

SPORTS & LEISURE

Bulldogs meet Saints in second round of playoffs

The Saints of Newmarket are set to march into the Alcott Arena Saturday night in what promises to be a closely contested second-round Ontario Lacrosse Association Jr. B playoff series.

The Halton Hills Bulldogs swept away the Orillia Rama Kings in their opening OLA Eastern Conference matchup in three games, capped with a 16-2 trouncing in Georgetown Saturday night in front of 400 spectators.



As the second seed in the East Conference, the Bulldogs will face the fourth-ranked Saints in the post-season for the second year in a row, as Halton Hills earned a sweep of the best-of-5 second-round series in 2009.

Game one is tentatively set for the Alcott Arena Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

The teams met once during the regular season, in which the 16-4-0 Saints beat the 17-3-0 Bulldogs 13-10 on June 3 in Georgetown. In its first-round series, Newmarket took four hard-fought

games to knock off the fifth-place Mimico Mountaineers, who will host the Founders Cup national championship tournament Aug. 16-22.

In their first-round series finale with Orillia, the 'Dogs led 7-0 after the first period and 12-0 at one point before netminder and first star Ryan Kelly had his shutout broken.

Shane Scott and Brendan MacDonald each had hat tricks for the home side, with Dylan Gilbert (2), Michael Licata (2), Ethan O'Connor (2), Jordan Dance, Nic Grasby, Seth Laidlaw and Kevin Jenkins completing the onslaught.

In game two last week at the Rama MASK complex, the teams were tied at one after the first period before the Bulldogs found their stride, going on to win 12-4. O'Connor (3), Peter Laidlaw (2), Dance, Connor Sellars, Gilbert, Licata, Tyler Ferreira, Jayson Crawford and Scott were the marksmen.

In the other East Conference semifinal, the top-ranked Green Gaels of Clarington will face number three Kahnawake, but not after a battle with eighth-place Mississauga in round one. The Gaels took the series 3-1 but lost their first game of the season and needed an 8-7 overtime win on Sunday.

Hill honours Sokolowski

Georgetown resident Lauren Sokolowski was named female athlete of the year for 2009-10 at the Hill Academy in Vaughan, a private school for student athletes. The 17-year-old is also an Ontario Scholar and earned the school's volleyball award for her outstanding play at the power position. Headed for Ryerson University in September to enroll in the nutrition program, Sokolowski aims to start right away for the Rams' varsity women's volleyball team. Also in the photo are the Hill Academy's dean of students, Brodie Merrill (left), and the school's athletic director, Patrick Merrill. Submitted photo



Euro tour for MacGillivray

Limehouse resident Courtney MacGillivray competed in her first international show of the year recently in the sport of combined driving in Saumur, France against some of Europe's top drivers, finishing 12th out of 25 entries. Riding Dutch Warmblood gelding Tyfoon Velvet, along with navigator Brian Lachance of Lethbridge, Alta., the 24-year-old MacGillivray finished 11th in dressage, 14th in the marathon and had just two faults in the cones section. She is also competing at international shows in Belgium and France this month. Her father Bill has also been selected to be "chef d'equipe" for the Canadian Equestrian Four Horse Driving Team that will compete at the world championships in Kentucky in October. Submitted photo

Rodrigues scores big for Guyana

With a berth in this fall's Women's Gold Cup at stake, Georgetown's Justine Rodrigues supplied the clinching goal Saturday that earned Guyana's Lady Jaguars an invitation to the eight-team tournament in Guadalajara, Mexico.

The 16-year-old defender headed in a corner kick early in the second half that gave the host Guyanese a 3-1 victory over Cuba Saturday in the second leg of their Gold



JUSTINE RODRIGUES

Cup qualifier, with the Cubans having won 1-0 in Havana on June 26.

Guyana joins Canada, the U.S., Haiti, Trinidad & Tobago, Guatemala, Costa Rica and Mexico in the Women's Gold Cup draw. The top two teams emerging from the Gold Cup will automatically qualify for next year's World Cup in Germany, with the third-place country advancing to a playoff for the final berth.

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