

Algonquin dominates 'AA' basketball championships

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WOODSTOCK — The Algonquin A's were not going to be denied. Despite the best efforts of Mother Nature and rival teams, the A's won two elementary basketball championships. After weather forced the cancellation of local buses — and with it Monday's originally scheduled championships — the A's won both the boys' and girls' 'AA' titles.

Algonquin defeated Tavistock in the boys final and made it two-for-two after beating Hickson in the girls final. Tollgate ('A' boys) and Plattsville ('A' girls) also won their respective divisions.

Boys Finals

Algonquin started quickly, leading 19-6 after one quarter, and cruised to a 66-26 win over Tavistock in the 'AA' final. The A's were able to use their depth and rotate all of their players, keeping fresh legs on the floor.

In the 'A' final, Tollgate scored on a late steal to edge Zorra Highland. Zorra took an early lead, but Tollgate pulled even with 30 seconds left in the first quarter. After trading baskets, Tollgate eventually scored the winning basket and advanced to the Thames Valley District School Board championships this weekend in London.

Tavistock defeated Zorra in the Wildcard game and earned the final spot in the TVDSB tourney. This game was expected to be a battle between Tavistock's rebounding and size against Zorra's speed, but it was ultimately Tavistock's pressure that won the game, as Zorra was forced into turnovers and mistakes.