

# Mavericks blow lead in last few playoff minutes

## Drop opener at home 13-10 to Georgetown

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The Milton Mavericks led the way for most of Sunday night's contest with the Georgetown Bulldogs, but shot themselves in the foot at the finish line.

As a result, they fell 13-10 to the 'Dogs in their best-of-seven, round two lacrosse playoff series opener. The two teams are battling for a berth in the Commissioner's Cup finals while in the East Division, Huntsville takes on Akwesasne.

Milton held three leads throughout the night including a 10-9 advantage with just three minutes remaining in the final frame. However, a late breakdown in defense and a shaky finish for netminder Shane Knox allowed Georgetown to unload with four unanswered goals and take an early series lead.

Despite the loss, Milton sent a clear message to the 'Dogs that they will not roll over and play dead. Georgetown has home floor advantage for the series and are the heavy favourites to reach the finals.

"It's like we beat them three times and let them back in the game all three times," said a somewhat frustrated Milton head coach Jim Leworthy, moments after Georgetown's huge third-period comeback. "We quit in the last four minutes of every period tonight."

Leworthy did cite strong performances by both Knox and veteran Graham Darling, who tallied twice on the night and came up with some key defensive pressure in the first and final periods.

His second goal came during a third-period comeback of their own when Milton rallied for four straight goals in the first 12 minutes after trailing 9-6 after the second period.

Seven of Georgetown's 13 goals came in the final 90 seconds of the period.

Milton was extremely disciplined through game one and allowed Georgetown just three powerplay opportunities. The Mavericks scored twice when they had the man advantage and added a shorthanded tally early in the third.

## Opts get shutout win in girls soccer game

Milton's Optimist Club Under-15 girls rep soccer squad added another one in the win column this past weekend, with a 2-0 shutout victory over North Mississauga.

Goalie Jodie Sales and sweeper Angie Van Egmond quarterbacked the team's defensive efforts, while forwards Amanda Farrugia and Chrissie Henderson netted Milton's goals.

Setting up several key scoring opportunities were midfielders Bonnie Romolo, Erica Tickle, Diana Pereira, Nicola Leishman and Alyssa Taylor. Assisting Egmond and Sales in the defense department were Lauren Batty, Margit Polcz, Fiona Brawley, Kourtney Rich and Sharalee Dempster.

Andrew Hartholt and Mark Beisel followed up their round one dominance over Guelph with big games Sunday. Hartholt collected four goals and added two assists while Beisel turned a hat-trick and also drew two helpers.

Also scoring on the night was Trevor Parker while Jimmy Leworthy Jr. had three

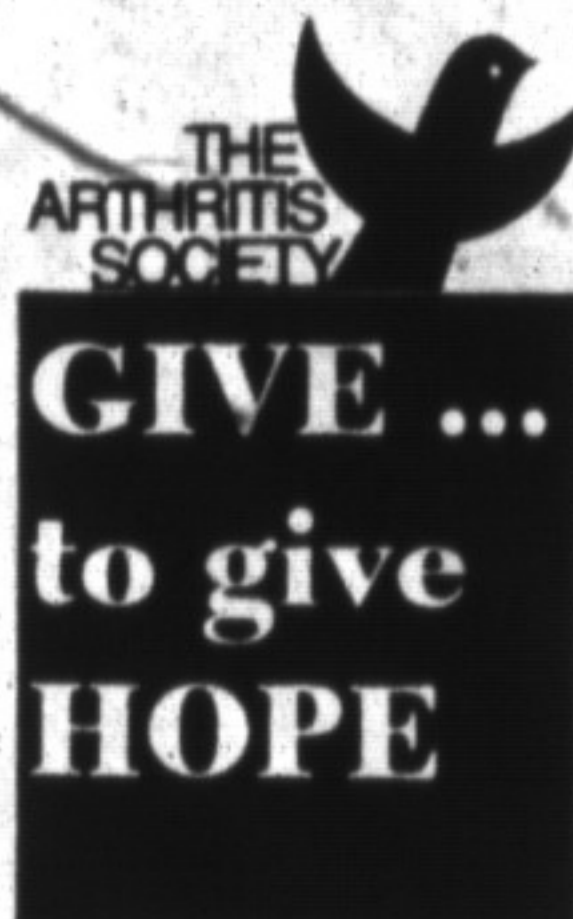
assists and Rob Barnes — who combined with Darling and Craig Hedley for some effective first period defense — recorded two.

Knox also drew two helpers.

Game two of the series went last night (Tuesday) in Milton. Games three and four will be played Thursday in Georgetown

and Friday in Milton, both starting at 8 p.m. If necessary, game five would go Monday in Georgetown at 8 p.m. while game six is scheduled for Tuesday at 8 p.m. in Milton.

A seventh and deciding tilt would be played next Thursday at 8 p.m. in Georgetown.



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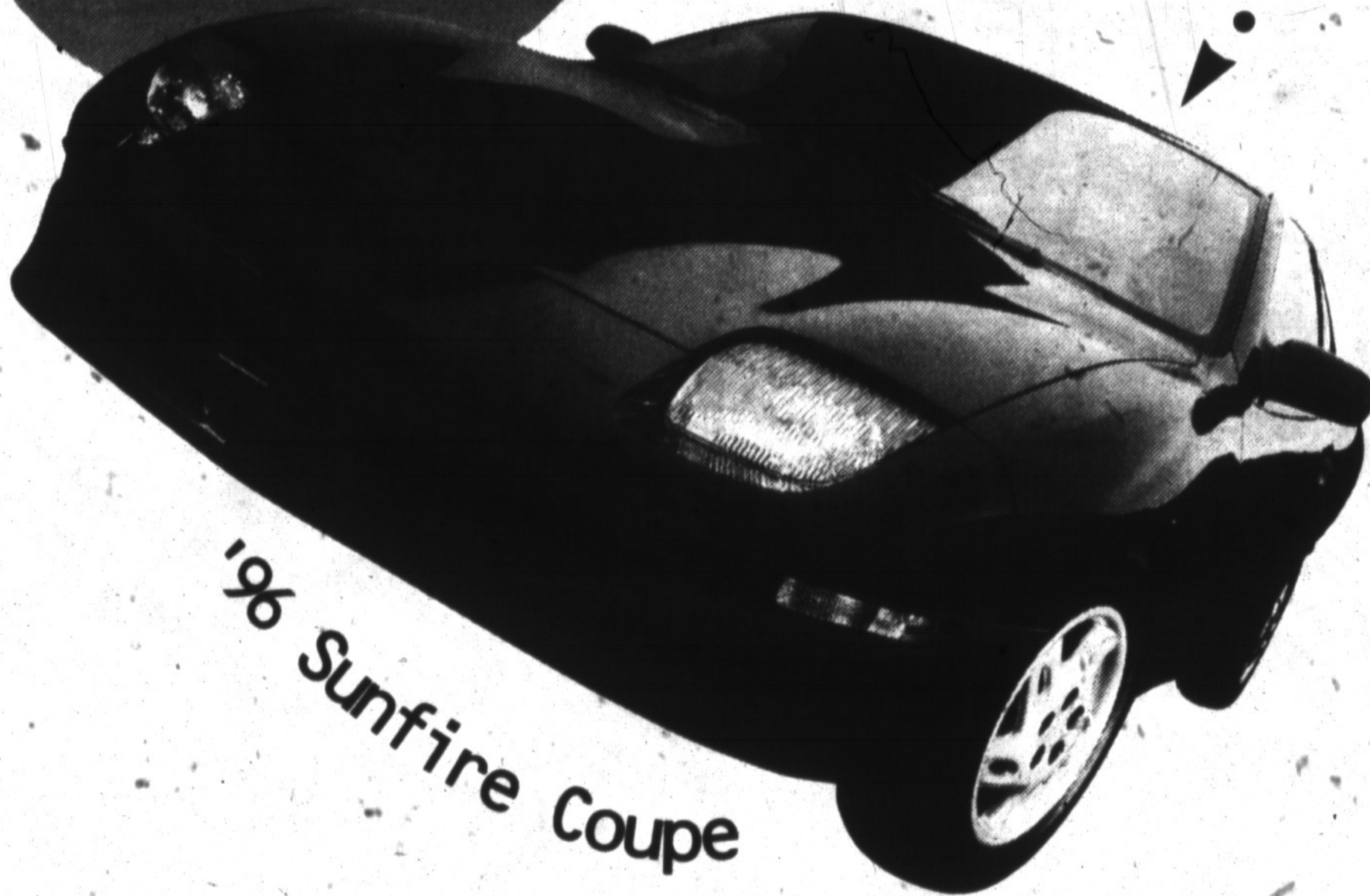
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