

SPORTS & LEISURE



Prowess on the pitches

Members of the Team Ontario under-14 boys' soccer team were in Georgetown last week for a spirited scrimmage in preparation for this week's Nutrilite All-Stars tournament in Sherbrooke, Que. Pictured above are Ryan Kolenda (left) and Carlo Di Feo battling for the ball. The team, coached by Georgetown South's Ruben Flores, won its first game of the national championship Tuesday, pounding P.E.I. 9-0. Stewarttown resident Jade Kovacevic (inset) is captain of the Team Ontario under-16 girls' team that is playing in the Nutrilite nationals in Newfoundland this week and she had two goals Tuesday in her side's 9-0 victory over P.E.I.

Photo by Eamonn Maher

'Dogs eager to tangle with rivals

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For the fourth consecutive year, the Halton Hills Bulldogs and Green Gaels of Clarington will cross paths in the Ontario Lacrosse Association Jr. B post-season, with game one set to face off in Bowmanville tonight (Thursday).

It's also the third time that the Eastern Conference banner will be contested between the two clubs during that span, with the Gaels having prevailed in 2007 and 2009. In 2008, the Bulldogs shocked the Clarington club to advance to their first-ever Ontario championship before bowing out to the Six Nations Rebels three games to one.

"Our motivation all season was to get to the conference finals and to have another shot at the Gaels. Some of our guys could have moved on after losing to them last year, but they felt there was some unfinished business, and this is the opportunity we wanted," said Halton Hills' coach Blaine McCauley.

"We've had a good, clean, fun rivalry with the Gaels for the past four years and they're the premier Jr. B organization along with Six Nations. But we feel we belong right up there with them and from what we've learned, you've got to bring your A game if you're going to beat them."

Game two of the best-of-5 series is set for Georgetown's Alcott Arena Saturday starting at 7:30 p.m.

The top-ranked Gaels, who went 20-0-0 during the regular season before dropping a couple of playoff games this month, made it all the way to the final of last year's Founders Cup national championship in Edmonton, only to be upset by a team from Calgary in the final.

Like the second-seeded Bulldogs, the Green Gaels graduated several players to the Jr. A ranks during this past off-season, yet were able to restock their rosters with some of the province's top midget-aged talent.

The Green Gaels prevailed over the Bulldogs in last year's classic East final 3-2 and won the only regular season meeting between the two clubs in

2010, 8-6 on June 10 in Bowmanville.

On Monday night, rookie Seth Laidlaw's outside shot early in the third period stood as the winning goal as the Bulldogs held on to beat the host Newmarket Saints 5-3 to take their second-round series 3-1.

Also scoring for the Bulldogs Monday were Brendan MacDonald, Jordan Dance, Justin Reid and Shane Scott into an empty net with four seconds remaining.

Ryan Kelly made 40 stops the Halton Hills net to improve to 5-0 in the post-season.

**OLA Jr. B East Conference
(best-of-five final series)**

Game 1
Thursday, July 22 at Bowmanville, 8 p.m.

Game 2
Saturday, July 24 at Georgetown, 7:30 p.m.

Game 3
Thursday, July 29 at Bowmanville, 8 p.m.

x-Game 4
Saturday, July 31 at Georgetown, 7:30 p.m.

x-Game 5
at Bowmanville, to be announced
x-if necessary

Peewee Eagles overwhelmed in final

Making their first appearance in a Ontario Baseball Association tournament final this season, Georgetown's Mars Canada/Pedigree/Frost GM Eagles ran into a tough North Toronto side in the major peewee AA division at an event in Bolton after going 3-1 up to that point.

Preliminary round— Georgetown 5, Mississauga 3: Jason Reid, Callum Hutchinson (3 inns. pitched); Nick Ridley (single, 2 RBIs)

Georgetown 19, Kitchener 0: Travis Baker (3

scoreless inns., 3 hits); James Turner (3 hits); Luke Warkentin (double, single, 3 runs)

Bolton 10, Georgetown 5: Tyler Scott (2 inns. relief, single, double); Nick Hancock (2 inns. relief)

Semifinal— Georgetown 4, Bolton 3: Jason Reid (6 inns. pitched); Jacob Galvao (GWRBI); Damon Crumplen (2 hits); 2B Bret Rothery (defensive MVP)

Championship— North Toronto 10, Georgetown 3: Dean Taylor (2 hits)

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Kids Country Farmer Olympics

July 24th & 25th 12pm - 5pm

- Farm competitions for all ages
- Pedal harness horses to drive
- Hay bale toss
- Hammer the nail contest
- Three legged race contest
- Rubber boot kick contest
- Pedal tricycle slalom
- Fun for the whole family
- Awards
- Park exhibits open
- Country Canteen open

Pirate Festival

July 31st, August 1st & 2nd
10am - 5pm

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Heavy Horse Field Days

August 7th & 8th
12pm - 5pm

- Horse drawn wagon rides
- Farrier demonstrations
- Harness demonstrations
- Blacksmith shop
- Plowing & disking
- Making hay
- Cutting grain
- Stooking demonstrations
- Threshing demonstrations
- Belgians, Percherons
- Clydesdales & Spotted Drafts
- Parks exhibits open
- Country Canteen Open
- Kid's scavenger hunt & prizes

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