

# SPORTS & LEISURE

## Soccer duo heading south

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A couple of Georgetown District High School graduates will be headed south in August to play for NCAA Division II universities on soccer scholarships.

Central defender Holly Bigg will attend Charleston University in West Virginia and midfielder Justine Rodrigues has signed on with Gannon University in Erie, Pa. starting in August.

Both played for the Rebels' senior girls' soccer team again this spring and have enjoyed success with their out-of-town club teams.

Limehouse resident Bigg captured the Ontario Cup last year with her Erin Mills Eagles' under-17 squad and earned silver medals at the national championships in Newfoundland, while Georgetown South's Rodrigues has been on three Brams' United teams that won provincial titles as well.

The 5-foot-8 Rodrigues has also been starting on defence for the Guyanese women's national team that was newly formed in 2009 as her dad Rick was born on the Caribbean island nation.

She'll likely miss Guyana's CONCACAF under-21 qualifying matches in September due to school commitments, but is nonetheless excited to begin classes in Gannon's marketing program.

"I chose Gannon because I really liked the coach and their style of play and it's not that far away, which I really wanted so my parents can come see me play," Rodrigues said.

"The coach said maybe they'll play me at inside midfield, but I'm not sure. I'm kind of all over the place and whatever team I play for, my position's different."

Bigg's older sister Melissa, an Acton High School grad, finished her four years at the University of Cincinnati last spring on a soccer scholarship with a Bachelor of Science degree. She is moving on to earn her two-year Business masters degree at Tiffin University in Ohio and will be the assistant coach on the women's soccer team there starting in August.

Holly Bigg said it was a great source of comfort knowing she had a sibling who had experienced the recruiting game and signed a national letter of intent to an NCAA school.

"(Melissa) told me all about the whole process and how things went going into it. Just a what-to-look-for, what-not-to-look-for kind of thing was a big help," said Holly,

who is enrolled in Charleston's athletic training program.

"It's something I really wanted to accomplish after my sister did it, so I'm following in her footsteps and I think that was what my family had in mind."



**JUSTINE RODRIGUES (LEFT) & HOLLY BIGG**



### Heading for the wire

The Halton District School Board held a elementary school track meet as well as a Special Athletes track meet at Iroquois Ridge High School last week. Here, Georgetown's Jadine Baldwin of Park Public School races in the 50m special athletes event.

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## Bulldogs to meet Markham in Jr. B lacrosse playoff preview

The Halton Hills Bulldogs will get a close-up look at their opening-round playoff opponent tonight (Tuesday) in Markham in the final game of the Ontario Jr. B Lacrosse League's regular season.

Second-seeded Halton Hills faces the seventh-place Ironheads in a preview of their best-of-5 OJBLL East Conference quarterfinal, which is tentatively slated to begin Saturday with game one at the Al-

cott Arena at 7:30 p.m.

The 16-3 Bulldogs have won 15 of their last 16 starts and picked up two more victories this past week, while the Ironheads have dropped six games in a row.

On Saturday, the 'Dogs played a tight, punishing contest against the Newmarket Saints and needed four consecutive third period goals to break a 3-3 tie, eventually prevailing 7-4.

Blake Kenny (2), Seth Laidlaw (2), Jordan Dance, Michael MacDonald and Jamie Batten found the net for Halton Hills.

Michael Licata notched a hat trick Thursday evening as the host 'Dogs ran over the Oakville Buzz 11-3.

Peter Laidlaw (2), Luke Laidlaw (2), Brad Mazzocato, Seth Laidlaw, Kenny and Jayson Crawford rounded out the

scoring.

In Jr. C action, Halton Hills has surged into first place in the league's West Division with a 9-3 record after winning seven straight games.

The Bulldogs downed host Fergus 7-3 on Friday night. Leading scorer Phil Romanet (2), Mitchell Christopher, Marcus Jende, Jeff Cartman, Sean Terry and Cory Highfield were the goal scorers.



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