

## Lightning continued

goaltending since the departure of Taseh Nanticoke who been the steady netminder for the past few years. Stanley Francis was his backup and is also gone. Rookie Daylin Adams was called up for the task and he recorded one assist. Heath Day, son of goaltending great Ray Day backed up Adams in net and they will have the addition of Kevin Foster of Massena. The field lacrosse goalkeeper is working on his game.

He's making the transition to box," said Cree.

Foster saw some action in the Lightning's next game Wednesday May 3 and picked up an assist as the Lightning won 14-10 over the visiting Gloucester Griffins.

The Mitchell boys Lance and Lucas combined for ten points as Lance lead with four goals and two assists. Lucas scored three and one assist.

Smart scored twice and picked up Player of the Game honors. Jacobs, Terrance, Oakes, Francis and Jacobs rounded off the scoring with one each.

Akwasasne had established a 5-0 first period lead and a blow-out started to take shape. Lance scored twice and chipping in were Jacobs, Oakes, and Lucas Mitchell. But after the fifth goal Griffins starting netminder Paul Richard was chased out in favor of Jamie Jordan. From there the game started to shift and Gloucester scored three goals in less than a minute and the period ended 5-3.

Head Coach Mike Benedict said breakdowns like that will have to be worked on.

To do this Benedict said he would have liked to fix these areas away from the Anonwarako:wa Arena so the local fans could see a well-oiled lacrosse team when they return.

But the OLA schedule shot down that plan.

"We have four home games in a row, I'd like to play away to get the kinks out," he said.

In the second period the Lightning outscored Gloucester 3-2 and led 8-5. Smart scored his pair and Lance Mitchell scored once.

Co-Coach Lewis Mitchell said they are still assessing their goaltending situation although Adams was playing big as he drew an assist in this game.

The team has a goaltending pool to pick from in Adams, Foster, Heath Day and Morgan David. Mitchell said they will all have consideration.

"They all have something to offer, wait till they start to shine," he said.

The Mitchells and Francis scored early in the final to give them a comfortable 11-5 lead. But Gloucester decided again they were not going to run away and they pumped in three to bring them within three 11-8.

But Lucas Mitchell made a nifty behind the back goal at the halfway point for their 12th and Gloucesters Mike Dubien netted their 9th.

The Griffins looked to be setting up a another late rally but Josh Jacobs broke up a Gloucester play, passed ahead to Jon Tarbell who broke in alone to score. Carey Terrance completed the Lightning's scoring for the night as Evan Cree fought for possession in heavy traffic and passed off to Terrance who connected. The Griffins Brad MacDonald topped off their scoring late in the game. The Griffins Dubien received player of the game and he scored four.

At the end of this game in the dressing room Mike Benedict told his players to get ready for Saturday night against the Green Gaels. They have some big boys coming down.

And that is exactly what happened Saturday night May 6 as a big hitting Clarington Green Gaels defeated them 8-3 ending their early season win streak.

The first period was wide open and the Green Gaels announced their arrival by throwing around some weight. The the scrappy Lightning held their own and gave back what they got.

There was also some aggressive goaltending from Adams and Green Gaels Mike Miron.

On several occasions both netminders left their crease to take out a forward while playing the ball.

After 12:00 scoreless lacrosse the Green Gaels Josh Colley scored on the power-play.

Less than a minute later they added their second and the period ended 2-0.

Head coach Benedict said that's the style for teams from the West. Letting their special teams go to work.

"The teams from the west sucker you into taking penalties," said Benedict.

The second period started as a little vindication for Jon Tarbell. In several occasions in the opening period he was parked on the crease of the Green Gaels waiting for the pass. But when it came he was denied by goaltender Miron.

But in the first three minutes he finally beat Miron on the breakaway. Stephen Hoar put the Green Gaels ahead with a blast from the right face-off circle to put it 3-1.

Akwasasne was on the power-play minutes later when Larry Jock was stopped by Miron. Kevin Smart jumped on the rebound, plowed through some Green Gaels and scored their second.

The visitors started to pull ahead by scoring four unanswered goals to close the period 7-2. The last two goals were trick-bounce shots that Adams had a piece of it but it dribbled away.

Goalie Miron was selected Player of the Game and he played very hard. He was yanked in the final five minutes but not before taking a solid run at Lucas Mitchell.

The Lightning started the third with a fresh goalie as Heath Day stepped in for Adams. Head Coach Benedict said sitting out Adams in the third had nothing to do with being down 7-2.

"I don't like to pull the goalie after a goal because it throws his confidence, he (Adams) did good, he can't help it if they are always coming in."

Akwasasne was eager to rally and the Gaels were just as eager to hold them off. The third period saw some excellent lacrosse with no scoring until the final five minutes. Phil Boots hit Lucas Mitchell in the slot and he scored short-handed.

Dispite the first loss Benedict says he still has a lot of raw talent to work with.

"Basic lacrosse, that's all it is, we have a good nucleus, we had good checks and we did alright."

The Gaels goaltender Miron covered alot of net with his big pads and left little room for Lightning snipers to connect. Benedict said his boys did good.

"We outshot them 44-27 but they had big goalies and we couldn't find the holes."

## Outlaws Close In On First Win of 2000.

By Derrick Lafrance

The Akwasasne Outlaws had a tough two game exhibition season. On April 20 they were handed a 10-9 loss by the Kahnawake Mohawks in Kahnawake.

Nicholas Sunday and Darcy Powless scored two apiece for Akwasasne and contributing one each were Mike Benedict Jr with three assists, Jack Bogwicz, Jason Thompson and Jason Stowell.

Kahnawake's Herbie Kirby started the scoring 1:32 into the game with Aaron Norton assisting. Benedict scored the Outlaws first goal and it stayed tied until the halfway point when the Mohawks scored two 1:30 apart.

Then it was the Outlaws turn to score two quick ones - Powless and Bogwicz and that tied the game until the final two minutes when Kahnawake netted one to end the first 4-3.

The Mohawks scored two early second period goals to pad their lead 6-3. The next ten minutes was scoreless lacrosse until Sunday scored his first of two. Roger Moses replied for Kahnawake and the Outlaws added another late goal to trail at the end of two 7-5.

In the third Akwasasne outscored the Mohawks four to two but Kahnawake had built up that early lead and it ended 10-9.

Stowel, Thompson, Powless and Sunday scored those final four goals.

Head Coach Vince Thompson said it will take time but he believes the Outlaws will be the leagues elite.

"Last year my goal was to make playoffs, this year we are going to cruise to the playoffs and next season people will start to watch us," said Thompson.

The Outlaws had a rough start last season as they didn't get their line-ups shored up until almost mid-season. The as they began hitting their stride they lost guys to work commitments. He hopes that doesn't happen again.

They opened their season last Saturday May 6 at Rouses Point against the Ganienkeh Gunners. Gunner players like Louie and Leb Thomas, John Oakes and Goalie Peter "Frying Pan" Adams used to where the Outlaws colors. Now they were playing hard against them.

Danny David, Darcy Powless and Jason Roundpoint scored for Akwasasne in a 6-3 loss.

Oakes scored three for the Gunners and Sose Kirby netted two. Nick Skye scored once.

The Outlaws were kept scoreless in the first period as the Gunners scored three - Kirby (2) and Oakes.

In the second period Akwasasne was held scoreless for almost 15 minutes until David got them their first and that was their only marker for that period.

The Gunners added two more in the second period - Skye and Oakes.

A big difference in the Ganienkeh win, according to Outlaws coach Thompson, was the play of Gunners goalie Adams.

"Pan was hot, he came here to play," said Thompson of Adams.

The Gunners carried that 5-1 lead into the third and Roundpoint and Powless' goals made it 5-3. The Gunners hung on and scored their 6th goal with a minute remaining in the game.

The Outlaws had 27 P.I.M. and the Gunners 25.

Next action for Akwasasne is Sunday when they travel to Kahnawake to try to avenge those two exhibition loses. Game time is 7:00. The Outlaws had one exhibition cancelled as the Valleyfield Dynamites couldn't scrounge up enough players.

## Akwasasne Minor Lacrosse Schedule

### Monday May 15

5-6pm Tyke 1 vs 2  
6-7pm Novice 1 vs 2  
7-8pm Pee wee House

### Tuesday May 16

5-6pm Peanut 1 vs 2  
6-7pm Bantam House  
7-8pm Bantam Travel

### Wednesday May 17

5-6pm Novice Travel  
6-7pm Pee wee House  
7-8pm Pee wee Travel

### Thursday May 18

5-6pm Peanut 1 vs 3  
6-7pm Novice 1 & 2 Practice

### Friday May 19

5-6pm Tyke 1 vs 3  
6-7pm Novice Travel  
7-8pm Pee wee Travel

### Saturday May 20

8am Peanut/Tyke - Tournament  
Anowarakowa Arena  
10am Novice #1 @ Kemptville  
11am Pee wee House @ Kemptville

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