



CJ Gunther • EPA Photo special to the Oakville Beaver
 Kara Lang pumps her fist after a crucial goal for Canada in their 3-1 World Cup win over Japan on Saturday. Joining the celebration is fellow Oakville resident Diana Matheson (far left).

Lang seals key win with spectacular goal

Kara Lang is obviously not too anxious to hit the books at St. Thomas Aquinas where the 16-year-old soccer player is set to head into her Grade 12 year.

Her spectacular well angled, bend-it-like-Beckham shot produced sighs of relief on the Canadian bench as it provided the insurance in a 3-1 win over Japan in World Cup soccer action in Foxboro, Massachusetts.

It was a do-or-die game for both squads, and with the win Canada finished off the World Cup preliminary round with a 2-1 record.

That's good enough for second place in their division and they will meet up in Thursday night's quarterfinals in Portland, Oregon, with China. Check television listings.

China won their division with a close 1-0 win

over Russia on Sunday.

The pressure was on Canada as they, in essence, started the game down 1-0 since a tie game would have left Canada and Japan even in the standings, with Japan having a better goal differential. And things got a little more tense when Japan opened the scoring.

Lang got a well deserved rest after her late goal.

The same could not be said for Oakville's other 'regular' on the team, Diana Matheson who played the entire game. Actually, Matheson played every minute of the preliminary round. Overlooked last year for Canada's World U-19 squad, the 19-year-old soccer star received her first cap earlier this year and has stuck with the team.

Blades' unbeaten streak ends in Hamilton

By Jon Kuiperij
 OAKVILLE BEAVER STAFF

The Oakville Blades knew they wouldn't go undefeated this season.

However, that doesn't mean the team wasn't displeased with its first loss of the year Monday night in Hamilton.

The Blades fell 4-3 to the host Red Wings after holding a 3-2 lead through two periods, snapping Oakville's eight-game unbeaten run (7-0-1) to start the provincial junior A hockey campaign.

Although it was the Blades' third game in four nights, Oakville coach Frank Carnevale and captain Nick Dodge were disappointed with letting a lead slip away.

"I didn't think we were sharp... the team showed a little fatigue," Carnevale said. "We're not happy when we're up a goal going into the third and we give up a lead."

Dodge, who scored one of the Blades' three power-play goals in the contest, felt his squad didn't come up with a strong performance



Nick Dodge:
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against a quality opponent.

"It was a big game with Hamilton, Georgetown and ourselves battling for first place," said the 17-year-old Oakville resident. "When you face them, you've got to come out with your 'A' game and we didn't do that."

Chris Koras and Rico Arnaldo also tallied for the Blades while Chris Hyk took the loss in goal.

Special teams were the deciding factor despite the fact all three Oakville goals came with the extra man. The Blades failed to capitalize on a lengthy two-man advantage in the second period, a Hamilton double-minor in the third frame and a power-play late in regulation.

Meanwhile, the Red Wings scored a pair of power-play markers, including the winner midway through the final period after a roughing penalty to Hyk.

"Our power play was pretty good and so was our penalty killing, but (they) let us down late in the game when we needed (them) the most," Carnevale said.

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Oakville is now in the grip of the Ice age

By Norm Nelson
 BEAVER SPORTS EDITOR

The Ice age has arrived.

Both the Oakville Ice senior and junior teams celebrated their home openers at their new home at Ice Sports Oakville on Sunday.

And everything went as smooth as ice ... well, except for the final scores.

The Oakville Junior Ice opened up their very first league game in the South Western Girls Hockey League with a 6-3 loss to the Cambridge Fury.

The senior Oakville Ice then fell 5-2 to the perennial powerhouse Toronto Aeros, a team that is always heavily laden with Canadian Olympic gold medalists and national team members.

Mind you, the Ice, are also represented in those categories, with their Olympic gold medalist Therese Brisson.

And they have four additional members invited to the upcoming Team Canada training camp, and they are Carly Haggard, Kira Misikowetz and both goaltenders — Allison Houston and Tania Pinelli.

In addition, they have three national team members from the U.S. (Kimberly Insalaco, Kristin King and Genevieve Richardson) and one from Germany (Raffi Wolf).

It looked for a while like Insalaco's superb breakaway goal, set up by team captain Kathy McCormack, might just hold up.

But the Aeros finally managed to get on board late in the second period.

That opened the floodgates for them for the final period, as they outscored the Ice 4-1, albeit the last goal into an empty net.

Captain McCormack scored the senior Ice goal, assisted by Insalaco and



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The celebration is on after Kimberley Insalaco gave Oakville Ice a 1-0 lead over the Toronto Aeros on Sunday.

Misikowetz.

Although it marked the Ice's second straight loss to open the season, having lost their season opener 3-1 to host Brampton Thunder, no one was panicking in the dressing room after the game, and with good reason.

They may very well have played their two toughest opponents to open up the season. Last season, Toronto lost only three of their 36 regular league games while Brampton lost only nine. The Ice were within striking distance at 13 losses.

"We would have liked to have been better than 0-2 against the Aeros and Brampton — but we're okay," said head coach Keith Murray. We know we're better than that.

"It's going to be a battle every time we play those guys. And we play them 16 times — that's the way it works."

That Oakville led 1-0 well past the half way point of the game and were tied at 1-1 going into the second period was a tribute to the fine play of goalie Tania Pinelli.

"She's a world class goalie," said

coach Murray. "And someday she will be on the 'A' squad with Team Canada."

He's also confident in the second half of the tandem.

"We've got Allison Houston out of U of T. We're thrilled she wanted to come here and play with us. She'll get the next start."

OAKVILLE JUNIOR ICE

The Oakville Junior Ice may not have got the result they wanted in their very first SWGHL hockey game — but coach Bill Metcalfe said he got the effort he wanted.

Metcalfe, an Oakville businessman who is well known in local hockey circles, is the driving force behind both Ice teams — in addition to being the coach of the Junior Ice.

His team's effort was typified in their final goal with less than a second remaining. Indeed, although Cambridge were full value for their victory, the game was closer than the final score would indicate as the Ice had an additional goal called back, on a quick whistle, that would have made it 5-3.

Coach Metcalfe, however, wasn't about to lose sleep over the call.

"That could have been a turnaround, but who knows. I thought the ref reffed a good game."

"But, hey, unfortunately they don't have video replay. He called what he thought was best. You have to respect that."

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OAKVILLE ICE SENIOR - game summaries

TORONTO 5, OAKVILLE 2 - (Sept. 28)									
1	Oakville Ice	03:21	ES	#10 Insalaco, Kimberley	#20 McCormack, Kathy				
2	Toronto Aeros	15:16	ES	#91 Heaney, Geraldine	#17 Butterill, Jennifer				
3	Toronto Aeros	01:56	ES	#12 Tabb, Jessica	#11 Pounder, Cheryl			#91 Heaney, Geraldine	
3	Toronto Aeros	09:43	ES	#9 Ferran, Gillian	#91 Heaney, Geraldine				
3	Toronto Aeros	12:41	ES	#17 Perks, Lara	#24 Boyd, Stephanie			#22 Logan, Heather	
3	Oakville Ice	13:57	ES	#20 McCormack, Kathy	#10 Insalaco, Kimberley			#27 Misikowetz, Kira	
3	Toronto Aeros	19:37	ES	#91 Heaney, Geraldine					
BRAMPTON 3, OAKVILLE 1 - (Sept. 20)									
1	Brampton Thunder	06:09	PP	#27 Zamora, Kristy	#8 Hagerman, Jamie			#71 McKay, Tara	
1	Brampton Thunder	17:15	ES	#12 Dupuis, Lori					
2	Oakville Ice	04:03	PP	#10 Insalaco, Kimberley	#6 Brisson, Therese			#33 Wolf, Raffi	
2	Brampton Thunder	12:23	ES	#72 Sittler, Meghan	#12 Dupuis, Lori			#19 Dosser, Coley	

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