

✓ *Hockey* Candice Ceelen leads Brampton to Ontario hockey title

Candice Ceelen sure knows how to close out a hockey season in style.

The 17-year-old Miltonian set up line-mate Brooke Bradburn for the game-winner against London last month, giving her Brampton Canadette A midgets a 2-1 triumph and the all-Ontario title.

Captain of the ship this year, Ceelen centered the team's number one line and was an offensive mainstay through the post-season.

Her provincial tournament heroics began one game earlier, when she sank two goals including an overtime winner in a 4-3 semifinal victory over Niagara Falls. She also assisted on a third tally en route to reaching the finals.

The Canadettes bested Cornwall 3-1 and Stouffville 5-0 through the round-robin portion of the 11-team showcase. "Our defence and goaltending was solid throughout the tournament. We really

came together as a team at the right time," said Ceelen, a grade 11 student at Bishop Reding.

The second-year midget helped Brampton finish first over the regular season and maintain top spot in their league playoffs.

Prior to joining the Canadettes program in 1992, Ceelen skated with the boys amid the Milton Minor Hockey Association ranks. It was there she developed her scoring touch.

Familiarizing herself with the physical play of boys hockey, she said, has paid off over the last few years.

While still having a year of high school to go, Ceelen is already considering a future in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). Ivy League schools Yale and Princeton have shown signs of interest.

A well-round athlete, she also plays basketball and soccer at the local club level.



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✓ Have ball, will travel

Bishop Reding's Jeff Hohendorf grabs the ball and begins to pivot as Lord Nelson defenders close during Friday afternoon junior rugby action in Milton. The Burlington visitors went on to edge their hosts 27-26.

Much better late than never

Hartholt paces Mavericks

By **STEVE LeBLANC**
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Andrew Hartholt's value to the Milton Jr. B Mavericks was never more apparent than Thursday and Friday, during week two of the Ontario Lacrosse Association's (OLA) regular season.

Late in arriving to Thursday's game in Guelph — due to provincial high school championship badminton play in London — the 19-year-old scoring sensation still managed to tank six goals and set up seven more in a 17-16 overtime victory against the Regals.

Milton's captain was unable to get back in time for Friday's home match with the East Division Clarington (formerly Oshawa) Green Gaels. A Hartholt-less crew was doubled 10-5 for their first loss this year.

Now sitting at 3-1, the Mavericks seemed destined to improve on 7-13-5 and 7-15 records over their last two seasons.

"We were a very tired lacrosse team tonight (Friday), that's what it boiled down to," said head coach Jim Leworthy. "I don't know that Andrew's presence could have won us the game."

Leworthy criticized what he saw as referee Vito Cafagna's whistle-happy officiating. Both he and Jimmy Jr. were thrown out in the third period — the younger for unsportsmanlike conduct (which garnered two extra games) and his father for arguing the call.

The Mavericks erased a two-goal Green Gael advantage early in the middle frame before giving up four unanswered tallies in front of the second intermission. Kevin Eansor worked the cage for two periods while Joey Camilleri got the call in the third.

Without Hartholt, the visitors were able to double and triple team Leworthy Jr. and severely cripple Milton's first-line attack.

The second-year Maverick was held to two goals and one assist, while Graham Darling, Craig Hedley and Bill Hussey added singles. Ian Parker drew two helpers.

Green Gael netminder Ray Dance earned the win, while Evan Cardwell, Rob Fodor and Stefan Hewak anchored their offensive output with two goals each.

Hartholt was not only the star of Thursday's game, but the hero as well with the final two extra-session goals — for Milton's second overtime win this season.

His 13-point showcase set a new Maverick record for most points in a game, breaking the old standard of 11 (established by Hartholt) set last July against Six Nations.

Guelph scored twice in the final minute of the third to force overtime, while Milton battled back from 4-2 and 8-7 deficits earlier on. Eansor won his second straight game Thursday.

Parker was another offensive standout with four goals and three assists while fellow first-liner Leworthy Jr. tallied twice and added four helpers. Hedley posted a five-point night (two goals and three assists) with Brad Moyer contributing two goals and rookie Cory Leigh scoring his third of the year.

Maverick notes: Former Milton Merchant Jeff McArthur is once again running with the Green Gaels this season. Recording 19 minutes in penalties Friday night, he plays with younger brother Darryl, a member of the OHL's Guelph Storm ... Milton's three straight victories set a team record for the longest win-streak in the regular season.

Mud Hens smear Milton District 18-1

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The Nelson Mud Hens have served notice they intend to win the Halton boys baseball crown this season, and used the Milton District Mustangs to deliver their message Friday afternoon.

Led by ace hurler Bob Mackie, the Burlington powerhouse squad allowed three measly hits in an 18-1, mercy-ended game.

MD's own pitching staff gave up a total of 10 hits and six walks in their worst outing in several years. Highlighting their off day was a seven-run third inning when Nelson sent a dozen batters to the plate.

Starter Jeff Langille was taken down early with a first inning home-run, then struggled with his control and walked three Mud Hens in the second. Will Sinnott and Adam Gertzbein split the final

three frames in relief — neither enjoying any more success than their predecessor.

Gertzbein and Langille also recorded hits, while Chris Scherer's second inning homer provided the only bright spot of the afternoon for Mustang fans.

Nelson's offensive clinic featured one long ball as well — by Derek Boyer — plus half-a-dozen extra base hits. With a convincing win over Burlington's Assumption in the first-half of their opening day double header, the Mud Hens should maintain their top 10 Metro ranking.

The 'Stangs own season opener saw another lacklustre pitching display, but much stronger offence. They were two runs in front and three outs away from starting the season on a high note, before reliever Nathan Perrott opened the floodgates and allowed five runs for a 10-7 loss to the Lord Elgin Lancers of Burlington.

His collapse included five walks and two hits. He had relinquished just a single score in the Lancers' previous at-bat while starter Adam Finkbeiner gave up four runs over four innings.

"We've really got to improve on pitching," said manager Adam Flatt.

Back-to-back triples by Chris Mutcheson and Mike Leishman anchored a three-run third inning for MD. Langille and Scherer also shone at the plate with two hits apiece.

Driving in runs were Langille, Leishman, Mutcheson, Scherer, Nick Aalbers and Reese Davies.

The Mustangs' quest for victory continued yesterday (Monday) with home-field advantage against the Georgetown Rebels. Results were not available at press time. They play host to cross-town rivals Bishop Reding tomorrow at Brian Best Park, with a 3 p.m. start time.