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Brampton Excelsiors' Josh Medeiros goes after Mimico ball carrier Jonathon Donville in the first game of the semi-finals at Memorial Arena on Monday night. Brampton lost the opening game by a 10-9 score.

Brampton lacrosse player faces assault with a weapon charge for pre-game fight

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A Brampton Excelsiors Jr. A Lacrosse player has been charged with assault with a weapon after a fight during the warm-up for a playoff game at Brampton's Memorial Arena Monday night, July 24.

A 19-year-old Mimico Mountaineers player was allegedly hit with a helmet and required stitches to close the wound. Police described the injury as minor.

Peel Regional Police were called to the Elliott Street arena around 7:15 p.m. after a confrontation during the warm-up on the floor of the arena that some spectators called a "brawl."

It is unclear how many players were involved in the melee.

Game time was 8 p.m. and the Excelsiors and Mountaineers were readying themselves for the first game of the semifinals.

Mimico went on to win the game 10-9.

Police were called and the victim, a Toronto resident, was taken to hospital for treatment, according to police.

Police charged Andrew Borgatti, 18, of Brampton. He was released on a promise to appear in court to face the charge.

There is no word on what, if any, action will be taken by the Ontario Lacrosse League.

The winner of the series will advance to the Ontario finals, and the Minto Cup, which is the national playoff series. The Minto Cup series will be played in Brampton next month.

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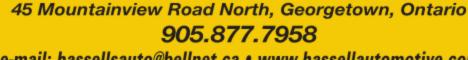
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