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Bulldogs raise title banners, then rout Mountaineers

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On the night they celebrated their 2010 Canadian championship, the Halton Hills Bulldogs played the part of gracious hosts a little too well—for a while anyway.

The Bulldogs raised their 2010 Ontario Jr. B Lacrosse League Eastern Conference, provincial championship and Founders Cup title banners to the rafters prior to their matchup with the Mimico Mountaineers Saturday in front of their biggest regular-season crowd so far.

Almost predictably, Halton Hills was slow to get rolling and the last-place Mounties, whom the Bulldogs beat in last summer's Canadian title game in Etobicoke, took advantage, building a surprising 5-2 lead early in the second period.

But the 'Dogs got down to business after that, scoring 10 consecutive goals to record a 14-7 victory.

Leading scorer Blake Kenny led the offence with four goals and two assists. Connor Sellars (2), Peter Laidlaw (2), Jordan Dance (2), Seth Laidlaw, Michael Licata, Luke Laidlaw and Jamie Batten rounded out the scoring.

Thursday night, the 14-3 Bulldogs hosted the OLA Eastern Con-

ference-leading Clarington Green Gaels, now 16-1 on the campaign. The home side led 3-1 after one period and 6-5 late in the middle stanza before the Gaels clamped down, scoring five unanswered goals to prevail 10-5, outshooting the 'Dogs 52-32.

Luke Laidlaw (2), Dance, Licata, Mike MacDonald and Kenny tallied for Halton Hills.

Clarington clinched home floor for the Eastern Conference playoffs with the win.

The Bulldogs and Mountaineers were tied 4-4 early in the second period last Wednesday in Mimico before the visitors broke out with six goals in six minutes, en route to a 12-7 triumph.

Dance (3), Luke Laidlaw (2), Kenny (2), Chris Haynes (2), Connor Sellars, Pete Laidlaw and Duane Davis were the marksmen.

Making his debut for the Bulldogs Saturday was transition player Shawn Stringer, who was acquired from Hamilton Jr. B. The 21-year-old Bengals' captain had 30 goals and 24 assists in 17 games this season.

Ahead this week, the Bulldogs, who have just three games remaining on the schedule, will entertain the Oakville Buzz Thursday at 8 p.m., followed by another home date Saturday with the Newmarket Saints at 7:30 p.m. at the Alcott Arena.



Riley Prince of the Mimico Mountaineers gets separated from the ball by Halton Hills Bulldogs (clockwise, from bottom left) Thomas Harding, Mike MacDonald and Jordan Dance Saturday evening at the Alcott Arena. The Bulldogs trailed 5-2 at one point but overpowered the Mountaineers 14-7 in an Ontario Jr. B Lacrosse League contest.

Photo by Eamonn Maher

The Halton Hills Bulldogs raised three banners to the ceiling at the Alcott Arena Saturday night before their game with the Mimico Mountaineers to mark their run to a Canadian championship last year. Pictured above (from left) are: Current captain Kody Lyons, 2010 captain Nick Matwizsyn, Town of Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette, 2010 assistant captain Nic Grasby and Mimico captain Shawn Browne.

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Making contact

Sydnee Scott of the host Halton Hawks connects with this pitch during the opening game of the Hawks' May Classic Girls' Fastpitch Tournament recently at the Gellert Community Centre. The Hawks lost this contest 4-0 but later rebounded to defeat Mississauga Southwest 5-4 and Sheffield 5-1 in the semifinals before taking on the Kitchener Classics for the B division championship. Despite excellent pitching from Nicole Scalia and Emily Walker, along with catcher Jamie Ruthven throwing out five Classics trying to steal second base, the Hawks were edged 2-0. Also at the tourney, the mite Hawks settled for silver medals after a 6-4 loss to Brampton in the championship game, while the North Halton squirts made it to the semifinals before bowing out.

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