

# Mulé's Dolphins head into provincials on a hot streak

*Have enjoyed league and tournament success this spring*

If late-season momentum is the measuring stick for success, Victoria Mulé's Etobicoke Dolphins must be feeling pretty good about their chances at the provincial championships in Brampton.

The 14-year-old Miltonian and her 'AA' bantam girls hockey team go into this weekend's showcase on quite a roll — having enjoyed a hefty hardware haul already this spring.

The Dolphins' latest title triumph came at Toronto's Beatrice Ice Gardens Sunday afternoon, when they disposed of the North York Storm 3-1 to clinch the North Metro crown.

In an even more thrilling

encounter Saturday, Etobicoke squeezed past the Burlington Barracudas 3-2 to reach the championship finals.

Before that, the eventual league champs gutted out a best-of-three qualifying victory over the Durham Lightning — overcoming an early series deficit to advance.

Mulé — a fast-skating forward with lots of play-making ability — made the winning deposit in a 3-0 game-two whitewash and sank an insurance marker in a 5-1 series-clinching win.

The Dolphins have also flourished in tournament play — most recently striking silver at the 35th annual Brampton showcase.

Their penchant for coming out

ahead in low-scoring affairs — certainly an encouraging sign heading into the provincials — was once again seen with narrow victories over Aurora (2-1), Michigan (3-1) and Chatham (3-0).

This round-robin sweep put them in the semifinals, where they blanked Durham 2-0. Unfortunately, Etobicoke would end up on the opposite end of the shutout game during championship play — getting stoned by London 4-0.

This weekend's trip to the provincials was made possible by a best-of-three qualifying series win over North York in late February.

Eleven teams will compete for the Ontario title.

# Local foursome lead Twisters

The Halton Hills 'BB' atom girls hockey team have secured hardware at just about every turn this season, thanks in large part to a local foursome.

Katie Blasco, Krista Dermott, Brooke Hartwick and Robyn McColl have helped fuel the Twisters' successes — which include a second-place finish in the North Metro loop last weekend at Toronto's Beatrice Ice Gardens.

Blasco was between the pipes while Dermott notched an unassisted goal in the Twisters' 3-2 semifinal win against Oshawa Saturday.

The following day the team fell a little short in the finals — getting doubled up 4-2 by Vaughan's 'A' squad.

Hartwick and McColl form a reliable defensive pair-

ing and were rock solid in both games last weekend.

Before that, the local girls' collective efforts powered Halton Hills to championship honours at the 35th annual Brampton Canadettes Tournament.

This marked the team's third tournament title of the season. Other championship wins came in Durham and Halton Hills.

A 3-1 triumph over the hosts in the gold-medal clash was highlighted by a hat-trick from Dermott. Blasco stood tall in the cage and received ample support from her local blueliners.

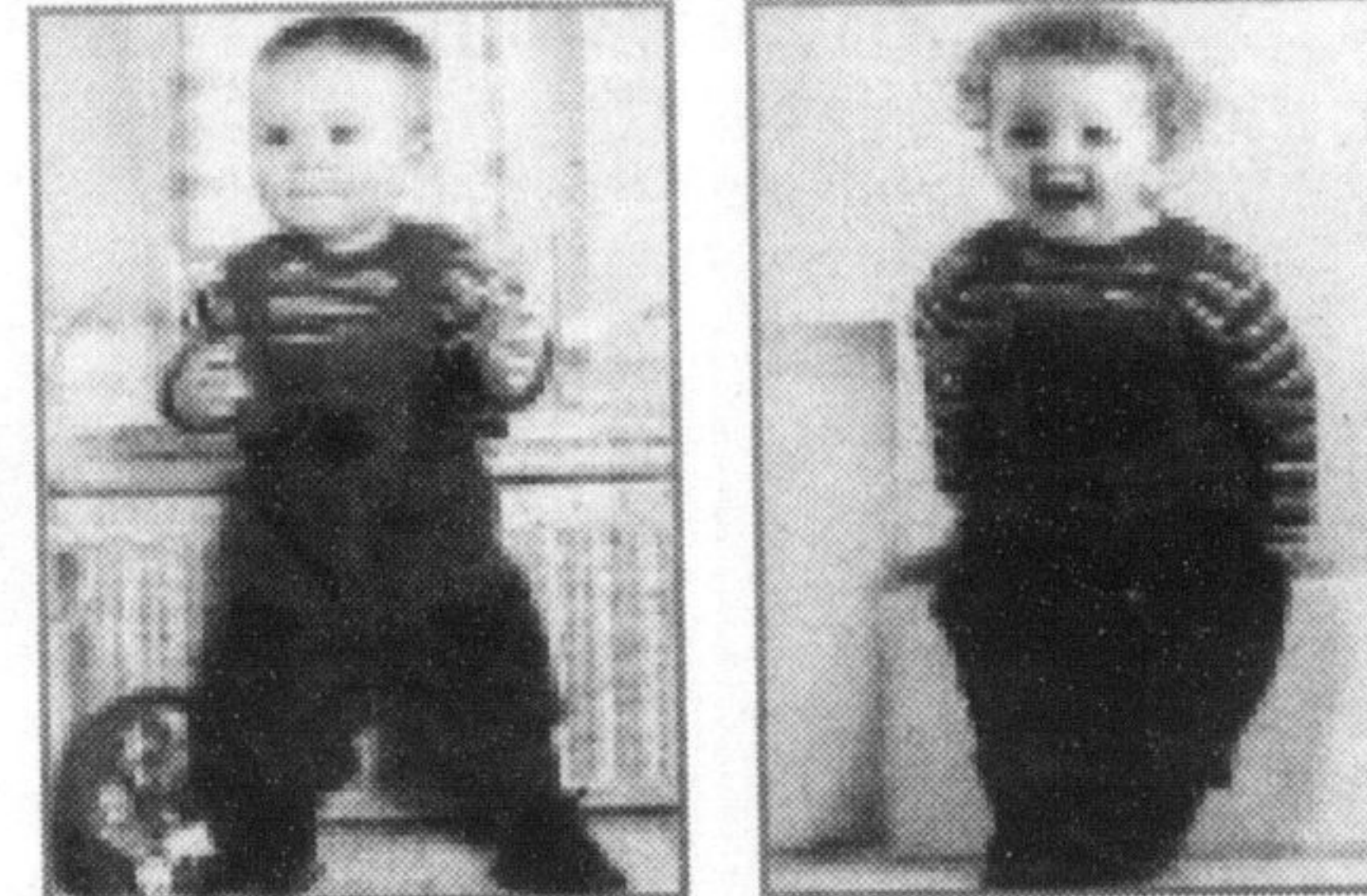
Now Halton Hills will look to add one more medal to their trophy count this weekend at the provincial championships in Brampton.

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