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File photo by GRAHAM PAINE

Carrie (left) and Chrystal Johnston will be heading south this fall to compete in NCAA Division I soccer action. Both have earned full scholarships to university.

Soccer sisters swing sweet college deals

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The Johnstons are ready to take their sister act on the road.

Milton's 18-year-old soccer twins, Carrie and Chrystal, are set to begin NCAA Division I play this fall. The Milton District High School grads each earned full scholarships recently — Carrie to University of Detroit Mercy and Chrystal to Illinois State.

"It's exciting to have gained a full ride to school. I'm looking forward to the new challenge," remarked Carrie, who along with her sibling had offers from a number of other colleges including East Michigan, Indiana Evansville and Greensboro, Alabama.

Being in different states next year may be a little strange at first, but then it's not like the twins have been joined at the hip.

Since taking up soccer eight years ago, they've played apart as much as together. That includes the current season — in which Carrie is anchoring Burlington United's defence while Team Ontario benefits from the spirited midfield efforts of Chrystal.

The latter sister hopes to add to her workload as part of the Under-20 National

Women's team that will compete at the Pan Am Games in Winnipeg July 23 to August 6.

She need only survive one final round of cuts to achieve this goal, having shown strongly at an initial training camp late last month in Victoria, British Columbia.

Said Chrystal, "I'd say my chances of making it are pretty good. They ranked us over the week and I was high in every category."

That's nothing new for the multi-talented athlete, who was just named Milton District High's 1998/99 Female Athlete of the Year — an honour bestowed upon her for contributions to the basketball, volleyball and soccer teams.

Over the years the twins have also tried their hand at track and field as well as badminton. However, soccer remains the sport of choice for both — who've combined to dominate the competition throughout North America.

Last spring they were part of a provincial touring team that towered over all opponents during a 10-day swing through Mexico.

Previous highlights for the sisters include finishing second in league play

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Bantams batter Elora 12-1, then let up mercifully

It's hard to believe that a 12-1 beating could be classified as merciful.

But anyone witness to bantam lacrosse action at John Tonelli Sports Centre Monday could clearly see compassion lurking behind the Mavericks' ridiculously easy win over Elora.

Milton — fresh off a championship victory at their weekend tournament — put a stranglehold on the visitors before the first intermission, delivering eight goals on 14 shots.

With the win all but guaranteed, the Mavs saw no reason to add insult to injury and let up offensively through the rest of the contest — when it was apparent they could have taken their

triumph to much greater heights.

Kyle Goertz led the way with a hat-trick while tallying twice each were Derek Blanchard and Mark Galick.

Single markers were contributed by Rory Johnston, Brett Lewis, Ian Robertson, Adam Rutz and Daniel Wetselaar.

Goaltender Robert Lee Beaulieu could have registered his second straight shutout had it not been for a partially screened shot that beat him five minutes into the game. Overall he was challenged just a dozen times and picked up his fifth win in four days.

Tykes hang on

Milton's tykes survived a late scare

to nip Elora 4-3 Monday at John Tonelli Sports Centre.

The visitors scored three times in the final frame — twice in the last minute of play — but in the end just couldn't dig themselves out of a sizable hole.

Backstopping Milton to a second league win was Katie Blasco, who turned aside 17 shots and was stellar through periods one and two.

Justin Rochon and Mark Brown scored within a minute of each other late in the first, on a bottom shelf sidearm and breakaway overhand respectively.

From there it was Bobby Fillman who connected on a top left corner

blast to provide his team with a little insurance. Doug Kay meanwhile, would deposit the eventual game winner at 1:25 of the third with a long-range sidearm through traffic.

The Mavs showed a lot of hustle at both ends of the floor and killed a two-man penalty in the middle stanza.

Standout performances came from Michael Sgarbossa, Lucas Fraser and Ethan O'Connor.

Novices stoned

The Mavericks' novice squad fired two dozen blanks at John Tonelli Sports Centre Monday and dropped a 4-0 decision to Elora.

Despite a slight size advantage, the

hosts couldn't get inside enough, which put a crimp in their quality shots tally.

Keeping his teammates within striking distance throughout the game was goalie Mathew Clark, who recorded 18 saves overall.

Elora tallied twice in the first and second en route to victory.

Cole Madansky, Bradley Mazzocato and Scott Stover were all robbed on key scoring chances.

Milton is still looking for its first league win of the year.

The closest they came to victory was a 3-3 stalemate with the Kitchener Braves late last month.

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