

# SPORTS & LEISURE

## Dog-gone it! Bulldogs reach finals again

Defending champs  
now face 28-2  
Six Nations Rebels

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If the Halton Hills Bulldogs are going to repeat as Canadian Jr. B lacrosse champions, they'll have to knock off the team currently considered as the best in Ontario to do so.

The Bulldogs have advanced to the Ontario Jr. B Lacrosse League's championship series for the third time in the last four years after eliminating the Clarington Green Gaels last weekend and their reward is a meeting with the powerhouse Six Nations Rebels, who have lost just twice in 30 regular season and playoff games in 2011.

Game one of the provincial championship series is set for tonight (Thursday) at the Iroquois Lacrosse Arena, with game two at Georgetown's Alcott Arena Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

The 26-4 Bulldogs, who finished second in the OJBLL's East Conference behind the Gaels, had a brief celebration after ousting Clarington from the post-season with a convincing 8-5 triumph last Saturday, then turned their thoughts to preparing for the Rebels.

"Six Nations has a really good team but I think we're a little more balanced offensively, with not just one or two guys they can key on," said fourth-year Bulldog Peter Laidlaw, one of a handful of current players who faced Six Nations in the 2008 final, won by the Rebels in four games.

"I think we've got an even better team than last year's, no doubt. We've got a lot more experience and we're feeling pretty confident about our chances."

Six Nations averaged over 16 goals a game on offence in the regular season and are led by 20-year-old Chris Attwood, who already has 64 points in just 10 playoff starts. The Rebels are coming off a hard-fought West Conference final series against the Elora Mo-



Peter Laidlaw of the Halton Hills Bulldogs scores his first of two goals on the evening in their 8-5 victory over the visiting Green Gaels of Clarington Saturday in Ontario Jr. B playoff lacrosse action. With the win, the Bulldogs eliminated the favoured Gaels 3-1 in

hawks and are looking to return to the Founders Cup for the first time since winning back-to-back titles in 2007-08.

Halton Hills and Six Nations met in the 2008 OJBLL final, with the Rebels prevailing 3-1. The Bulldogs, however, scored a landmark victory in their first-ever appearance in the provincial finals for the franchise by winning game three at Six Nations, which touched off a full-scale brawl that involved specta-

tors in the stands.

"The past is the past and we're looking forward to meeting a new challenge," McCauley said.

"The Gaels and Six Nations were the two top teams in the league this year and we've knocked off one of the giants. We'll go into this series with a good mindset to be prepared for whatever they'll throw at us. Our guys know what it takes to win and you can't teach that. It's one of the positives we have

in our favour, but Six Nations have a lot of guys who've won championships too, so it should be a fun series." Last Saturday, the 'Dogs outshot the Gaels 43-23, grabbing a 4-0 first period advantage and cruising comfortably from there.

Blake Kenny (2), Peter Laidlaw (2), Jordan Dance, Mike MacDonald, Michael Licata and Shawn Stringer scored for the home side, with Dustin Hanzelka earning his second straight victory in goal in front of about 625 spectators.

In Jr. C action, the Halton Hills Bulldogs edged host Fergus 5-4 on Tuesday night to win their best-of-5 opening-round playoff series 3-1. No scoring information was available.

The Bulldogs move on to the West Division final to face the Wilmot Wild, which knocked off the first-place Caledon Bandits in the first round.

### Ontario Jr. B Lacrosse League Championship

<b>Best-of-five series</b>	<b>Sun., Aug. 7 @ Six Nations, 7 p.m.</b>
<b>Game 1</b>	<b>x-Game 4</b>
<b>Thurs., Aug. 4 @ Six Nations, 8 p.m.</b>	<b>Wed., Aug. 10 @ Georgetown, 8 p.m.</b>
<b>Game 2</b>	<b>x-Game 5</b>
<b>Sat., Aug. 6 @ Georgetown, 7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Fri., Aug. 10 @ Six Nations, 8 p.m.</b>
<b>Game 3</b>	<b>x-if necessary</b>



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