

Undefeated Thunderhawks beat Guelph 6-3

Andy Boldt
Special to The Lake Report

The U22 Niagara Thunderhawks entered the floor for their pre-game warm up excited to play, while a much physically larger team from Guelph sauntered out exuding a quiet exuberance.

The undefeated Thunderhawks were about to face their toughest competition in Ontario Lacrosse League and tournament play so far this season.

The June 14 game started with a face-off win and possession of the ball for Niagara. Guelph instantly applied relentless pressure to the Thunderhawks' ball carrier, causing them to burn through their first 30-second clock and not providing a decent scoring opportunity.

That pressure was a strategy used by the Guelph Regals for the rest of the game. It didn't deter the visitors from Niagara, though, who went home with a 6-3 victory.

The Regals were able to open the scoring two minutes in when a long shot beat Jack Muraca through the five hole.



#6 Ethan Williams
Offense

Jack Parker answered by scoring on a nice bounce shot two minutes later to tie the score 1-1.

The Regals' high-intensity pressure eventually earned them a penalty, allowing the Thunderhawks to capitalize on their man up situation with a goal by Ethan Williams with five minutes left in the first period.

Although the score was in the Thunderhawks favour, the Regals were controlling the play, getting to most of the loose balls first and forcing poor scoring opportunities for the Thunderhawks.

They dominated on the floor, but Niagara was ahead 2-1 on the scoreboard.

The second period start-



#21 Jack Marotta
Defence

ed with the same intensity as the first. The Regals' intense play away from the ball caused a Thunderhawk to take an unnecessary penalty 200 feet from the play, nullifying a break-away by a Thunderhawks teammate.

The Regals capitalized on their power play to tie the game at 2.

Niagara responded with positive energy and determination to score three more goals in the second.

Aedan O'Gorman's bounce shot through the opponents legs, Parker's rocket off the post while shooting around Jordan Wiens who was tussling in front of the net to screen the goalie and Ethan Williams' simple shot on the move beat the Guelph

goalie stick side with 24 seconds left in the second.

Both teams matched goals in the third, scoring once each to make the final 6-3.

The Regals got the first third-period marker, displaying a pattern of a lack of intensity at the start of each period. Trent Hunter was able to answer the Regals on a great give-and-go play with Joe Fragnito to wrap up the scoring for both teams.

The Thunderhawks have a bye this week and will face the Hamilton Bengals at home on June 28 at 8 p.m.

Then, on July 9 for NOTL Lacrosse Alumni Day, they have a double-header versus the Milton Mavericks, with 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. start times.

There will be a barbecue between games.

All former NOTL lacrosse players are encouraged to come watch the 2022 Thunderhawks take on a team with a similar undefeated record, meet the players, catch up with former teammates and spread the history of NOTL lacrosse.

Andy Boldt is head coach of the U22 Niagara Thunderhawks.



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\$2,800 raised at church's yard and bake sale

Steve Hardaker
Community Correspondent

After two years when all church activities were cancelled due to the coronavirus, the members of St. Davids-Queenston United Church held their first yard and bake sale, post-pandemic this past Saturday.

The organizers of the sale declared it a tremendous success. During their Sunday worship service, activities committee member and organizer of the sale, Nancy Lang told the congregation over \$2,800 was raised.

She said there had been a steady flow of shoppers all day.

Fundraising activities help the church to conduct outreach programming within the church as well as throughout the community.

Members had dropped off gently used household items at the church during the week, from bicycles and golf clubs to crystal stemware and ornaments.

And while the larger items were individually priced, shoppers were encouraged to fill a cardboard box with items for \$10.



Rev. YongSeok Baek joins volunteers Marianne McRae, Sue Foss and Judy Kerr during the St. Davids-Queenston United Church yard and bake sale on Saturday. LINDA HARDAKER

Members of the United Church Women had home baking of popular items for the bake sale. The table was sold out by the end of the day.

Fundraising activities like

these are an opportunity to reach outside the walls of the church into the community around it to showcase the church and engage in fellowship activities while at the same time raising

money to support both the operational and capital budgets.

Steve Hardaker has lived in Glendale for over 11 years and is active in many community organizations.

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Queenston Art Show returns after four years

Evan Saunders
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The Queenston Community Centre and Library got a vitality boost on the long weekend as the much-loved Queenston Art Show returned after a four-year hiatus.

"I come every year, but it hasn't happened since 2018," Niagara-on-the-Lake resident Susan Brown said at the show on Sunday.

"It's wonderful. It's just a part of the community and we couldn't do anything for those years when it was off," she said.

"I missed it."

Brown said she always purchases art to support the artists.

"My house is full," she said.

"I used to bring my husband and then it got to a point where he couldn't come in any more so he used to sit and wait for me in the car while I came in and browsed," Brown recalled with a laugh.

The library has a long history of hosting Queenston's social events, NOTL resident Marlene McCarthy recalled.



Susan Brown and Marlene McCarthy browse some of the paintings on display at the Queenston Art Show over the long-weekend. EVAN SAUNDERS

"You know, back in the 1970s we had a chili bake-off here. It was a contest about who had the best chili recipe," she said.

"The best one was the one with chocolate in it," McCarthy said these events provided a space for residents to meet and learn from each other.

She was born in Niagara Falls but raised in NOTL and has lived here virtually ever since. She went to Niagara District High School.

Brown said she hopes the art show marks a return of events at the library.

"I wish I had an excuse to come here more often," she said.

Brown and McCarthy are longtime admirers of St. Catharines artist Anne Reimer, whose work has been displayed at the Queenston show for many years.

Reimer sold a painting at the show on Friday and said she was glad to be back.

"I've been painting for about 40 years," the 83-year-old said.

"I get inspired every day by my garden and the places that I travel and the surrounding area."

Reimer had two paintings on display at the show on Saturday. One was of a peony and another was of a home in Queenston.

"I just love the peony. They are so tender and delicate and I love it when they bloom," she said.

"They have a very short blooming period and fade easily. So, if I paint them they last for a long time."

All of the paintings on sale at the library were original works. Reimer said it can be difficult to part with an original piece.

"They are a part of me. It's sentimental to me but I'm also glad when somebody else likes them," said Reimer, who also teaches at the Niagara Pumphouse Arts Centre.

All of her paintings were done with a palette knife using oil paint. She said it allows her to make remarkable textures in her paintings.

Viewed from the side, Reimer's works literally leap off the canvas.

Art show chair Yimlei Molly Yep said she doesn't yet know whether the show will happen again next year.

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