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Drury trio makes Team Ontario cut

Will be part of field hockey nationals

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E.C. Drury will be well represented in national field hockey competition this summer.

Adding another chapter to the school program's ongoing success story, Spartans Shaelyn Johnston, Stephanie Takeuchi and Allison Wallis recently secured Team Ontario status and subsequent berths to the 2007 Canadian Outdoor Field Hockey Championships in Vancouver.

The trio represent a qualifying sweep for Drury — as the only three players to try out late last year at the University of Toronto. While not sure yet whether they'll be on first or second-entry teams for the nationals, Johnston and Takeuchi have earned themselves a spot among Under-16 provincial ranks and Wallis will compete with one of the two Ontario Under-19 squads.

"I'm so excited," said 15-year-old Johnston, who's played an all-purpose utility role with the Spartans and could see time both as a forward and midfielder with Team Ontario. "This is almost like a dream come true."

One of the youngest members of the Under-19 provincial lineup, 16-year-old Wallis was equally pleased to make the cut — especially since she follows in the footsteps of good friend Lisa Brown, the first Drury player to make Team Ontario last year.

"Lisa's always been a person to measure oneself against," remarked Wallis, whose strengths lie on the defensive side of things. "She had a lot to do with teaching me to play, spending hours with me outside of practice. It (making cut) feels great. This has been a goal of mine for a long time."

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A CUT ABOVE: E.C. Drury Spartans (from left) Stephanie Takeuchi, Shaelyn Johnston and Allison Wallis are all smiles since qualifying for Team Ontario.

IceHawks snap skid by blasting Blues

The IceHawks faced teams at opposite ends of the Western Conference pecking order this past weekend, and the results certainly reflected that.

At home against last-place Bramalea Friday night, the rebuilding juniors snapped their longest losing streak of the season — nine games — in commanding fashion.

Allen Petretic put Milton ahead just 1:27 into the game on a shorthanded goal and the hosts cruised to a 9-1 dismantling of the lowly Blues, who've been stuck at just one measly win now for three-and-a-half months.

Eight different IceHawks had multi-point efforts in their first blowout victory of 2006/07 play — with Erman Ali tallying twice and Dean Kulla and Doug Clarkson contributing a goal and two assists apiece.

A standout at Wednesday's Future Stars Game in Georgetown, David Vallorani collected three helpers to push his team-leading point total to 53.

Cameron Healy turned back 18 shots for the decisive win, having his shutout bid dashed early in the third.

The following evening in Oakville was a

whole different story for the IceHawks, who were whitewashed 3-0 by the top-seated Blades — winners of 17 of their last 19 games.

Milton actually out-shot their hosts, but just couldn't solve young netminder Matt Hoyle. Building on the half-game shutout he delivered at the Future Stars Game, Vince Cusick held the Blades off the board until late in the second period.

Oakville would add an insurance marker midway through the final frame and then seal the deal with a last-minute empty netter.

Now 9-26-4-2, the IceHawks complete a home-and-home series with Oakville tonight at Memorial Arena. Game time is 7:30 p.m.



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