



Alilovic holding court once again for Ontario basketball program

Local cager shows strongly at Kentucky Hoops Fest

Alilovic is no stranger to high-stakes basketball play.

So it shouldn't be surprising to anyone that the 6'5" Miltonian came through in the clutch with Team Ontario's Under-17 Junior team last weekend at the 80-team Eddie Ford Kentucky Hoops Fest.

Having already helped his provincial squad advance to the gold bracket with a 2-1 round-robin campaign, 16-year-old Alilovic scored two key double-overtime baskets off of big steals to allow Ontario to outdistance Indiana's Spiece North West Indy Alliance 89-84.

Overall he had 15 points in the

victory, which pushed the junior provincial cagers to the gold bracket's second round — a feat their Ontario Under-17 senior counterparts weren't quite able to equal.

"Al's not necessarily the most skilled player I've got, but he brings great effort and character, plus his size definitely helps us on defense," said head coach Adam Urbach.

Added a modest Alilovic, "I think I did pretty good (in Kentucky)."

A fair amount of drama was also waiting in the gold bracket's second round, where the provincial juniors were edged 69-66 by

Cincinnati's AAURED. The Milton forward collected 11 points in the narrow loss.

En route to the playoff rounds, Team Ontario knocked off the Cincinnati All-Stars (62-46) and Wisconsin Force (89-77) after dropping their tournament opener to Indiana's Spiece Indy Red 50-39.

Alilovic had a weekend high 16 points and nine rebounds against Cincinnati.

He and his Ontario mates will be back in action at the end of the month as part of the Great Canadian Shootout in Toronto.

Big League Cup win for Magic

The Under-13 Magic boys didn't so much advance to next month's League Cup semifinals as bulldoze their way into them.

Establishing early pressure and maintaining the upper hand pretty much from start to finish, Milton brushed aside Guelph 5-0 Sunday morning in Hamilton.

Yuma Tsuboi tallied twice in the quarterfinal blowout — delivering the only first-half deposit and padding the lead shortly after intermission — while aiding in the decisive win with late singles were Nicholas Garcia, Archan Bhandan and Adam Borrelli.

George Kopas made some key saves through the

first half before coming out and setting up two goals to finish out a well-rounded performance. Between the pipes in the second half was Jason MacDonald.

First-time sweeper Daniel Husarewych combined with Kevin Monk and Tyler Rioux to suffocate opposing forwards, while winning the majority of one-on-one battles in the mid-field were Sanjay Moodie, Kyle Lynch and Dillon Paradis.

The League Cup semifinals will be played sometime in August. The Under-13 boys sat third in the South Region Soccer League's Second Division at 4-2-2 prior to last night's rematch with Guelph. Tuesday evening they host Oakville at Lions Sports Park.

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Alilovic is once again proving to be a valuable part of Basketball Ontario.

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2	MILTON BIBLE	9	7	2	0	14
3	NEW LIFE "A"	10	7	3	0	14
4	BOSTON	10	7	3	0	14
5	SOUTH SIDE	10	6	4	0	12
6	KNOX	8	4	4	0	8
7	HOLY ROSARY	10	3	7	0	6
8	HILLCREST	9	2	7	0	4
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