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**PUCK PURSUIT:** Zack Brady (right) of the Chudleigh Canadiens tries to skate past Chad Green of the Conbel Express & Logistics Flyers as the two chase a loose puck in Saturday's atom championship final at House League Championship Day. Brady had a goal and three assists to lead the Canadiens to a 7-4 victory. For complete results, see page 16.

## Rogers denied national title as Bears repeat

*Alberta edges Lakehead 3-2 to claim university championship*

Five minutes was all that stood between the Lakehead University Thunderwolves and a national championship.

The Alberta Golden Bears scored three times in five minutes during the first period of Sunday's TELUS University Cup final and held off Lakehead for a 3-2 victory in front of 7,615 fans at Rexall Place in Edmonton.

The loss to the defending Canadian university champions means Milton's Dan Rogers will have to wait until next year. But waiting another year may not be such a bad thing.

Only three Lakehead players are not eligible to return next season. Although the Thunderwolves will lose leading scorer Joel Sherben, both Jeff Richards and goalie Chris Whitley, who were both named to the national tournament all-star team, will be back.

And the loss of Erik Lodge on the blueline should give Rogers a bigger role next season.

Lakehead opened the scoring with a power-play goal 1:16 into Sunday's final but Alberta came back to score three goals in five minutes midway through the period. Lakehead cut the gap to one midway through the second but couldn't get the equalizer.

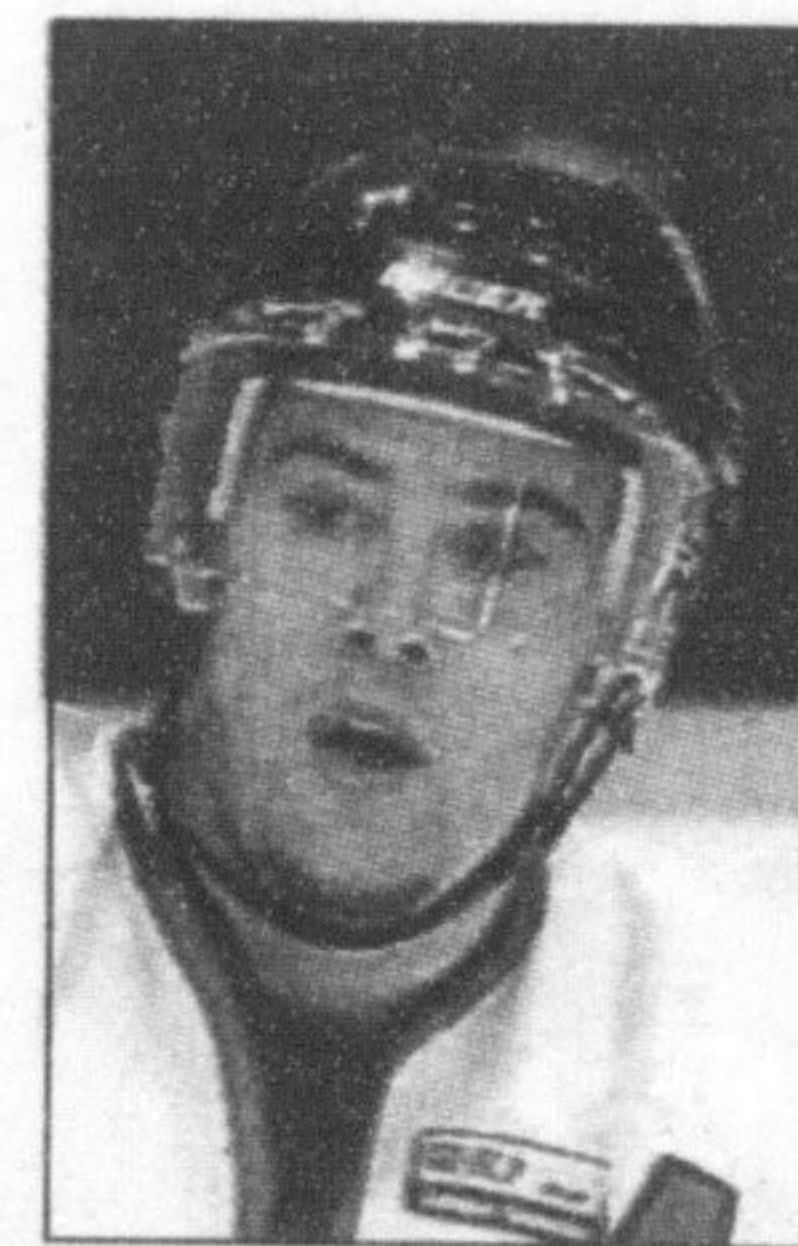
Rogers, who helped the Georgetown Raiders win the Central Canadian championship last year, had two goals and five points in 19 games in his rookie season with the Thunderwolves. He was held pointless at nationals but posted a plus-3 mark in the first two games of the tournament.

Lakehead, seeded third in the six-team national championship tournament, rallied from a 2-0 deficit to beat Acadia 4-3 with three third-period goals in its opening game of the tournament on Friday.

In Saturday's semifinal against Saskatchewan, Lakehead built a 2-0 lead. Saskatchewan pulled within one, scoring with just over two minutes to play but the Thunderwolves scored into an empty net to seal the victory.

Former Milton IceHawk Shandor Alphonso of Orangeville was also a member to the Lakehead squad.

Lakehead was 13-9-2 during the Ontario University Athletics season but the Thunderwolves pulled off a huge upset to beat McGill in the OUA championship.



Dan Rogers

## Gleed, Cornell edged in triple-overtime heartbreaker

By Steve LeBlanc

CANADIAN CHAMPION STAFF

It was the second-longest game in NCAA Tournament history.

But for Jon Gleed, Sunday night's Midwest Regional final in Green Bay, Wisconsin couldn't have felt anywhere near as long as the flight back to Ithaca, New York.

The 22-year-old Miltonian and his Cornell University teammates no doubt spent the plane ride agonizing over the 1-0 triple overtime loss suffered at the hands of the hometown favourite Wisconsin Badgers in the final hurdle to Frozen Four play.

For veterans like Gleed, a senior defenceman and assistant captain, the loss reeked of unwelcomed déjà vu. Exactly one year ago the Big Red were eclipsed 2-1 in sudden death by the Minnesota Gophers — also the hometown darlings — in the NCAA's quarterfinal round.



Jon Gleed

"Yeah it's kind of reminiscent of last year, but somehow this feels a little different," remarked Gleed, just before his flight back Sunday. "I really thought we were going to pull it out this time. It's a tough way to end my university career."

Cornell weathered a third-period storm and matched the favoured Badgers in shots through overtime before Wisconsin's Jack Skille buried the winner upstairs 11:13 into the third extra session.

Sunday's heartbreaker came on the heels of what was the biggest moment in Gleed's hockey career.

A former Provincial Jr. A league champion with the Brampton Capitals,

the local blueliner scored 9:20 into the third period Saturday to give Cornell a 3-2 victory over the Colorado College Tigers in the Midwest Regional semis.

It was his first goal of the season. "It was a nice time for it to come," said Gleed of his lone 2005/06 deposit, which beat Colorado College goalie Matt Zaba on the glove side and put his team within a game of the Frozen Four.

His tally capped a huge comeback for the Big Red, who managed just a single shot in the opening frame — a shorthanded one by Gleed — before fortifying their efforts to overcome a 2-0 deficit.

Gleed did receive a small consolation prize when he was named to the named to the Midwest Regional All-Tournament team.

With his university career over, Gleed intends to go to the Montreal Canadiens' rookie camp in July. Montreal selected Gleed in the seventh round of the 2004 NHL entry draft.

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