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**Brampton Blazer Kelly Craig slides under Halton Hills catcher Jordan Hutson during second-round action of the National Elimination qualifier, hosted by the Chinguacousy Cougars on the weekend. The Blazers won 10-4 but Halton Hills rebounded by eliminating the Blazers later in the tournament with a 7-5 win to finish second overall and earn a berth in the Canadian championships in Quebec next month.**

## Hawks headed to nationals

Facing elimination, the Halton Hills Soft Water Plus Novice Hawks won five straight games to earn a berth in the national girls softball championships.

The Hawks became the Halton Hills organization's first team to advance to Canadians, which will be held August 8-12 in Saint Hyacinthe, Quebec.

The Hawks made it tough on themselves, though. With the national elimination qualifier in Brampton following a double elimination format, the Hawks dropped their second game of the tournament 10-4 to Brampton.

"After that second game their backs were to the wall but they just kept winning and winning and winning," said coach Kelly Edwards. "As a coach, their willingness to keep going and never quit was pretty impressive."

Their run toward the national berth included wins over three of the top-five ranked teams in the province.

The Hawks got off to a strong start as Kelly Haines drove in four runs and Jen Malone held Markham to a single run in a 12-1 victory.

Against Brampton, the Hawks were tied 4-4 through five innings but their rivals scored six unanswered runs.

Needing a win to stay alive, the third-ranked Hawks played fifth-ranked Whitby.

Sara Hipson's home run and a pair of RBIs by both J.J. Edwards and Julie Davies carried them to a 10-6 victory.

The Hawks continued their run with a 9-4 victory over Maryhill. Jordan Hutson went 3-for-3 with 2 RBIs and Sherelle Sheppard also drove in two runs.

Dayna Kanis drove in four runs and Lenny Stoddart had three RBIs as the Hawks won a slugfest 20-12 over fourth-ranked Clarkson.

That set up a rematch with second-ranked Brampton. Trailing 2-0 in the fourth, Kanis led off with a triple. Hipson singled to left but Kanis had to hold up to see if the ball would drop. Edwards then bunted her way on to load the bases. Calley Robinson followed and drove the ball to the fence for a grand slam. The Hawks scored another in the inning and went on to a 7-4 win.

With the top two teams qualifying for nationals, Oshawa was the last hurdle for the Hawks. Malone, who tossed more than 35 innings over the two days, held Oshawa in check for a 9-3 victory. Michelle Mastalerz again provided solid defence at first base for the Hawks.

In the final, the Hawks were playing their fourth game in six hours. Matched against Scarborough, the province's top team which was playing its first game of the day, the Hawks fell 9-0.

"We had already achieved our goal," Edwards said. "When we sat down at the beginning of the year and thought about what we were going to strive for, we said to represent Ontario and go to Canadians and we finally achieved that goal."

### Rep soccer

## Eagles reach tournament final in Aurora

The Georgetown Girls Under-8 Eagles won four straight games to reach the finals of the John Traginitis Soccer Tournament in Aurora.

The Eagles came home with the silver medal after Mississauga edged Georgetown 3-2 to claim the gold. Shauna Patterson and Jaden Todd scored for the Eagles.

The Eagles had beaten Mississauga 4-3 in the opening game of the tournament. Patterson scored twice and Todd and Kara Fry added singles. Patterson scored again as the Eagles edged Aurora 1-0. Alyssa Smith posted her second shutout as the Eagles downed Newmarket 2-0. Todd and Fry scored the goals.

The Eagles needed overtime to defeat Hamilton 3-2 to advance to the finals. Patterson, Mackenzie Rees and Jordan Miller each had a goal.

### Boys Under-10 Mustangs

Keegan Witten converted Jake Wintjes'

corner kick with less than two minutes to play as the Georgetown John van Wissen Nurseries and Garden Centre Boys Under-10 Mustangs tied Bolton 3-3.

Witten's goal came just minutes after Mustang keeper Dillon Wintjes made a diving save to keep his team within one. Jake Wintjes and Erik van Wissen had the other goals.

The Mustangs remained unbeaten at home with a 1-1 draw against a strong Mississauga team. Van Wissen gave the Mustangs the lead at the 15-minute mark. That lead held up until Mississauga tied the game with 10 minutes remaining in the game.

Ayrek Crossman and Kamil Burghardt each scored three times as the John van Wissen Nurseries and Garden Centre Boys Under-10 Mustangs blasted Guelph 10-0.

Billy Pavlopoulos and Scotty Green each scored their first rep goals in the victory and Dylan Hanzelka and Kyle Murphy also scored for the Mustangs.



**The Georgetown Girls Under-8 Eagles reached the final of a tournament in Aurora. Team members are: (front, from left) Kara Fry, Amanda Knoepfli, Erika Hack, Alyssa Smith, Holly Bigg, Kaitlin Davis, Nicole Waters, (middle, from left) Mackenzie Rees, Lindsay Poulton, Alexandra Jarvis, Shauna Patterson, Jaden Todd, Jordan Millar, coach Paul Smith, (back, from left) assistant coaches Rick Knoepfli and Mike Fry.**  
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