

Ontario's Finest BUTCHER



Three Finalists Announced

After a day of fierce competition

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Guelph ON, September 12, 2017 - Four heats faced off yesterday in a showcase of extraordinary knife skills, demonstrating remarkable efficiency and productivity. The scores were calculated and the top three butchers are moving forward to the final round in Ontario's Finest Butcher competition.

Competitors had thirty minutes to transform a fresh pork bone-in leg, bone-in butt, and bone-in loin, into merchandisable cuts of their choice, and were judged on the degree of difficulty/efficiency and skill level in boning, trimming and cutting, primal cut utilization and financial performance.

The three moving on to the final round at Meat Industry Expo, Saturday October 21, 3:00pm, Scotiabank Convention Centre, Niagara Falls, are (in no particular order):

Brent Herrington, [Herrington's Quality Butchers](#), Port Perry

Nicholas Matusiak, [Halenda's Meats](#), Oshawa

Damian Goriup, [Florence Meats](#), Oakville

"We had six new butchers competing this year which is great to see. Nicholas and Brent made the finals last year and Damian, a finalist in 2015, finishes out the final three. All competitors should be extremely proud of their performance," noted Laurie Nicol, OIMP executive director. "We can't wait to see which of these three will take the title in October!"

The elimination round took place at Halenda's - The Meat Store in Mississauga. The 750lbs of pork donated by Conestoga Meat Packers, Breslau, will be packaged by Halenda's and delivered to The Daily Bread Food Bank.

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Ontario Independent Meat Processors (OIMP) is the representative voice of the independent meat and poultry processor in Ontario, working closely with agricultural and commodity organizations and various levels of government since 1980. The association's membership includes meat and poultry processors, retailers and wholesalers; industry suppliers, and not-for-profit organizations that support OIMP's objectives.

Ontario's meat and poultry sector represents 21% (\$8.8 billion) of Ontario's \$42 billion food and beverage processing industry revenue.

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