



## Ontario Lacrosse Festival

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#### NOVICE DRAMATICS CLOSES 2011 FESTIVAL WITH FIVE CHAMPIONSHIPS

This year's Novice division saw record numbers of participants with nearly 90 teams registered which made for a lot of close games and exciting action in the August 7th finals.

The Warrior/OLA Novice "E" Championship was a penalty-filled matchup between Newmarket 2 and Peterborough 3 with 45 penalty minutes between the clubs. The first period was evenly matched as the teams traded goals and ended tied at two goals apiece. Newmarket 2 turned up their offense in the second period and found the back of the net four times to take a 6-3 lead heading into the third. In a penalty ridden third period, Newmarket 2 added to their lead to bring home the Warrior/OLA Novice "E" Championship with a 7-3 victory. Newmarket 2 was led by L. Beadle with 2g, 1a and T. Gravelle with 2 goals while Peterborough's Ben Crowley had 1g, 1a in the loss.

West Durham made their second consecutive appearance in the Warrior/OLA Novice "D" Championship, this year taking on Shelburne. West Durham bolted out of the gate with a goal just 18 seconds into the contest from A. Aicken. Shelburne would respond and take a 3-1 lead before Aicken scored his second of the period to close the gap to 3-2. Shelburne continued to outscore West Durham in the second period and held a 6-4 advantage heading into the third period. West Durham would not go down without a fight and pulled together to score six consecutive goals to complete the comeback with a 10-7 victory to claim the Warrior/OLA Novice "D" Championship. Aicken finished the contest with 4g, 1a while teammate D. Robinson had 4g, 2a in the victory. Shelburne's Zackary Kruger had 3g and Alex Crowley had 2g in the loss.

The Warrior/OLA Novice "C" Championship was a nail-biter the whole game as Kawartha Lakes and Niagara-on-the-Lake (NOTL) battled in a low scoring affair. Cameron Corbett gave Kawartha Lakes a 1-0 advantage with a goal at 1:48 of the first. In the second, NOTL's Jared Mines tied the game at the 12:06 mark and the teams entered the third period deadlocked at 1-1. NOTL capitalized on the man-advantage with a goal from Trent Hunter at 9:42 to give NOTL the 2-1 lead. Kawartha Lakes was unable to solve the goaltender down the stretch and NOTL emerged as the Warrior/OLA Novice "C" Champions with a 2-1 victory.

The Milton Mavericks' Novice team had quite a run during the 2011 season and it culminated in an appearance in the Warrior/OLA Novice "B" Championship game against Six Nations. This championship had all sorts of offense and passion. Six Nations held a 3-1 advantage in the first period before Milton scored twice in the span of a minute and a half to tie things up at 3-3. Milton took a 4-3 advantage early in the second before Six Nations scored twice in 43 seconds to reclaim the lead, 5-4. Milton tied the game at fives before the end of the frame and took a 2 goal lead in the third as Tanner Wickware completed his hat-trick. Six Nations then scored four consecutive goals to take a two goal lead of their own with 6:25 remaining. With the goaltender pulled, Milton pulled to within one goal with 1:10 remaining. Milton showed their desire to win and passion for the game on the next possession when Six Nations had the chance to score an empty net goal. Milton players dove in front of shots and prevented a goal, then recovered the loose ball and tied the game with 10 seconds remaining to send the Milton fans into a frenzy.



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Six Nations proved not to be rattled by Milton's last minute heroics as the game shifted to overtime. Milton was unable to take their momentum into the extra frame and were outscored by four goals as Six Nations claimed the 13-9 victory and Warrior/OLA Novice "B" Championship.

The Warrior/OLA Novice "A" Championship was a rematch of the 2010 championship as Whitby and Clarington squared off. Clarington's Owen Doorenspleet gave the Gaels a 1-0 advantage after one period of play with his goal at the 5:50 mark. In the second period, Whitby's rattled off three consecutive goals to hold a 3-1 lead heading into the third. The defending champs added another goal from Ben Andrews in the third to secure a 4-1 victory and repeat as the Warrior/OLA Novice "A" Champions. Dustin Hutton had 2 goals for Whitby in the victory.

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