

U11 Stags golden at tournament

Enjoying some high-stakes payback in Hamilton last weekend, the Under-11 Stags B boys basketball reigned supreme at the Blessed Sacrament Tournament.

Turning the tables on Ancaster after a 38-30 third-round loss, Milton rallied from an early deficit to take the championship final 30-27. Fortifying their defensive efforts down the stretch, Brayden David and Tristan Miller neutralized Ancaster's top shooters — limiting them to five points in the second half — while Davis and Jay Jay Ikerdoah made some clutch free throws to eke out the victory. The Stags' dramatic highlight of the weekend

came one game earlier against Chatham, when a seesaw clash was punctuated with a Darius Guthrie basket with a mere 2.5 seconds remaining to clinch a 31-30 win.

Milton split its first two tournament games, kicking things off with a 48-36 decision over host Blessed Sacrament before falling to Caledon 37-29.

The Stags' golden medal run is especially encouraging after a 1-6 start to the season. Ikerdoah and Julien Lemon were the top scorers for the weekend, while Davis and Miller anchored the defence and Jayven Ramlakhan was a playmaking standout.

AA tykes rally to tie Oakville in game two

Atkinson, Aidan Baratto, James Coulson and Logan Ouellette drew the assists for the Winterhawks, who went 7-1-1 to secure home-ice advantage in the Tri County final, which continued last night in Georgetown. Game three is set for tomorrow at MSC. Game time is 6:30 p.m.

In other tyke playoff action, the AA Winterhawks will look to crank things up offensively after being held to a single goal in the first two games of their Tri County championship against Oakville.

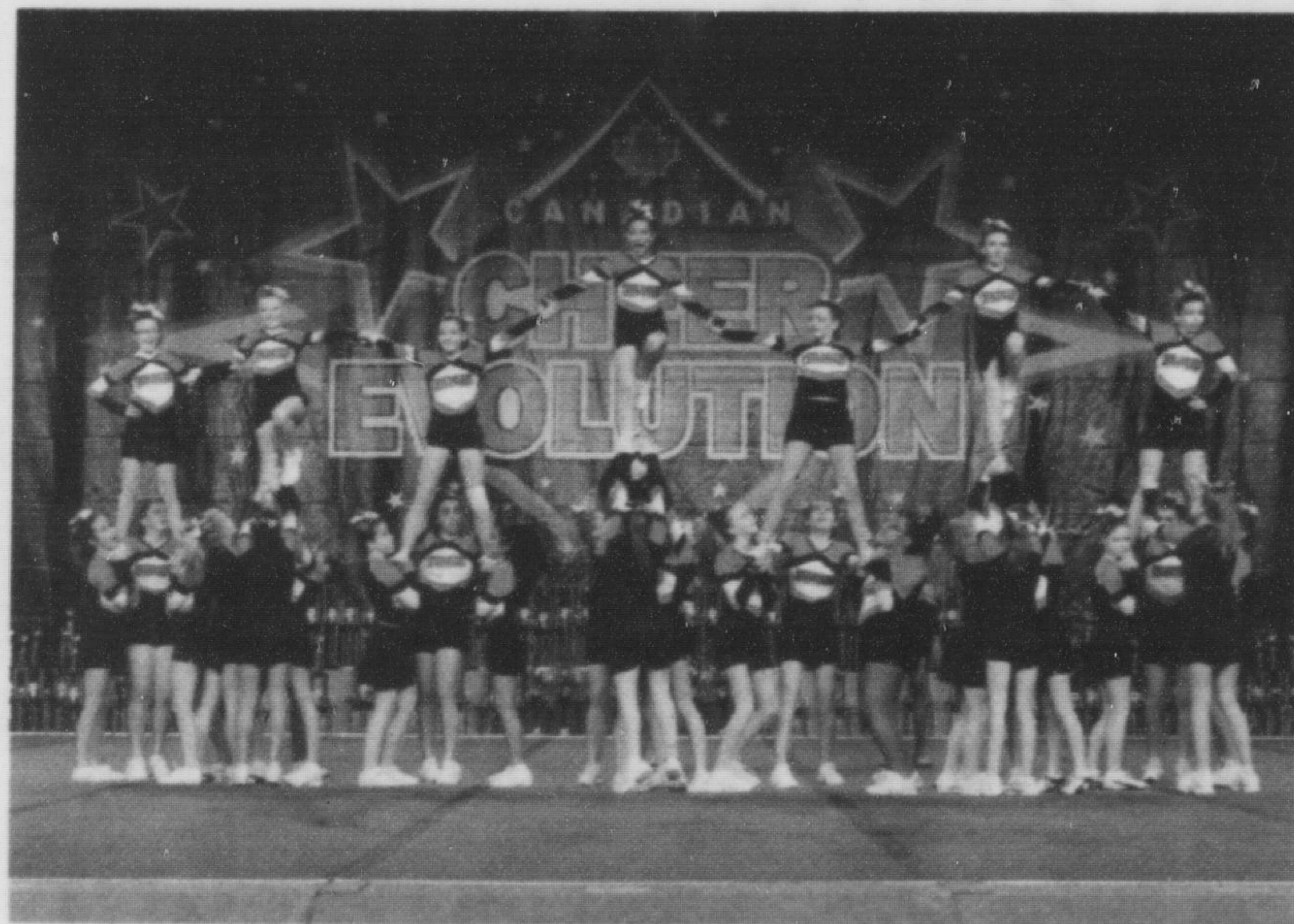
That lone tally came from Matthew Soto in third-period play Sunday afternoon at MSC, allowing the hosts to pull out a 1-1 tie.

Ethan Rye and Kyle Current drew the assists, while Edouard Laflamme showed strongly in net.

The Rangers took the series opener 2-0 Thursday.

Game three is tonight in Oakville.

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Something to cheer about

The only entry in the junior intermediate school class, due to sanctions on extra-curricular activities, the W.J. Dick Wildcats secured division bragging rights at the recent Ontario championships in Kitchener. Despite missing a couple of girls due to illness and injury, the team delivered a strong showing. The 37-member contingent is now training for the Spring Classic in Brampton April 14, and will wrap up the season with nationals in Niagara Falls May 10 and 11.

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