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FOUR CHAMPIONS CROWNED AT THIS YEAR'S BANTAM PROVINCIALS

In one of the largest Bantam divisions ever, four division winners were crowned champions at this year's Gait/OLA Bantam Championships.

First up was the Gait/OLA Bantam "E" Championship, featuring Oshawa and Kingston. Both goalies were strong in the first frame, with Kingston holding a slight 1-0 advantage after the first period. Kingston turned up their offensive game in the second, notching four goals to hold a 5-0 lead after two periods. Oshawa got on the board in the final frame but could not overcome the early deficit as Kingston went on to a 6-1 victory to claim the Gait/OLA Bantam "E" Championship. Dakota Brown had four goals and Jack Boka had 2g, 1a to lead Kingston to the victory while Tyler Hutchinson scored the lone Oshawa goal.

The Gait/OLA Bantam "D" Championship followed with Whitby squaring off against Sudbury. Sudbury jumped out to a 2-0 lead before the game was even three minutes old, but Whitby notched two of their own before the first period was up. Sudbury's goaltender finished the game strong, shutting out the opponent in the final two frames, giving Sudbury the opportunity to take the lead. Sudbury went on to a 6-2 final to win the Gait/OLA Bantam "D" Championship. Ward Kyle had 2g while Tristan Simeoni and Brett Whitehead each had 3a to top the Sudbury scoring leaders.

Kahnawake made a return appearance in the Gait/OLA Bantam "C" Championship, looking to duplicate their success from a year ago. This year's opponent came from Brantford. The Brantford squad opened the scoring in the first but Kahnawake rallied for two to take a 2-1 lead after the first period. Kahnawake added two more in the second period to extend their lead to 4-1. Brantford would add a goal in the third, but could not hold Kahnawake off the board as Kahnawake took the Gait/OLA Bantam "C" Championship by a score of 7-2 for their second straight banner. Raniehawi Lander led the Mohawks with 2g, 4a and Teionshontathe McComber had 1g, 3a.



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Closing out the Gait/OLA Bantam provincial action was the “B” Championship between Owen Sound and Toronto Beaches. Owen Sound scored a go-ahead goal with three seconds remaining in the first to take a 2-1 advantage. The last-minute goal deflated the Toronto squad as Owen Sound scored the first two goals of the second frame. Beaches battled back to trail by just two after two periods, but Owen Sound piled on four goals in the final period, propelling them to a 9-4 victory to claim the Gait/OLA Bantam “B” Championship. Jacob McNabb and Jordan Caskenette each scored three goals to lead Owen Sound to the championship.

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