

Circumstances and a few game organizers conspired to make history happen on the lacrosse field last weekend.

One referee was brought in from Ottawa and another made the trip from Peterborough to create a perfect storm of refereeing **Macdonalds** — five members of the same family refereeing a game.

It was probably the first and last time a game would be refereed by four siblings and their father, all from the Brantford Macdonald clan.

The Macdonalds learned to play lacrosse here a year after moving to the city in 1988.

Refereeing patriarch **Archie** starting officiating games 19 years ago as a way of keeping an eye on his teenaged boys. He's coached minor lacrosse for years, winning six provincial gold medals.

The boys moved through the ranks both in Brantford and for their universities: Trent, Laurier and Carleton.

And the eldest, **Norm**, ended

up as a member of the New Zealand national team that competed in the last Asia South Pacific games in 2007. He also held the first referee clinic in New Zealand and coached there the past three years.

"We all enjoyed it and all of us got into it," says Norm, 30.

To say the least.

They've all played just about every level there is, and refereed all over the map.

All the brothers were just as passionate about the game.

Norm's twin **Joe**, helped supervise the first peewee nationals. Little brother **Neil**, 28, helped coach the Korean national team in 2005 and 2006. **Graham**, 22, refereed the bantam national championships this year.

And, on Sunday, all that passion and knowledge came together at a tournament at McMaster University.

"Normally, you might have five refs at an international game but not at a university game," says Norm, "but they wanted to

make it happen and it's not often I get a chance to referee with my brothers now."

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More than three million people a week are watching Glen Morris's own **Everett Smith** as he avoids elimination each week on *So You Think You Can Dance Canada?* on CTV.

And yes, once again, Everett has survived this week's cuts to become one of the remaining 12 dancers on the popular show.

Check out Saturday's *Expositor* for a full interview with the small-town tap-dancing success story.

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