



February 2026

# Mustangs Monthly

## *Elora Rocks x Mustangs this Friday January 30, 2026!*

All GR Mustangs players and families are invited to a fun night at the Elora Rocks game at the Elora Arena—featuring Teddy Bear Toss Night! Bring a new or gently used stuffed animal to throw on the ice after the first Rocks goal.

### Highlights:

Mustangs intermission shootout (10 players & 2 goalies, first come)

Pizza party for registered Mustangs players

Chuck-a-Puck, games, prizes, and more

### Good to know:

Game starts at 8:30PM

Mustangs jerseys = FREE entry for girls

Shootout winner gets a prize pack

Families welcome; pizza available for purchase

Parents must register players via the Google Form (pizza & shootout tabs)

Flag bearers are also needed—interested players can email [info@elorarocks.com](mailto:info@elorarocks.com).



For details and to sign up, click [HERE](#).

## **Mustangs Survey – We Want Your Input!**

Help shape the future of the Mustangs by sharing your feedback. The survey is quick and your input matters.

**Due February 15, 2026**





# Mustangs Spirit!

## Laurier vs. York Women's Game

Hosting the Laurier vs. York game at the Grand River Mustangs Arena was a highlight of our season. With a full crowd, a U7 intermission game, tattoos, signs, and player autographs, the atmosphere was electric.

Most importantly, it gave our Mustang girls the chance to see Laurier athletes as role models and be inspired by what's possible. This is what hockey is all about—thank you to our amazing volunteers who made it happen!



## Mustangs Clean-up at January Tournaments!!

It was an exciting month for our Mustangs teams on the tournament trail. The U11A brought home bronze in Cambridge, and the U15B earned bronze in Collingwood. At the Orangeville Sweetheart Tournament, the Mustangs kept the momentum going—U9B won silver, U11B captured silver, U13A earned bronze, U18B Burnett finished a strong 4th, and U13B topped it off by winning their skills competition!





# Opportunities



## Coaching Announcements & Open Applications

We're excited to announce that all Tier 1 head coaches from U11–U18 have now been selected! Congratulations to the following coaches:

- U11AA – Brad Garlough
- U13AA / A – Charlie Stephens
- U15A – Peter Sotera
- U18A – Eddy Gaffney

**We are now accepting applications for Tier 2 teams and U9B. Interested coaches are encouraged to apply and be part of our growing Mustang family.**

Apply [HERE](#)

## Looking for Community-Minded Volunteers – Join Our Board!

We're looking for enthusiastic individuals to join committees of our Board of Directors. Serving on the board is a great way to get involved, connect with the community, and support our players and programs. Roles vary in time commitment, and we'll match you with something that fits your interests and strengths—no hockey experience required, just enthusiasm and a desire to make a difference!

Interested? Message us at  
[grandrivermustangsdevelopment@gmail.com](mailto:grandrivermustangsdevelopment@gmail.com)  
for more information!



### We're Hiring Timekeepers!

Love being at the rink? We're looking for reliable timekeepers to join our team this season. [APPLY HERE](#)



### Goalie Development Session

Goalie development session will be hosted by Mustangs' Development Coach Mike Polan. February 4 | 6:00-7:30AM | Fergus Pad B.

[Sign up HERE](#)



## Local League Update

### ***Playoffs and Championship Day***

The top 4 teams in each division will play semi-final and championship games in late-March/early-April. Championship day has been scheduled for March 29th. (For U9/U7, this may just be a single “celebration round” game against a similar opponent in your division.)

### ***Local League Season Snapshot***

Our Mustangs Local League teams are having an incredible season, full of teamwork, growth, and big smiles on (and off!) the ice.

### ***Highlighted Team Performance***

- U9LL White & Purple – Tied for 1st, 0.875 win percentage
- U13LL #8420 – 0.583 win percentage
- U13LL #8421 – 0.438 win percentage

For full standings and results across all divisions, see here: <https://kgll.ca/standings>

From first-place performances to steady progress across every division, our teams are working hard, improving every week, and—best of all—having a blast playing Mustang hockey. Let’s keep the momentum going! For more information on the above and more, check the KGLL Policies Manual and/or reach out to Dan any time with questions.

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## Rep Update

### Playoffs

As the regular season is winding down (for all teams except for U9), our rep teams are gearing up for an exciting stretch of the year—playoffs and play downs! Playoffs are league run and determine league championships (separate from Provincials). Playoffs will begin February 15, 2026. Teams (except U9) that are within the top 8 in their division will participate.

### Playdowns

Playdowns are OWHA run qualification games that determine which teams earn a spot at the OWHA Provincial Championships. All rep teams except U9 go through playdowns to try to qualify for Provincials. Playdown information will be coming out shortly. Stay tuned for updates from your coach and good luck to all!

### Rep Season Snapshot

Our Mustangs Rep teams continue to bring intensity, skill, and determination to every game this season. Here's a look at some standout performances so far:

#### Highlighted Team Performance

- U11B – 1st place, 0.794 win percentage
- U11A – 2nd place, 0.633 win percentage
- U13B – 3rd place, 0.588 win percentage
- U13A – 4th place, 0.684 win percentage
- U18BB- 2nd place 0.735 win percentage
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And even when the scoreboard doesn't land our way, the teams are still having an incredible amount of fun—celebrating small wins, building friendships, and enjoying every moment of Mustang hockey.

For full results and standings, see here under OWHA-Southern:  
<https://www.owha.on.ca/>



# Other Stuff!



## This is Mustang Country

The Grand River Mustangs serve families across Centre Wellington, Mapleton, Erin, East Garafraxa, Eramosa, Wellington North, East Luther, Minto Township, and beyond. With such a wide catchment, our season takes us to many local arenas—each with its own game-day charm. Fan favourites:

**Arthur:** Legendary smash burgers (bring coins for the candy machines).

**Grand Valley:** Best concession candy selection.

**Drayton:** Spacious changerooms and a must-stop café nearby.

**Palmerston:** Those coveted 1.5-hour ice slots.

**Elora:** Huge outdoor rink—bring your skates!

**Fergus:** High-energy hockey and a full concession (yes, including coffee).



## Looking Ahead to Next Season

Even as this season rolls on, we're already thinking ahead to an exciting year of Mustang hockey! Stay tuned for our MARCH ISSUE, where we'll share important details about tryouts, a helpful comparison of Rep vs. Local League programs, and everything families need to know about registration for next season. Lots of great info is on the way—don't miss it!

### SAVE THE DATE

## Year-End Banquet April 18, 2026

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 18, when we'll come together as a league to celebrate another fantastic season of hockey.

### Victory Vault

Have you seen the jackpots lately?! Win thousands in cash while supporting the Grand River Mustangs—ticket proceeds fund our initiatives and directly help our young athletes. Victory Vault gives Ontarians weekly chances to win big, and the more you buy and share, the more you can win! Click [HERE](#) to access Victory Vault!