

Senior Spartans win own field hockey tourney



The E.C. Drury Spartans weren't exactly charitable hosts at their first annual senior girls field hockey tournament — at least not from a defensive standpoint.

With the rain just barely holding off for the four-team showcase, the

Spartans held the opposition scoreless all day and punctuated their championship drive with a 1-0 whitewash of the second-entry team from Oakville's T.A. Blakelock.

Ashley Jamieson provided the heroics with a short corner deposit, while

Sam Morgan backstopped Drury to the title. En route to the finals, EC battled to a scoreless stalemate with Blakelock's first squad and then toppled Bishop Reding 3-0 — on two goals by Brooke Bondy and a penalty flick marker from Nicola Moses.

Their three tournament goals matched their output for the entire regular season, a rather tough one for the traditionally-competitive Spartans — who just barely made the playoffs with a 2-5-2 record.

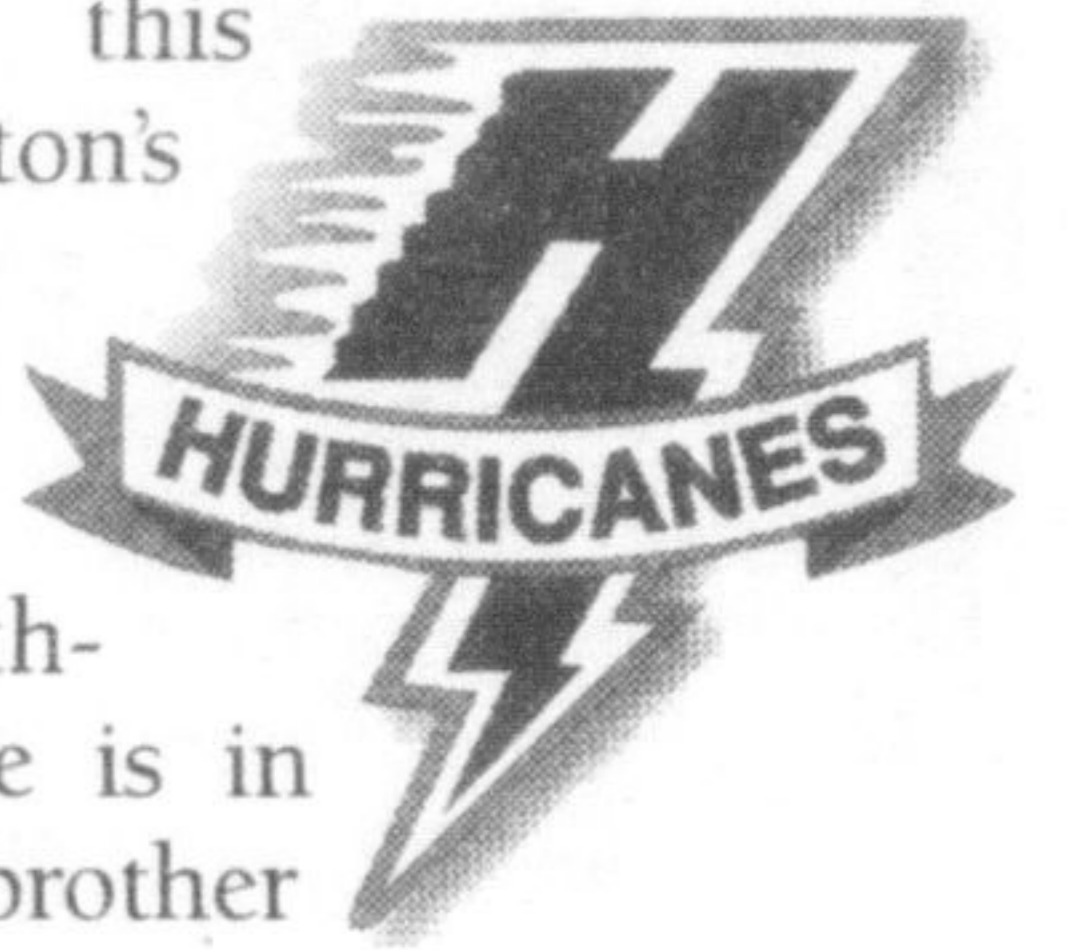
They grabbed an early first-round lead on third-place St. Thomas Aquinas in Oakville October 16 — on a beautiful corner shot by Jamieson — before falling 2-1.

Enjoying a lot more offensive fortune this fall, the junior Spartans head into today's regular season finale in Georgetown with a Volpe Division-leading record of 4-1-1. They bumped their scoring total to 15 with Thursday's 1-1 tie with second-place Holy Trinity of Oakville and — with a top-two finish already locked up — will have a first-round bye before hosting one of the quarterfinal games early next week.

Locals aid Hurricanes' title drive

The Hurricane minor peewees refused to play runners-up a second straight time.

After losing in the finals in Ajax, Halton battled to championship honours earlier this month at Brampton's Jason Abraham Memorial Tournament.



The seventh-annual showcase is in memory of the brother and uncle of Hurricane coach Gary Abraham and standout centre Bryce Abraham respectively, who died of cancer in 2000.

While kept off the score-sheet in the Hurricanes' 3-2 title win over Quinte — which served as payback for a 5-2 round robin-ending defeat — the younger Abraham certainly made his presence felt at the tournament.

One of four Milton-area players on the team, he amassed nine points over the six weekend tilts, highlighting his efforts with a hat-trick and two assists in an 11-2 round-one spanking of the tournament hosts.

Fellow Miltonians Jason DaSilva, Tyler Ganly and Ryan Stark delivered noteworthy contributions to the title drive as well.

Part of a formidable goaltending tandem, DaSilva was between the pipes for both the blowout against Brampton and a 2-0 semifinal whitewash of Ottawa Valley. Meanwhile, blueline partners Ganly and Stark combined for a goal and two assists in the round-one cake-walk and helped neutralize the opposition all weekend — particularly down the stretch.

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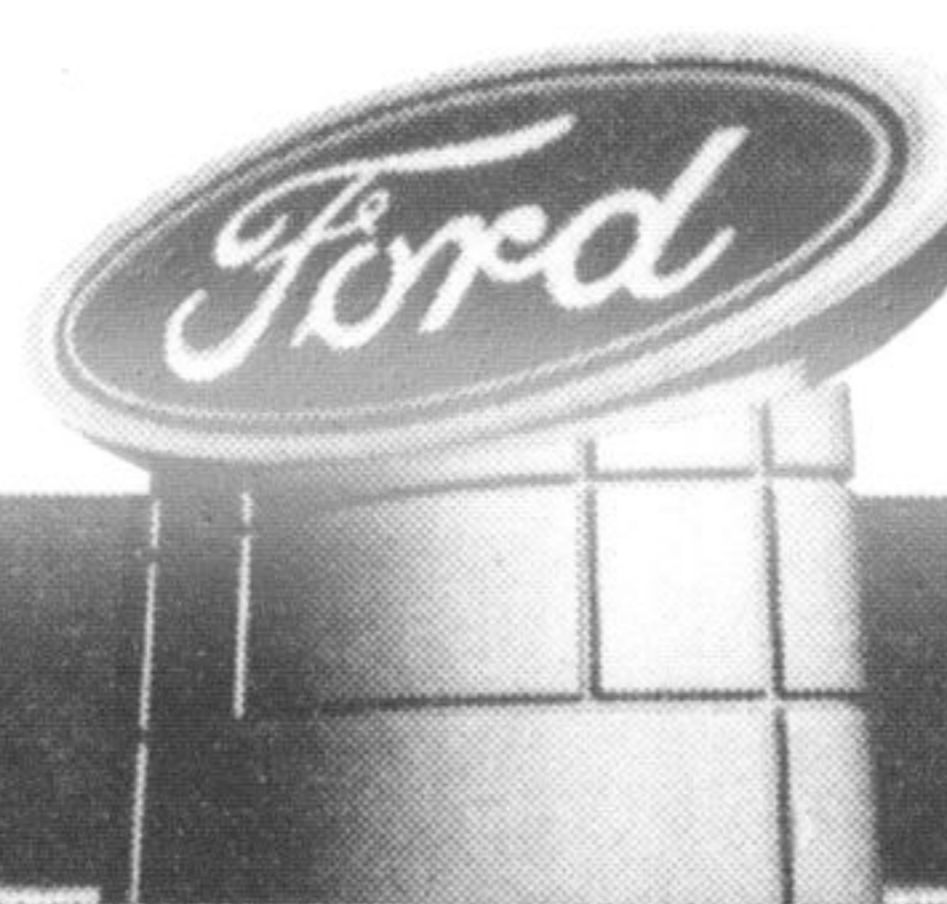
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