

Team of the Week



Halton Hills Rams recently captured the Ontario Masters Lacrosse seniors men's title in Brampton. Team members (front, from left) are: Kiana Kurtz, Geordie Kurtz, Matt Banting, Chris Sargent, Jacques Mireault, Bryan Snyder, Miller Weddig, Jeff Weddig. Middle row: Kyle Arbuckle, Scott Holmes. Back row: Wayne Burke, Terry Heseltine, Jim McIntyre, Gerrad Kurtz, Chris Funkenhauser, Trevor Kurtz, Troy Latimer, Steve Bast, Jeff Snyder, Jim Commandant, Derek Power, and Tom Orpana.

Submitted photo

Year of the Goat?

Halton Hills Rams prove to be Masters of senior lacrosse

After playing in four straight games decided by one goal to get to the championship game, the Halton Hills Rams captured their first-ever Ontario Masters Lacrosse senior men's title in Brampton recently with a 7-1 trouncing of second-seeded Huntsville in the final.

The sixth-ranked Rams, or the Goats, as they're sometimes referred to, began the tourney with a 3-2 victory over Peterborough before being edged 5-4 by number-one

seeded Brampton in game two.

A 5-4 win over third-ranked Owen Sound set up a rematch in the semifinal with Brampton, a team that Halton Hills had never beaten in its 15 years together. But Wayne Burke's shorthanded goal with 40 seconds left in the third period secured the 3-2 win and a spot in the final for the Rams, who gave up just 15 goals in five games on the weekend.

Netminder Troy Latimer was named tournament MVP.

GDHS grads ready for the next level

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A couple of Georgetown District High School graduates have taken their hoops' games to the post-secondary school level and are anxious to start the new season.

Sebastian Beckett and Alex Garvey, who have been teammates on various teams since attending elementary school at Centennial in Georgetown, have begun classes at McGill University in Montreal and Sarnia's Lambton College, respectively, after finishing up their studies at GDHS in June.

Beckett, a 6-foot-8 centre, joins a McGill squad that finished fifth at last year's Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) championship tournament. Considered as undersized for his position at the CIS level, the Halton Tier I league all-star and Rebels' MVP from last season will now be looking up at opponents instead of towering over them as he did in high school.

"There's a big Brazilian on our team that I'm going to have to play against in training camp and practice, so that should be a good challenge and a lot of fun," said Beckett, who is taking business and arts courses at McGill.

"Luckily it looks like I'm playing centre, so I'm comfortable with that. Before, I had thought they might put me on the wing, but we'll see what happens when the season starts."

Beckett had somewhat of a rude introduction to the McGill's varsity team recently as the Redmen faced the Syracuse Orange, one of the NCAA's perennial top-25 schools in an exhibition game in Montreal. Syracuse won 80-40 as Beckett played 18 minutes against Orange players reaching seven feet tall.

"We're going to take it easy on them since it's just an exhibition game," he laughed, prior to leaving for Montreal.

Garvey, also a GDHS MVP and HSSAA all-star selection during his five years with the Rebels, can't wait to unleash his playmaking ability on Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) opposition.

"Alex is a tough, versatile combo guard who is a leader. He has moxie in his game that you can't coach," says Lions' coach Pat Wright.



GDHS grads Sebastian Beckett (left) and Alex Garvey will suit up for McGill University and Lambton College respectively this season.

Photo by Eamonn Maher

"Even when he's off the ball, both offensively and defensively, your eyes are drawn to his game. It's an exciting commitment and a big step in the right direction for our program."

The 6-foot Garvey got a glimpse of the calibre of OCAA play last season when Lambton played at Humber in Etobicoke and Sheridan College in Oakville and strangely enough, those are the teams the Lions will visit to begin their regular season Oct. 26-27.

"When I saw those teams last year, the size of the guys was definitely a lot bigger than high school and even the guards were all big, strong and fast, so those are things I've really got to work on," said Garvey, who is in the business program at Lambton.

"It sucks that Alex and I aren't playing together anymore, but things move on."

Longtime GDHS head coach Steve Pettit said that it's rare for a high school the size of GDHS to send two players to post-secondary schools in the same year, pointing out there are more than 800 basketball-playing high schools in Ontario, with only 45 CIS teams and 21 Ontario community colleges fielding hoops squads.

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