

U11 Lady Redbirds doubleheader comes down to the wire



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The Newmarket Under-11 Lady Redbirds lacrosse team played host to the Orillia Lady Kings last Wednesday in an exhibition doubleheader at St. Maximilian Kolbe CHS.

Both sides came out hard offensively, as the teams combined for fifteen goals in an 8 ? 7 game one loss for the Redbirds.

The offensive onslaughts continued in game two, as Paige Baker opened the scoring early in the game to put the Redbirds ahead. Just minutes later, Ella Sullivan found the back of the net after taking advantage of a gap in the Orillia defence, putting the home side up 2 ? 0.

After allowing four straight Orillia goals, the Redbirds would mount a comeback culminating in a Lauren McCartney shot finding the bottom left corner to tie it late in the game.

With just six minutes left and the score tied at 6 -6, goalie Sarah Steinbacher gave her team a boost by squaring up to make a nice chest save off an in-tight Orillia shot.

Brooke Piper would then find an opening that would lead to a breakaway, but the potential go-ahead goal was turned away by the Orillia keeper. However, she would get her second chance with only two minutes left and the Redbirds down 7 ? 6, potting her third goal of the game to end the match in a 7 ? 7 tie.

Now in their second season, the Lady Redbirds compete at the U11, U13, and U15 levels.

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