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Bulldogs storm out to 1-0 series lead

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As the Huntsville Hawks Junior B lacrosse club entered town last Friday night, they were greeted by dark clouds, crackling thunder, and pouring rain.

A sign of impending doom? Definitely!

The hometown Georgetown Bulldogs, despite a two-week layoff, stormed out of the gate and cruised to an impressive 11-6 win over the visiting Hawks in the opening game of the Ontario Lacrosse Association's Junior B Tier II Championship series at the Gordon Alcott

Memorial Arena.

"I was very pleased with our overall effort. Anytime you can get a win after two weeks off, it's a good one," said Bulldog head coach Lindsay Sanderson whose club was forced to endure 11-days on the bench awaiting the conclusion to the Huntsville-Alwasasne semi-final series.

In their semi-final series, the 'Dogs had previously polished off Milton in five games on July 22.

However, for most in attendance - close to 250 fans - Sanderson's use of the word 'pleased' may have seemed

like a bit of an understatement or gamesmanship.

The bigger and stronger Bulldogs clearly dominated the contest and were never really threatened.

Defensively, they out-muscled their opponents, smothering any attacks with at times relentless defensive pressure. They were able to keep the Hawks from getting to the front of the net, limiting the bulk of their scoring chances for the game to a series of long-range low-percentage shots.

Meanwhile, offensively, Georgetown used their size to set solid picks and screens

from which they were able to jump out to a 3-1 lead after the game's opening 10 minutes, and 4-2 at the end of the first period.

It was more of the same in the second with the Bulldogs scoring four more times early in the frame to extend their lead to five goals, at 8-3.

Huntsville mounted a comeback, closing the gap to 9-6 after 40 minutes, but two more 'Dog goals in the third frame made the final score 11-6.

According to Sanderson the key to the win was his club's disciplined play.

"Huntsville is a very dis-

ciplined team. We knew that coming in. They (Hawks) don't take bad penalties, preferring instead to sit back and capitalize on their opponents mistakes. Therefore, we knew we had to stay away from bad penalties."

As a result, the bulk of the game was played at even-strength, allowing Sanderson to use his entire bench, especially important after such a long layoff.

The immediate benefit was a well-balanced scoring attack. No less than nine different players scored for the homeside with Shane Bigler's three-goal and four-

assist performance leading the way.

Also scoring for Georgetown were Ryan Bigler, Kevin Brow, Chris Bicknell, Dean Vincent, Jacques Dore, Mike Falkiner, Andrew Baxter and Josh Marcoux.

J.J. Dickie chipped in with three assists, while Brad Kouyoumjamin, Matt Greco, Falkiner, Patrick Merril, Ryan Platt and Marcoux had single helpers.

Game Two was played last night (Tuesday) in Huntsville, with game three set for tomorrow night (Thursday) at 8:30 pm at the Alcott Arena.

Glen Williams minor softball: An update

Special to The Gemini

Glen Minor Softball has had another busy and interesting season for players, coaches and executive alike.

For the players, learning to play the game and working together as a team, all the while building team spirit whether they win or lose have been some of the challenges and successes of the season.

However, most will agree, the seasons biggest challenge has come from the weatherman. Rain has been a constant problem in 1996 especially considering only the main diamond has been available. It has been a real struggle scheduling all the games.

Nevertheless, with the help of Cindy's dedicated grounds crew bailing water off the diamond and Barb's help at the town, the 1996 Glen Mi-

nor Softball season is winding down, only a few regular season games remain and the playoffs await.

If you have any free time come on down to the Glen and watch a game or two. Whether it's T-Ball, Tyke, Atom, Squirt, Peewee, Midget, Junior or the Glen Men the action is always fast and furious, and above all loads of fun.

Take some time to check out the new diamond and all the work that has been done at the park. The booth is open and has many tasty treats to satisfy any age.

This weekend the Glen hosts the Peewee Girls Playoff Tournament. Games are scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. So come on out and give the girls your support.

Gators win 12-2

The Georgetown Novice Lacrosse Gators continued their surge to the Ontario Lacrosse Association Novice playoffs by besting Markham 12-2, July 30 at Alcott.

The home side jumped out to a 3-1 first period lead on the strength of two goals from Jason McClelland and solo marker from Dan Slihas.

In the second it was more of the same as goals from Slihas, his second of the game, and Brian Houghton sandwiched Travis Bland's hat-trick to give the Gators an 8-2 lead after 40 minutes.

Tim Wallinga, with a pair, Matt Velten and Adam McKnight scored in the third frame.

Kinsmen Girls Softball report

SENIOR LEAGUE

Things tightened up atop the division last week as T.D. Bank scored early and often to slip past Dunlop's Insurance 20-12, Thursday night at the Fairgrounds.

Laura Page and Many Storey each hit triples to pace the Bank's foreclosure on Dunlop's. As well, Amanda Nicholl, Jackie Bell and Alex Trotter smacked doubles for the winners.

Dunlop's (1-8-0) tried to mount a comeback late in the game sparked by some impressive defense but their offensively policy came up short and lapsed. Amy McDougall was three-for-four in a losing effort.

With the win T.D. moved into a first-place tie at 6-3-0 with Remax, who dropped a 22-13 decisions to Knechtel's, Thursday night at the Fairgrounds.

Jamie MacDonald's two

home runs put the ki-bosh on any late inning Remax rally, to pull Knechtel's (5-4-0) to within two points of first-place.

Katie Laing had three hits for Remax.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

Delrex Smoke Shop maintained their hold on first-place, and an undefeated season, with a 28-16 win over Standard Products, Thursday night at the Fairgrounds.

Hitting home runs for Delrex (7-0-0) were Elizabeth Black, Julie Davies, J.J. Edwards, Michelle Mastalrez and Sofia D'Amore.

For Standard Products (3-4-0), Lindsay Vana, Tracy Stone, Mandy Cadger and Arielle Land each made a lot of solid fielding plays while at the plate Jennifer Marcand was four-for-four.

Lurking only two points behind Delrex, is Pizza Hut

who saw their record improve to 6-2-0 with a 13-10 win over M&M Sports, Thursday evening at the Fairgrounds.

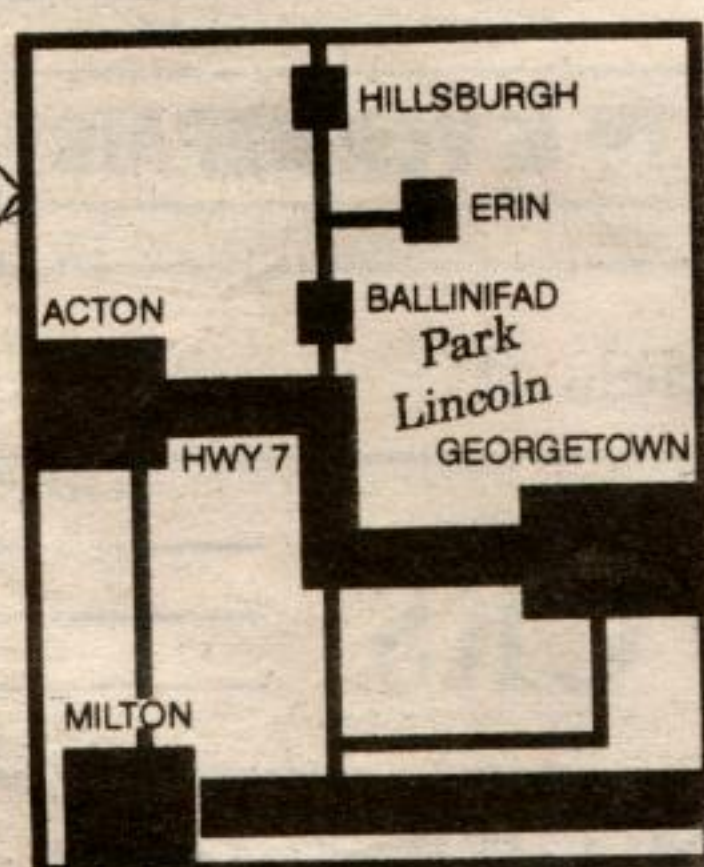
The Hut was paced by Amanda MacDonald's two home runs and Courtney Rasmussen's three-for-three effort.

Defensively, Lindsay Norris, Sarah Woodward and MacDonald flashed the solid leather to snuff out a couple of M&M rallies.

Smacking home runs for M&M (0-7-0) were Melissa Mossop, a grand slam, Samantha Crichton and Sara Scuralli, but it wasn't enough against a tough Pizza Hut squad.

PLEASE NOTE

Action in both the Elite League and Intermediate League was rained out last week.



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