



Brandon Mallach

Mallach and Team Canada fall short at world deaf championships

Brandon Mallach's first taste of international competition ended with roller-coaster drama — and heart-break.

Seemingly toast in the 2nd World Deaf Hockey Championships gold medal game in Finland after falling behind 4-1 to Russia Saturday morning, Mallach and Team Canada staged a huge rally — sparked by a shorthand-

ed goal — to even things up in the second period. But high-stakes defeat was still in the cards for the Canadians, who surrendered a powerplay goal midway through the second period and fell 5-4.

Russia was the only team to beat Canada at the five-team tournament, having handed them a 4-2 in round robin-ending play to spoil the Canadians' unbeaten

preliminary run.

An 18-year-old winger, Mallach — who last toiled with the Fergus Jr. C Devils — scored a third-period powerplay goal to help beat host Finland 5-3 in the second round. He also opened the tournament with an assist on Canada's first goal in a 5-3 victory over the U.S. Canada also downed winless Sweden 5-0.

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Milton Catholic b-ball teams advance to Halton semifinals

A trio of Milton Catholic elementary school basketball teams are on the threshold of regional championship play, having advanced to today's semifinals.

They all did so with decisive quarterfinal wins last week — each prevailing by a dozen or more points.

The biggest margin of victory was enjoyed by the Guardian Angels' boys, who on the strength of an exceptional 32-point performance by Pablo Villa upstaged Burlington's Sacred Heart 45-28. Guardian Angels jumped ahead early and controlled much of the game with an overall fundamentally-sound effort.

Sacred Heart fought back and pulled with a basket at half-time, but the Angels fortified their play down the stretch to reclaim their convincing cushion.

Kobe Maranan and Liam Dick dominated on the boards, while Kwame Pobee showed strongly at both ends of the court and Ty Sounthong was a standout playmaker.

Also reaching the Halton boys semifinals was St. Anthony of Padua, who after a somewhat subpar start managed to break the press of Burlington's St. Paul and go on to prevail 48-36.

That was thanks in large part to a 16-point showing by Jalen Warren and the rebounding prowess of Adam Bujalski.

St. Anthony of Padua took control in the second quarter, due mainly to their superior passing and ball movement.

Jalen Mason also stood out with 10 points for the North Halton champs.

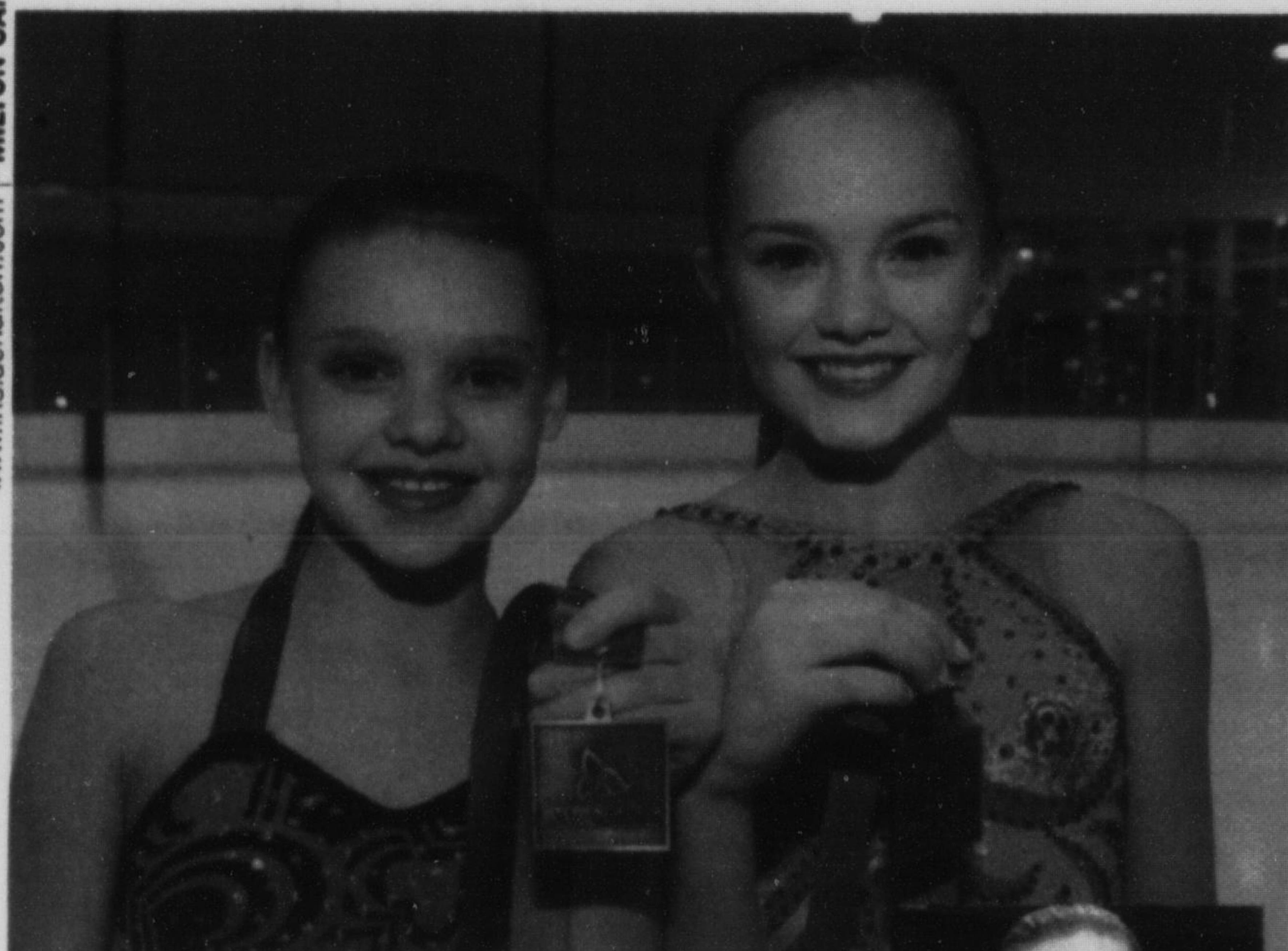
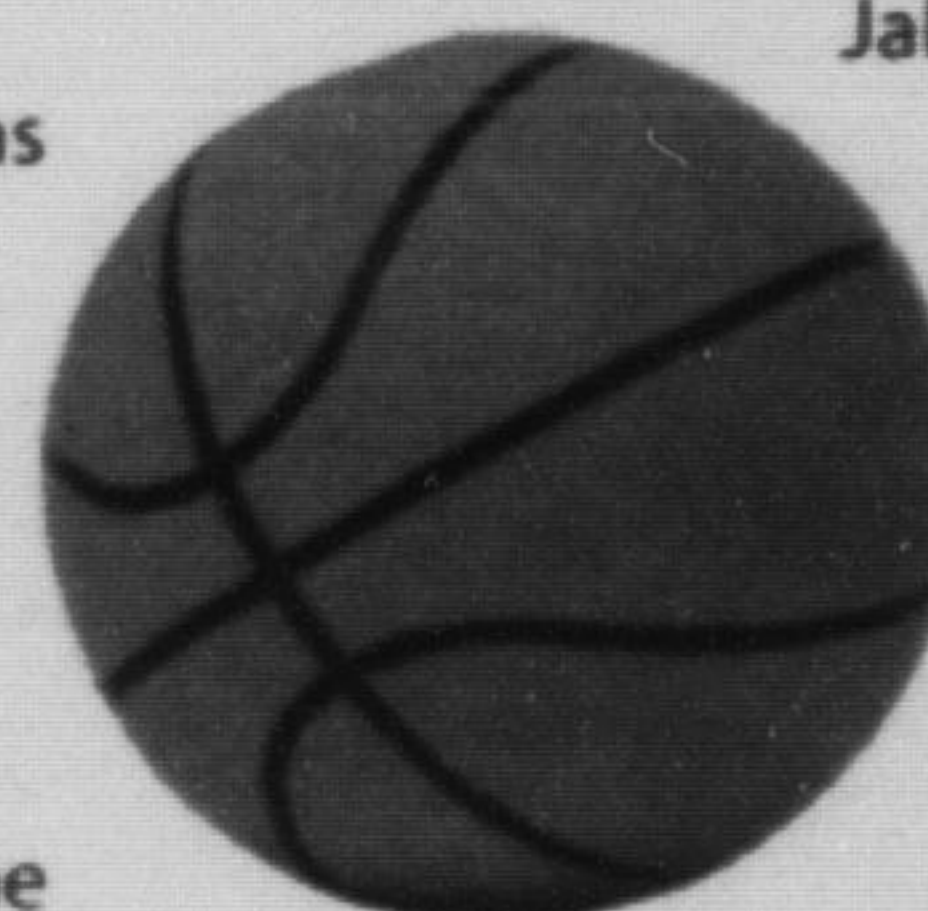
The St. Peter girls turned their North Halton title win into a trip to the regional semis as well, dispatching St. Paul 35-20.

Their quickness and positional play was an insurmountable combination for most of the quarterfinal,

which Amanda Iannicello led with 14 points. Mika Borlongan was close behind with 10 points, while Kristin Gallant stood tall on defence.

St. Peter takes on St. Marguerite d'Youville of Oakville in today's semifinals, while Guardian Angels and St. Anthony of Padua do battle with Canadian Martyrs of Burlington and Oakville's St. Andrew respectively.

Depending on how they fare today, the three Milton schools will vie for either gold or bronze in tomorrow evening's championship games at Burlington's Corpus Christi Secondary School.



Strong finish to season

The Milton Skating Club capped its season with a tidy hardware haul in Fort Erie, collecting three medals. Clara Chisholm and Katie Walker both secured silver at the Skate Ontario Cup (formerly Trillium Cup). Chisholm took second-place honours in the Under-14 juvenile division, while Walker matched that showing in the Under-11 pre-juvenile ranks. Meanwhile, Mackenzie Phelps' senior bronze level performance at Skate Ontario's Starskate Championships was good enough for third. Placing fourth and sixth respectively at the senior silver level were Caroline Deluce and Holly Alac. Above, Walker (left) and Chisholm proudly display their silver medals. At right, Phelps shows her bronze.



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