duncan gave the Excelsiors a 3-2 advantage with 9:26 remaining and they were able to nurse the one goal lead all the way to the final buzzer to claim the Reebok/OLA Intermediate "A" Championship.

The Reebok/OLA Intermediate "C" Championship had a flair for the dramatic as Clarington and the Toronto Stars went head-to-head in a Zone 6 matchup. Clarington jumped out to a 3-0 lead before Justin Harvey got the Stars on the board to trail 3-1 after the first. The Stars offense started clicking in the second period as they rallied for four goals to take a 5-4 lead into the third. With Clarington trailing 6-5, Shayne Smith found the back of the net with 0:16 remaining on the clock to send the game into overtime. Toronto broke the deadlock with 9:43 remaining in overtime on a Lawson May goal. Clarington's Smith scored his second tying goal in as many periods before teammate Mitchell Woods scored 18 seconds later to give Clarington an 8-7 advantage. The Stars' desperate attempt to tie the game fell short and Clarington edged out Toronto 8-7 to claim the Reebok/Intermediate "C" Championship. Along with Smith's two goals, Clarington also had a strong game from Broddie Edmondson with 2g, 1a while Toronto's Jimmy May had 2 goals in the losing effort.

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