

## D Avilar leads British charge to Euro title

Softball isn't in the Olympics this year, but Chelsea D'Avilar and her teammates can't wait until 2020 when the sport is expected to make its return to the Summer Games.

The Christ the King Secondary School graduate played a major role in helping her adopted country win the Under-19 Women's European Championships earlier this month in Barcelona, Spain, including a sparkling defensive play in the Grand Final against Italy in a 1-0 triumph.

It was the first time a fast-pitch team from Great Britain won a European championship at any age level.

Nineteen-year-old D'Avilar, a shortstop going into her second year on scholarship at Coastal Carolina University, also was adept at the plate during the tournament, in which fourth-ranked Great Britain went 10-0.

In the semifinal, she delivered the game-winning RBI with a walk-off single in the bottom of the seventh inning in a heart-pounding 7-6 victory



Chelsea D'Avilar played solid defence and offence for Great Britain at the recent European Softball Championships in Spain and had her hands full following the trophy presentations. Photo by Dirk Staffen

against defending-champion Czech Republic, which had led 6-0 after two innings.

D'Avilar went 3 for 3 with a pair of doubles in an earlier rout of host

Spain.

In the Grand Final, a pitchers' duel in which only one of the four hits in the contest left the infield, Italy had runners on second and third base with two out in the sixth inning when the batter drove a grounder between third and short. D'Avilar made a back-handed grab and threw the runner out at first to keep the game scoreless, then reached base in the bottom of the seventh on a crucial Italian fielding error that led to the winning run.

It's expected that Chelsea will join Great Britain's senior team next season with an opportunity to play alongside older sister Hayley, who took the summer off from competitive fast-pitch to concentrate on an internship.

She attends Northwood University in Michigan and is an outfielder on the varsity softball squad heading into her senior year.

Both are eligible to play for Great Britain as their biological father is from England.



Georgetown's Lyndsey Wilson of locally based CircaFit Training Centre lands a scoring blow against Lorissa Bolger from Lindsay during their Muay Thai kickboxing bout Saturday at the Alcott Arena. Wilson won the match in front of her hometown fans in a unanimous decision. Photo by Jon Borgstrom

## Getting their kicks at home

Both fighters from the host CircaFit Training Centre improved their Muay Thai amateur kickboxing records to 2-0 with wins Saturday evening at the Alcott Arena in Honour & Glory III.

Seventeen-year-old Lyndsey Wilson of Georgetown prevailed in a unanimous decision against Lindsay's Lorissa Bolger, while Acton's Austin Skelhorne, also 17, scored a technical knockout in the second round of the scheduled five-round World Amateur Muay Thai Association welterweight title bout, using a knee to stop Braiden Patton from Lindsay.

There were 12 bouts on the card Saturday featuring five clubs that hadn't appeared in the previous two Honour & Glory events in Georgetown. Amro Salah of Joslin's MMA in Hamilton took the other WAM-TAC championship, the light welterweight belt, Saturday.

Approximately 800 spectators were on hand for the show, said organizer and CircaFit Training Centre owner Kru Mike Large.

Based on their performances Saturday, Large said that Wilson and Skelhorne have received invitations to a World Kickboxing Federation tournament Sept. 17-18 in Brampton.

## Charalambides, Patey vie for Minto Cup

A couple of former Halton Hills Jr. B Bulldogs are on their way to Langley, B.C. for the 73rd edition of the Minto Cup, emblematic of the Canadian Jr. A lacrosse championship, as members of the Orangeville Northmen.

The Northmen captured the Ontario title last week in a bit of a surprising sweep of the top-ranked Six Nations Arrows, with Georgetown's Adam Charalambides leading in scoring with 21 goals and 32 assists in 13 playoff starts.

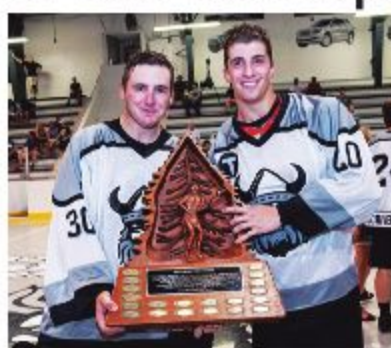
The sophomore at Rutgers University in New Jersey, coming off a Big Ten Freshman of the Year campaign

with the Scarlet Knights, set the tone in the Six Nations series with a four-goal, three-assist performance in a 12-11 road win in game one.

Charalambides, 20, led the Northmen in regular season scoring with 35 goals and 39 assists in 17 games.

Patey, 19, posted a 7-3-1 record during the regular schedule and has appeared in six post-season matches for Orangeville, which finished second in the standings to 17-3-0 Six Nations.

Orangeville begins the Minto Cup with a game Saturday against Coquitlam, B.C.



Goaltender Drayden Patey (left) and leading scorer Adam Charalambides of Georgetown hoist the Iroquois Trophy as Ontario Jr. A champions. Photo by Dave Fryer

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