



Belleville Sens make a comeback with a 4-1 victory over the Rochester Americans following their 4-1 defeat the day before.

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Belleville Sens dominate at home

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In a showdown at the CAA Arena this past Saturday, the Belleville Senators bounced back from a 4-1 defeat the day prior against the Rochester Americans. The Senators showcased their dominance, leaving the Americans frustrated after a commanding 4-1 victory.

The Senators, who were fuelled by an exceptional performance, brought the fight to their divisional rivals from beginning to end, leaving spectators overtly entertained.

The Senators wasted no time asserting their dominance, as Garrett Pilon unleashed his offensive prowess in just over three minutes into the game, which

secured his 13th goal of the season past Rochester's goaltender Devon Levi – a force to be reckoned with in the AHL. The Senators early success set the tone for Belleville's offensive assault.

As the game progressed, the Senators power play continued to wreak havoc on the Americans. Midway through the second period, Rourke Chartier showcased his precision with a thunderous one-timer, extending the Senators' lead to 2-0.

The Senators pressure was relentless and left the Americans exasperated which only led to further frustration. One short-lived brawl took place in the first period, followed by another in the second, as well as the only fight of the game between the Senators Angus Crookshank and Roches-

ters Graham Slaggert, and spectators' eyes were glued to the entanglement.

The third period saw no interlude for Rochester as Cole Reinhardt further widened the gap, scoring his fifth goal of the season and pushing the score to 3-0. Despite Rochester's efforts, their lone goal came in the last 10 minutes of the third, courtesy of Zack Metsa's breakthrough against Belleville's goaltender Kevin Mandolese.

However, any hopes of a Rochester comeback were gone when Chartier secured his second goal of the game in the last two minutes, sealing Belleville's victory with a well-placed shot into the empty net. Chartier's stellar performance earned him the spotlight, with two crucial goals and five shots on goal, highlighting his

impact on the ice.

Key players contributed significantly to Belleville's triumph. Donovan Sebrango registered two assists, which was his first multi-point game of the season. Angus Crookshank continued his impressive play with an assist, extending his point streak to four games now. Matt Highmore and Josh Currie also made notable contributions, each recording assists to propel Belleville to victory.

In the goaltending department, Senators goalie, Kevin Mandolese was a brick wall, turning away 22 of 23 shots against Rochester, displaying his resilience between the bars and leading Belleville to their undisputed victory.

The Senators performance was sol-

id, with a 2/4 conversion rate on the power play and a flawless 4/4 display on the penalty kill, showcasing their solidity and efficiency in all areas of the game.

With this victory, the Belleville Senators continue to fight for their position as a formidable force in the league. For now, the Senators are setting their sights as they prepare to face the Toronto Marlies in their upcoming game at Coca-Cola Coliseum on Wednesday.

As the Senators bask in the glory of their latest victory, their fans eagerly anticipate more outstanding performances as they are soon to embark on their play-off journey and work towards further success in the AHL.

Historical figures tell Belleville's story

By Isidore Champagne

The Hastings County Historical Society hosted a public presentation on some of the most important and famous historical figures of this area on Jan.16. Tea, cookies and biscuits were served at the event.

The overarching goal of the society is to educate the public on the history that led us to the present day. The organization has published 18 plaques throughout Hastings County that highlight some of its history, 12 of which can be found walking down Front Street on Belleville. It also encourages the publication of books related to the history of this region.

"The world didn't start when you were born. You're the product of your family's history, your family's traits, your genes and the whole world," said Richard Hughes, dressed in a top hat, black suit and sizable old-fashioned tie.

He's the former Historical Society president and current Henry Corby impersonator. Originally born in England in 1806, Henry Corby led an interesting and tragic life that saw him suffer the loss of his wife and two of his children at once, but also saw him run a successful bakery and get himself elected twice as the mayor of Belleville. He even started a distillery that under his son became one of the largest producers of alcoholic beverages in the world.

"These endless series of stories and we like stories, it comes down to that," said Hughes.

The historian believes in the importance of understanding history, and in the power of a good story. "...people make better decisions with where we should be going in the future."

The presentation started with the detailed story of fur thieves casing and looting a store in downtown Belleville a hundred years ago. The robbery, done by an organized gang, made global headlines, for the ludicrous profit that it offered the thieves. The store lost \$20,000 worth of goods in 1924, roughly \$350,000 in today's money.



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(From left) Richard Hughes dressed as Henry Corby, poses with other historical figures Ellen Bilbrough and William Canniff after the show.

The thieves snuck behind the store with a vehicle around midnight, grabbed all of the fur and left. The police noticed that a break-in had happened at around 1:30 a.m. A gentleman had been go-

ing store to the store the week before, finding any excuse to access the back of shops, which was reported after the robbery as suspicious activity. Eventually the robbers were caught and arrested by

the police.

The last part of the presentation had some exciting cosplay theatre as Henry Corby, Ellen Bilbrough and William Canniff were reenacted in

costume and presented their life story to the audience.

The Hastings Historical Society can be found on Facebook where they advertise their upcoming community events.