

## Bulldogs win New Year's tournament in Stoney Creek

Caledon Soccer Club's Boys Under 16 (1999) rep team travelled to Stoney Creek during the holidays to participate in the New Years Kick Off Classic Tournament, hosted by Players Paradise, and came back victorious.

After outscoring their opponents 7-1, and playing undefeated soccer in round robin play against Brantford, Waterloo and Mount Hamilton, the Bulldogs drew Brantford once again in the tournament's semifinal. The game would be tightly contested, and would remain scoreless until Caledon's Matteo Marini fought through the tight Brantford defensive tactics to slot away the game's only goal in the 1-0 Caledon win.

Caledon would have to wait for the other semifinal between the Whitby Iroquois and the Milton Magic to determine their opponent for the final. After drawing 1-1 in regular time, Whitby would eventually defeat Milton in the 13th round of the penalty kicks to earn their own berth in the final.

Caledon would take advantage of their tired opponents and pounced on Whitby early in the final when the Bulldogs' Carter Moffatt settled a perfect 30 yard cross-field pass from Matteo Marini, and proceeded to strike an unstoppable volley into the top corner past the Whitby goalkeeper. Caledon would battle Whitby's quick attackers for the remainder of the game, however with only 10 minutes remaining, Whitby would convert their own opportunity from just inside the 18 yard box to push the game to penalty kicks.

After the first six shooters from each team failed to settle the score, Caledon's goalkeeper Grady Brennan stoned Whitby's seventh attempt, leaving the Bulldogs's Jack Bhamra to step up and clinch victory and the New Years Kickoff Classic title.

"This was a great way to end a successful year for the Bulldogs," said coach Maurizio Marini "the boys have worked and trained hard for this opportunity, and it was thrilling to watch them be rewarded for it."

The Caledon Bulldogs would like to thank their title sponsor for 2014, Johnny's Pizza (Orangeville), and wish all their supporters the best in 2015.



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