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A 'Special' moment
Lightning in the final

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The Mississauga Lightning will face long-time rivals Brampton Panthers in the first-ever Floor Hockey League Championship beginning April 19 in Mississauga.

Lightning swept its best-of-three playoff series against North Halton Stingers, by scores of 12-4 and 11-3.

Meanwhile, Brampton defeated Flamborough Flyers 2-0 in its series.

In Mississauga's dominance over the Stingers, the focus was on defence and puck control. Defenceman Ryan Lamey picked up his game just in time for the playoffs and scored his first goal of the year in the opener.

Aaron Lindsay, who is the team leader in points, put on a clinic in the second game, scoring five goals.

Mississauga has gone undefeated in league play this season, with an 8-0 record, and will put its perfect record on the line against their rivals from Brampton, who are 5-3.

Although Mississauga won the regular season series 2-0, Brampton is known for its big-game performances.

The last time these two teams met to decide a championship was two years ago at a regional tournament. Brampton defeated Mississauga 5-0 in a single elimination game.

Lightning has not lost to the Panthers since and hope the momentum will bring them the first-ever league championship.

This is the inaugural season for Ontario's only Special Olympics Floor Hockey League. Four teams make up the league with each team playing six games to determine playoff positions.

Special Olympics is a worldwide program providing sports training and competition for people with a mental disability.