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BENGALS FINISH AT THE TOP OF BANTAM DIVISION

The Hamilton Bengals won a nail biter of a final against The Oshawa Blue Knights for the Bantam B Provincial Championship title at the 2017 Ontario Lacrosse Festival. The Bengals struck first, with Zack McDonald opening up the scoring mid-way through the second period. Cameron Mullin of Oshawa countered just 38 seconds left, evening the score. Just two minutes later, Robbie Watkins put one home for Hamilton, putting them back in the lead. Hamilton would hold onto the lead until mid-way through the third period, when Andrew Leckie evened the score for Oshawa. The game wouldn't stay tied for long, as Isaac Peeres scored for Hamilton just 17 seconds later to put them back in the lead. Hamilton would shutdown the Oshawa offence for the remainder of the period, closing out a 3-2 victory and taking home the Bantam B title.

The Kawartha Lakes Fury faced off with the Brampton 2 Excelsiors for the Bantam C title. Matt Pereira for Brampton and Cade Jermyn for Kawartha Lakes scored in the first period, leaving the game deadlocked at the first break. Nick Harris and Jaxon Gill both scored within the span of a minute and ten seconds to give Kawartha Lakes a two-goal cushion mid-way through the second frame. Kawartha Lakes wouldn't look back as Ashtin Keeler added another goal mid-way through the third period, to stretch their lead to three. Nathan Dunne would register a late goal for Brampton, but it wouldn't be enough as Kawartha Lakes held onto a 4-2 victory, taking home the Bantam C Championship.

The Burlington 2 Chiefs met the Owen Sound North Stars in the Bantam D finals. Owen Sound would run away with this one, taking a 5-1 lead into the first intermission. Tanner Dann and Carter Cooke scored Burlington's only two goals of the game as Owen Sound would go on to win the Bantam D title with the help of a hat trick from Carter Moran. Spencer Maddock, Quentin Merrifield and Kaiden Vance would all score a pair of goals each in the 10-2 victory.

The Hamilton 2 Bengals battled the North Perth Outlaws for the Bantam E title. A last-minute goal by Landon Wideman would give North Perth a 1-0 lead heading into the first intermission. That's all the support North Perth goaltender Ty Verbeek would need as he shutdown Hamilton for the remainder of the game. North Perth

would score three more in the second, before Wideman scored again in the third period to cap off a 5-0 victory and secure the Bantam E title for North Perth.

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