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Bulldogs could be a force again this year in Jr. B loop

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Opponents of the Halton Hills Bulldogs who thought that the 2010 Canadian Jr. B lacrosse champions were heading into a rebuilding year might be in for a surprise.

Sixteen players from the squad that claimed the Founders Cup title in Etobicoke last August are back for another campaign and the 'Dogs issued notice over the weekend that they'll likely be contenders again, winning all three games at the Spartan pre-season tournament in St. Catharines.

Goalies Ryan Kelly and Dusty Hanzelka are returning, as are Matt Sargent, Jordan Dance, Michael Licata, Connor Sellars, Bradley Kri, Dylan Gilbert, Peter Laidlaw, Seth Laidlaw, Tyler Ferreira, Mike MacDonald, Kody Lyons, Jayson Crawford, Justin Reid and Chris Haynes.

Newcomers include Jamie Batten from the Halton Hills midgets and Blake Kenny of Gloucester Jr. B, who had 38 points in 12 games last season.

A key cog in last year's playoff run, 20-year-old power forward Brendan MacDonald, will miss the entire season due to recent shoulder surgery.

Halton Hills general manager Mike

Hancock said the team had a much more cohesive effort in St. Catharines after a winless showing at the Six Nations tourney a couple of weeks ago.

In game one of the Spartan event, the Bulldogs downed the Guelph Regals 6-4. Reid (2), Seth Laidlaw, Brandon Clelland, Licata and Kenny were the goal scorers.

Halton Hills beat the host Spartans 9-7 as Dance had two goals and four assists. Alex Fillmore (2), Kenny (2), Kri, Haynes and Licata completed the scoring.

The defending national champs then defeated the Welland Warlords 8-5. Licata (2), Kenny (2), Seth Laidlaw (2), Licata and goalie Hanzelka scored, as the latter was credited with a goal when the Welland goalkeeper misplayed the ball into his own net. Duane Davis added three assists.

The Bulldogs begin the Ontario Lacrosse Association Jr. B regular season with four straight road games, beginning with a trip to Kahnawake and Akwesasne April 23-24, then play their home opener Thursday, May 5 at 8 p.m. against the Oakville Buzz, which has returned to the OLA's East Conference after a couple of years in the West.

This Saturday, coach Blaine McCauley's side will play its final exhibition contest at home against the Orangeville Northmen beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Alcott Arena.



Puck pursuit

For the third time in the last five years, Christ the King's Jaguars skated away with the Burlington Cup junior boys' high school hockey championship with a 4-2 triumph over the Notre Dame Fighting Irish on Thursday night at the Wave Twin Rinks. Pictured above, Josh Sterk leads another rush up ice with teammate Teagan Gilian close behind. Sterk, Gilian, Kevin Gergely and Conner Brown were the CTK goal scorers, Pat Gough picked up two assists and goalie Joseph Bonsignore earned his sixth win of the season. The 9-0-0 Jags will play in the Ontario Cup this week at York University.

Photo by Eamonn Maher

Great grapplers

Georgetown District High School's wrestling team sent nine of its members to the Ontario championships last month in Sudbury, with Kendra Blackburn posting the Rebels' best finish with a sixth place in the girls' 57.5-kg division. Seven of those qualifiers were champions at the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference meet in Milton and two more were runners-up. Pictured above (front, from left) are: Demi Swann (1st GHAC 61 kgs.), Alex Mackenzie (1st 44 kgs.), Amy Pond (1st 51 kgs.). Back row: Blackburn, Nikki Fraser (47.5 kgs.), Kerri Malcolm (1st 72 kgs.), Ashley Penrice (2nd 64 kgs.). Absent from the photo were Whitney Rose (1st GHAC 44 kgs.) and Jay Richard (2nd 72 kgs.).

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Andrews sets record

Georgetown's Kaitlyn Andrews recently broke a school record that has stood for nearly a decade with her best-ever throw in the shot put as a member of Stephen F. Austin State University track & field team. The 22-year-old senior kinesiology major recorded a toss of 15.76 metres at the Victor Lopez Classic at Rice University in Houston, Texas to finish second overall, adding a 10th-place result in the javelin. She is currently ranked 29th in the NCAA in the shot put.



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