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## **WHITBY WARRIORS COMPLETE PERFECT SEASON TO CAPTURE MEREDITH CUP**

TORONTO, ON – August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – The Whitby Junior “C” Warriors have completed an unprecedented perfect season by defeating the Fergus Thistles four games to none in front of an energetic hometown crowd at the McKinney Centre in Whitby, ON.

Game four of the series went down to the wire with the Warriors’ Mike Andersson scoring the go-ahead goal with only 2:28 left in the third period en route to winning their first franchise Ontario Junior “C” Lacrosse League (OJCLL) Meredith Cup Provincial Championship. All four Meredith Cup Ontario Championship games were decided by a single goal late in the final frame, keeping the crowd in each match on the edge of their seats throughout the 60 minutes of play.

The Junior “C” Warriors finished the regular season 16-0-0 in the East Division of the OJCLL, led by the tag-team scoring prowess of Matt Shand (31 goals, 78 assists, 109 points) and Mike Andersson (39 goals, 38 assists, 77 points), which gave the team a bye in the first round of OJCLL. Whitby swept their Highway 401 neighbours the Clarington Shamrox in convincing fashion before knocking off the defending champion Peterborough Junior “C” Lakers which set up the OJCLL Finals against the Western Champion Fergus Thistles who finished 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the West Division.

While Shand and Andersson continued their offensive threat throughout the Meredith Cup series, Whitby native Connor Platt exploded with 32 goals in ten games, including a “sock trick” (six goals) in Game 3 to lead the Warriors to the title. Platt finished the playoffs with 45 points in total, a respectable second to Shand who led all Warriors players with 16 goals and 52 assists for a combined total of 68 points.

“It’s a really great feeling to be able to win it with these guys after grinding hard all season long,” remarked Warriors Head Coach Jason Wiswell following the victory. “Every single one of these guys, from Hubbard and our defense, our offensive lines, they kept saying they wanted this over and over before every game. And to win it in Whitby in front of all these people who believed in us, it’s just a great feeling. I’m so proud of these guys.”

### About the Ontario Lacrosse Association:

Since 1897, the Ontario Lacrosse Association (OLA) has been recognized as the administrative governing body of lacrosse in the province of Ontario.

In addition to coordinating the operation of the sport, the OLA provides informative resources, technical development programs and additional supplies for those interested in the “fastest game on two feet.” For more information, contact the Ontario Lacrosse Association at (416) 426-7066 or email [info@ontariolacrosse.com](mailto:info@ontariolacrosse.com).

