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## Oakville teams win both Ontario Cup qualifiers ...



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... the two-time defending champion Cobras win four straight, outscoring opponents 16-0

The two-time defending Ontario Cup champion **Wiberg Oakville Cobras girls U-14 rep soccer team** took a successful first step in defending their title this past weekend as they swept a qualifying tourney held at Shell Park.

In a five-team format, the Cobras won all four games, outscoring their opposition 16-0. Katie McKenna was aboard for all the shutouts.

In the first day of play the Cobras recorded a pair of 4-0 victories over Ajax (Laura Bandy 2, Corey Morgan and Vanessa Dumlao) and the Oakville Explosion in torrential rain (Karen Zmirak 3 and Corey Morgan).

The second day of play saw the Cobras pick up where they left off, winning 5-0 over Markham (Karen Zmirak 2, Leslie Wilkins, Ally Skinner and Corey Morgan).

This set up the all-important fourth and final game against Barrie. Although a little tentative, at first, against a physical Barrie side, the

Cobras settled into their passing game and recorded a 3-0 win.

Jessica Povilaitis capitalized on a through ball with a strong shot into the corner of the goal to give Oakville a 1-0 half-time lead.

In the second half, the game was sealed by quick back-to-back goals from Karen Zmirak, one off a clever feed from Adrienne Johnstone and the other on a great feed from Corey Morgan.

The Cobras will meet Burlington in Ontario Cup quarterfinal action at Shell Park on August 12.

(Ed. Note: complete tourney results were not filed with the Ontario Soccer Association, as of our press deadline.)

### LEAGUE PLAY

The Cobras played back to back league games last week.

They won the first one 6-1 over Waterloo (Karen Zmirak 2, Leslie Wilkins, Corey Morgan, Laura Bandy and Vanessa Dumlao).

The second was much tighter but with Oakville prevailing 1-0 against Niagara Falls, thanks to a great finish by Amanda Cicchini. The Cobras defence was outstanding with Katie Capron, in particular, in fine form.

Oakville won both Ontario Cup qualifying tournaments it hosted in the U-14 division, including the girls game seen here. This game actually featured two Oakville teams, which is a bit of a rarity in Ontario Cup action — the Explosion (left) and Cobras.



**PHILTHY'S SPOTLIGHT:** the Oakville Strikers defeated the defending Ontario Cup champs en route to a quarterfinal berth. Here's the team ... **BACK ROW:** Michael Medeiros, Daniel Hannigan-Daley, Ryan Tuske, John-Mark Ssenyonjo, Taylor Matthews, Josh Shrum, Patrick McDonough, Tousif Islam, Andrew Greco, Marc Richardson, Jason Silveira and Ryan Eng. **FRONT ROW:** Petro Czoli, Adam Maduri and Dustin Miller. **ABSENT:** Brent Lukowski, John Farrer and Carlo Greco.

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... Oakville Strikers shock defending champions, to earn quarterfinal berth against Brampton

The **Oakville Strikers U-14 boys rep soccer team** not only won their Ontario Cup qualifying tournament in Oakville over the weekend, but, impressively, they knocked out last year's defending champs in the process.

And fittingly, it boiled down to the last game with Oakville shutting out defending champion West Rouge 2-0.

A win by West Rouge would have sent them through.

Oakville now faces Brampton in a Cup quarterfinal match.

Going into the final game, Oakville boasted two wins and a tie.

Oakville played an excellent all-round game, especially defensively, and shut down the very talented West Rouge players quickly, forcing them to play an up-tempo game.

When the game was still even at 0-0, Andrew Greco made a key save on a penalty shot.

This shifted the momentum to Oakville and they soon responded with a goal — perhaps the goal of the season. Daniel Hannigan-Daley culminated a fine series of passes with an unstoppable boot from 25 yards. He almost provided an instant encore only to be thwarted by a good save.

Taylor Matthews then hit the cross bar with a direct free kick.

The second half was just as good, Oakville playing well defensively and

actually having more chances than their opponents with quick counterplay.

And with 10 minutes to go, Oakville was rewarded for their efforts with an insurance marker, from Michael Medeiros who a corner kick into the top corner.

Oakville opened up the tourney with a 0-0 tie against a physical Kitchener team.

The first half was fairly even with no scoring. The second half saw the Strikers have more of the play as the game wore on, forcing the Kitchener goaltender to record three fine saves in the final 15 minutes. Andrew Greco recorded Oakville's shutout.

Oakville then beat Niagara Falls 5-1 despite not playing particularly well. Goals were scored by Michael Medeiros (2), Josh Shrum, John-Mark Ssenyonjo and Tousif Islam.

In the third game, a win by Richmond Hill would have sent them on to the Ontario Cup quarterfinals. But Oakville responded with one of their best games of the year and a decisive 5-2 victory. Goals were scored by Petro Czoli (2), Michael Medeiros, Adam Maduri and Ryan Tuske.

### LEAGUE PLAY

In league play earlier, Oakville remained undefeated, beating Hamilton Sparta 2-1.

Scoring for Oakville were John-Mark Ssenyonjo and Ryan Tuske.



Photo by Julie Fairrie

John Ironside (left), sales manager at Glenleven Chrysler, will be giving away this sharp looking PT Cruiser to anyone lucky enough to ace the hole-in-one hole in the upcoming Oakville Hall of Fame/Oakville Blades charity golf tourney. Representing the two above mentioned venerable sporting institutions, here are Dan Ferrone, the Toronto Argo great who is already in the Oakville Hall of Fame, and Oakville's Mike Tarantino who was captain of the Blades this past season, not to mention their top scorer (fifth in the west division).

## Sporting institutions team up to help youth

On Wednesday, July 12 at Wyldewood Golf and Country Club a charity golf tournament is being held by two of Oakville's more venerable sporting institutions.

And they are the Oakville Sports Hall of Fame and the Oakville Blades provincial junior hockey team.

It's a shotgun start at 1 p.m. followed by dinner and prizes.

The two are obvious partners to pair up.

The burgeoning Oakville Hall of Fame, besides paying tribute to

Oakville's great sporting heroes of the past and present, also aims to help Oakville's athletes of the future through a scholarship fund.

For their part, the Oakville Blades provide an outlet for provincial junior A hockey right in our community, and they traditionally have a very sizeable local contingent.

For instance, Mike Tarantino, who was the Blades' captain and leading scorer last year (and 5th in the west division) is a home grown product of the Oakville Rangers system.

Traditionally, the provincial junior A league provides a good springboard for hockey players to go on and play hockey at the college and university level.

And the Blades have also set up a scholarship fund, available to their teen-aged players who wish to go on to post secondary education.

To tee up for this charity tourney, in support of Oakville's future athletic stars, or to help out with sponsorship or prize donations, call Walt Dalziel at 849-4185.

## Raiders hosting summer volleyball camp

The **St. Thomas Aquinas Raiders volleyball camp** for those just finishing Grades 5-8 will be held July 17-

21st, daily, 9 a.m.-noon.

The cost is \$75

For more information, contact the

Raiders head coach Peter Szpakowski at 842-9494 (until Friday) or 257-2489 (evngs.).



The Waterfront Festival roller hockey tournament was a huge success with 98 teams taking part, including this 18&U game which the Oakville Coyotes (red and white jersey) won 8-0 over York. See story for a tournament wrap-up.

Photo by Julie Fairrie

## Oakville finalists in three divisions

The **Oakville Coyotes roller hockey club** was extremely pleased with last weekend's prestigious and huge 98-team North American Roller Hockey Championship (NARCh) qualifier.

"We had an absolute blast running the Waterfront (roller hockey tournament) this year because everyone was so friendly, positive and co-operative," said organizer Jay Labelle.

Oakville also had a decent outing on the floor. Of the eight divisions, Oakville was represented in six — 8&U, 10&U, 12&U, 14&U (two teams), 18&U and senior (but not 16&U and 22&U).

Oakville reached the finals in three of the divisions (12&U, 14&U and senior), unfortunately, settling for second place in each case.

Here's the rundown.

8&U: Toronto Mission 8, Mississauga Roller Jets 2 ... **OAKVILLE COYOTES** finished sixth (seven teams).

10&U: Hamilton Power Bladers 4, Mississauga Rattlers 3 (OT) ... **OAKVILLE COYOTES** were fourth (eight teams).

12&U: Chatham Rolling Cobras 9, **OAKVILLE COYOTES** 5. **Stephen Wheeler** was the division's top scorer with 5g, 6a.

14&U: Brantford Rebels 6, **OAKVILLE COYOTES TEAM TWO** 1. This division really showcased Oakville's depth of talent as the **OAKVILLE COYOTES TEAM ONE** also made it to the semifinals, finishing third.

16&U: Ontario Thunder 4, Pickering Power 2. No Oakville team.

18&U: York 7, Mission Honeybaked 5. **OAKVILLE COYOTES** finished fifth (eight teams). Oakville goalie **Brett Edwards** had the division's best goals against average at 2.00

22&U: Scarborough Phantoms 4, Ottawa Travelers 1. No Oakville team.

Senior: London Force 7, **OAKVILLE COYOTES** 3. There were eight teams in division.