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Jr. B Lacrosse action

Bulldogs tuning up for playoff season

Coming up just short of breaking a franchise record for points in a regular season, the Halton Hills Bulldogs will now focus their energy on the opening round of the Ontario Lacrosse Association Jr. B league playoffs.

The 17-3-0 Bulldogs finished up the 2010 schedule with three games in three nights, beating Toronto Beaches 14-2 Thursday and the Mississauga Tomahawks 13-5 Saturday, while also falling to the host Mimico Mountaineers 4-3 Friday for their only loss to a South East Division opponent in 12 games.

As the second seed in the Eastern Conference standings, the Bulldogs won't know who they're playing in the first round of playoffs until the regular season comes to an end tonight (Tuesday).

Should the 10-9-0 Orillia Kings earn a win or tie at home to fourth-ranked Newmarket, Halton Hills will face the seventh-seeded Gloucester Grifins for a pair of games on the road to start their best-of-5 series this weekend.

An Orillia loss tonight, however, would pit the Bulldogs and Kings together in a matchup that is tentatively set to begin Saturday night in Georgetown.

"Our younger kids have had to learn what to do in pressure situations and hopefully now they realize what it takes to be successful at the Jr. B level," said coach Blaine McCauley.

"It's been a bit of a roller coaster lately because we've been getting away with a few things and still winning games. But in the playoffs you can't expect to just show up and win."

In the loss to Mimico, the visiting 'Dogs outshot their rivals 64-45 but couldn't rattle 17-year-old goalkeeper Eric Penney, despite hitting several posts on the evening.

Shane Scott, Leland de Langley and Brendan MacDonald tallied for Halton Hills.

The loss also prevented McCauley's side from surpassing last season's club-best point total of 17-2-1.

On Thursday night, rookie Jordan Dance was named first star for his hat trick against last-place Beaches. de Langley (2), Mike Licata (2), Scott (2), Connor Sellars, Mike MacDonald, Ethan O'Connor, Brendan MacDonald and Justin Reid also found net.

Against Mississauga Saturday, Scott scored three more times to finish as the team's scoring leader with 34 goals and 70 points. Nic Grasby (2), Sellars, Brad Kri, Dylan Gilbert, Peter Laidlaw, O'Connor, Jayson Crawford, Brendan MacDonald and Reid rounded out the scoring.

At last week's trade deadline, the 'Dogs acquired 21-year-old defender Kevin Jenkins from Markham and veteran Clark De Geer made his return to the lineup after finishing up his university studies in Florida.



Following Thursday night's induction ceremony, 2010 Halton Hills Sports Hall of Fame inductees gathered for a photo. In front, Harold Townsley of Acton was honoured for his longtime hockey and baseball coaching and playing. In back, from left, Walt Dixon, Hazel Armstrong (on behalf of her late Husband Dave) and Frank Van de Valk, for Valk Dixon Armstrong Racing, longtime hockey player Paul Robinson and soccer player/coach and administrator Haddy Smedema.

Photo by Ted Brown

Hall welcomes newest members

A half-dozen names were added to the membership of the Halton Hills Sports Museum's Hall of Fame at the gala induction ceremony Thursday night at the John Elliott Theatre in Georgetown.

The Valk/Dixon/Armstrong drag racing triumverate, consisting of Frank Van de Valk, Walt Dixon and the late David Armstrong, was inducted in the team category for its string of successes across

North America, while hockey sharpshooter Paul Robinson, who scored 100 goals for the Georgetown Jr. C Raiders in 1967-68, joins the list of athletes in the Hall, which is located in the upstairs room of the Mold-Masters SportsPlex.

Soccer coach and administrator Haddy Smedema, with six decades of dedication to his sport in Georgetown and abroad, enters as a builder, along with hockey coach/man-

ager Harold Townsley of Acton, a fixture on the ball diamond and hockey rink for the last half-century.

"I'm really feel proud for what they've done for me," said Townsley, who turned 80 in February.

"It's been a long run. Glad to be here."

The guest speaker for the fourth-annual induction ceremony was former Toronto Argonaut lineman Jim Kardash.

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