

SAC takes home fifth straight league title



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For the past half decade, the St. Andrew's Saints have been the top team in prep school hockey.

The varsity Saints won their fifth straight Canadian Independent School Athletic Association title last week, in front of a home crowd in a winner-take-all game three against Upper Canada College at LaBrier Arena.

Lucas Thorne scored twice in the 3 ? 1 win, adding an empty netter with just five seconds to go as well as opening the scoring on the powerplay in the first. The Blues tied it up just a few minutes after the opening goal, while Corey Andonovski buried what would be the game winner midway through the second period.

The Saints threw a total of fifty shots on the UCC net.

Upper Canada extended the series into the third and decisive game with a 5 ? 2 win on March 3, after the Saints took game one by a score of 7 ? 1.

The junior varsity Saints followed suit the same day, winning the division 1B championship over Villanova College 6 ? 2. They entered the finals on the back of a 10 ? 1 win over Upper Canada in the semis.

As is yearly tradition, the varsity squad followed up by hosting the National Independent School Invitational Championship over the weekend, entering as the top seed.

The defending champion Saints put up a trio of wins, twice over league rival St. Michael's College and once over Quebec's Academie Saint-Louis, before falling 3 ? 2 to Bishops College School in the tournament semifinal.

Both Andonovski and Thorne scored in the second period Saturday to mount a comeback from a 2 ? 0 deficit, sending the game to an eventual overtime period. BCS scored just over a minute into extra time to take the championship.

They went on to defeat Upper Canada 3 ? 0 in Sunday's final.