

# Intermediate Mavericks defend tournament title

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A wise man once said that it's always darkest before dawn. He probably didn't have athletics in mind at the time — but nevertheless, the old adage certainly applies to the intermediate Mavericks.

Or least it does when reflecting on their efforts recently during the ninth annual John McCauley Memorial Lacrosse Tournament.

Milton's bid for a championship repeat looked awfully bleak from the onset — as back-to-back defeats suggested the defending champs wouldn't even advance past preliminary competition, much less win the whole thing.

However, the local lads jumped all over a third-round do-or-die situation — hammering Mimico 8-2 — and refused to lose from that point on, capping a dramatic weekend turnaround by outlasting Markham 6-4 in the tournament finale Sunday.

## Sherriff delivers in the clutch

Kaegan Sherriff figured in the last three goals during championship play — assisting on markers four and five by Trevor Ford and Ryan Louth respectively before potting the insurance marker himself. Milton's assistant captain also scored in the opening frame to begin a thoroughly impressive performance.

Other marksmen in the finals were Rick Gallinger and Jon Sweetland, while backstopping the team to victory was Josh Arnold.

En route to the finals, the intermediates upstaged Burlington 7-3 — exacting a measure of revenge for a second-round loss.

Kevin Barby tallied twice in the semifinal triumph while singles were chipped in by Louth, Sherriff, Noel Coutrouzas and Derek Mewhinney.

Arnold gave up just one goal in each period during return

engagement play against Burlington — which followed a gut check victory over Mimico.

In this one the Mavericks made three deposits in each of the last two frames to stave off elimination in fierce fashion. Mewhinney, Bobby MacDonald and Paul Pedulla scored two apiece to lead the way.

Also denting the twine were Barby and James Forbes.

Sherriff was about the only bright spot through rounds one and two — figuring in four of the seven goals delivered in 8-2 and 7-5 setbacks to Brampton and Burlington respectively.

Milton followed up their tournament triumph by eclipsing Mimico 5-4 June 20.

Steve Chuchmach made the game-winning deposit and finished the night with three points — as did Barby.

The Mavericks rallied with a pair of third-period goals to keep their regular season unbeaten streak alive.

# Junior Sox' title hopes crushed by Brampton

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There's nothing like a month-long delay to crush a team's momentum.

The Milton juniors came face-to-face with that harsh reality at Brian Best Park Saturday afternoon — when the make-up finals of the Ajax Tournament didn't exactly play out in their favour.

Glenn Turner's Red Sox had been red hot during the tournament late last month before thunder and lightning put the championship contest on hold.

Had Mother Nature not shifted gears that day, the local lads would have been awfully tough to outshine — having gone undefeated all weekend and dismantled fellow finalist Brampton 10-1 in opening round play.

But four weeks later their psychological edge was nowhere to be found, as a revitalized Brampton struck early and often to prevail 7-4.

Staying within three runs of AAA centre was certainly respectable, but it served as little consolation for the championship-minded Sox.

Milton drew to within a run of their guests on two separate occasions before a couple of defensive glitches put things out of reach.

Jordan Jeans scored first on a solo shot over the left field fence in the opening frame, while follow-up runs were delivered by Mike Austen and Jeff MacLeod — who came home twice on a single and sacrifice fly by clean-up hitter Nate Perrott.

Jeans reached base safely three times on the afternoon while Austen did so twice and made a nice tag out at home plate to punctuate an impressive fifth-inning double play, initiated at first by Perrott.

Splitting the pitching duties were Adam Ahearn and Ian Moszczak.

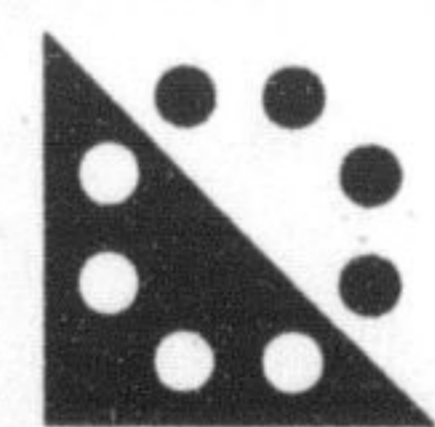
Despite coming up short, the Sox managed to out Brampton 8-6. Austen and Jeans led offensively with two hits apiece.

Milton will be looking to snap a three-game losing streak tonight in Campbellville against newly established Halton Country. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

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