

Saints continue hockey dominance with latest CISAA title



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Count them: that's half a decade of the St. Andrew's Saints proving to be the best around in prep school hockey. The varsity Saints captured their record sixth-straight CISAA league championship at Upper Canada College in Toronto on Friday, a rematch of the 2016-17 final featuring plenty of grudges.

The top two teams in the DI league clashed in Game One at LaBrier Arena on Wednesday, where the Blues took a 1 ? 0 lead late in the first, before Isaac Emon tied it for the Saints.

Christian MacDougall found twine twice in a row to give the Saints a 3 ? 1 lead after two periods, though two straight from the Blues past goalie Aidan Hosein knotted it back up.

MacDougall completed the hat trick to regain the lead, while Ian Maclean added one late for a final 5 ? 4 score.

Needing one more victory to clinch the championship, the Saints travelled to Toronto on Friday to face Upper Canada in their home barn, where the jeers from the home crowd did nothing to slow them down.

With the Saints up 5 ? 3 late in the second period, the Blues scored twice in the third to send the game to overtime.

Just under nine minutes into the sudden death period, it was Matthew Stienburg who played the overtime hero, clinching the Saints record-breaking championship.

Hosein earned both of the wins for the Saints.

The Under-14 Saints also captured the DI title earlier in the day, defeating St. Michael's College by a score of 3 ? 1.

As is yearly tradition, the varsity squad will follow up by hosting the National Independent School Invitational Championship on campus this weekend.

Twelve of the top independent teams from across Canada will hit the ice at LaBrier Arena, as well as the Blues home ice.