

# Davidson set to take her soccer skills to college level

With a soccer-loving dad, some of Heather Davidson's earliest — and fondest — memories are heading into the city to watch Toronto FC.

Of course her passion for the beautiful game wasn't going to be completely satisfied as a spectator.

"I liked it right away," said the 18-year-old Miltonian, recalling her start on the pitch at the tender age of six. "I've always loved the competitiveness of soccer."

That'll soon be enjoyed at the collegiate level, as the Craig Kielburger Secondary School defensive standout recently landed an athletic/academic scholarship with the Sheridan Bruins.

"Everyone (at Sheridan) was so friendly and welcoming. From all the talks with the coach (Paul Angelini), they seem to really want me: it was just the right fit," said the local teen, who'll be enrolling in the personal support worker course on the

way to pursuing a career in nursing. "I'm happy (with decision)... it feels like my dreams are coming true."

Set to join fellow Milton defender Emma Bizi with the Bruins this fall, Davidson brings plenty of big-game experience to Sheridan.

Along with three straight trips to the South Regional Soccer League Elite Division final — including two title wins, one each with the Milton Magic and Burlington Bayhawks — she helped lead Craig Kielburger to the Halton Tier 2 championship last week.

A shoot-out loss to M.M. Robinson followed a season in which the Spartans — with some suffocating defence from Davidson — had four shutout wins and surrendered just four goals overall.

"She's very solid... not much gets by her," said Craig Kielburger head coach Jen Reid, who had Davidson on the senior team for

four years, and saw her crack the starting lineup in Grade 9. "She gets rid of the ball quickly in pressure situations."

With a knack for playmaking as well as shutting down opposing forwards, Davidson said recent improvements in terms of both reading the play and gelling with her teammates has taken her game to the next level.

It's a level she believes will allow her to make a significant contribution with the Bruins sooner than later.

"I think I've got a good chance to start right away, or at least make an immediate impact."

Her new coach concurs.

"Heather will be a great addition (to Bruins) and will play immediately," said Angelini. "She's got the vision, to see the play unfolding, the skill set to use both her feet and can do both so at high speed."



Heather Davidson has accepted a scholarship to Sheridan. *Riziero Vertolli / Metroland West Media Group*

## Kubas 17th in steeplechase

57—who's set to play basketball at Brock University this coming fall.

Also making her third OFSAA track and field appearance in Belleville, Milton District's Ella Kubas shed two seconds off her time at South Regionals in the open girls 1,500m

steeplechase. Her 5:29.92 finish last Thursday was good enough for 17th.

Jalen Simpson of Bishop Reding qualified for OFSAA in the junior boys high jump and 300m hurdles, but missed the championships due to a religious commitment.

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