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Anderson scores Canadian baseball hat-trick

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Relatively few young baseball players can boast about having won a national championship during their careers, let alone three Canadian titles.

Yet that's what local resident Adam Anderson has already achieved by the age of 16, after Team Ontario captured the Canada Cup trophy earlier this month in Moncton, N.B.

A lefthanded starting pitcher for the provincial squad, the Grade 12 Christ the King Secondary School student turned in a dazzling performance in the tournament-opening contest against Quebec before running into some turbulence as the Team Ontario starter for the championship game.

Anderson, whose fastball has been clocked in the mid-80s mile-an-hour range, allowed just a run on three hits with five strikeouts over five innings the 4-2 victory over Quebec.

In the final versus Saskatchewan, the 5-foot-11, 200-pound Anderson gave up a two-run triple in the first inning and while able to get out of a bases-loaded situation unscathed in the second, he was pulled in favour of game MVP Cal Quantrill—the son of



Georgetown's Adam Anderson (right) receives some instruction from Canada's Junior National Team pitching coach and former Major Leaguer Chris Reitsma during a recent tour of the Dominican Republic.

Photo by Bernie Hahn

former Toronto Blue Jay Paul—who didn't concede even one hit over the next five innings as Ontario came back to win 3-2.

Milton's Nathan DeSousa scored the winning run on a sacrifice fly in the bottom of the seventh and final inning.

It's been a busy summer for Anderson, who has represented Canada on its Junior National Team against international competition at tournaments in Cuba and the Dominican Republic.

He's also been selected to wear the red and white for the JNT's next outing in North Carolina in September, where a final roster of 20 players will be set for the World Junior Qualification Tournament in Cartagena, Colombia Sept. 23 to Oct. 2. From there, the top four countries will qualify for the 2012 World Junior Baseball Championship in Seoul, South Korea.

Eligible for next year's Major League Baseball draft, Anderson will throw in front of big-league scouts this Thursday at Connorvale Park in Etobicoke during open tryouts for the MLB Bureau Camp.

He also won Canadian championships as a member of his hometown Georgetown Eagles as a peewee in 2007 and with the bantams in 2009.

Anderson played his club ball for the Cambridge-based Ontario Terriners this past season but will suit up for the Ontario Blue Jays' under-18s in 2012.

Gabe's 'sick'

Nine-year-old Gabriel Rowsell of Acton is the youngest of the final seven contestants who are vying for the top prize in the Toronto Rock's online Sickest Stick Trick lacrosse competition. Rowsell, in his second year as a defender for the Halton Hills novice #2 Bulldogs, can be viewed at www.torontorock.com/page/sticktrick performing his "McTwist" manoeuvre that befuddles the goaltender. Visitors to the site can vote as many times as they wish for their favourite challenger. Rowsell's trick shot was selected for the final round of seven players from an initial field of about 150 competitors who auditioned for the judges at Rock Summer Camps in Oakville, Waterloo and Orangeville.

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Jr. C Bulldogs cap inaugural season

A 7-4 loss to the Peterborough Lakers on Saturday night ended a successful debut season for the Halton Hills Bulldogs at the Ontario Jr. C Lacrosse League's final four championship weekend in Bowmanville.

The second-seeded Bulldogs began with a 10-6 victory over Peterborough Friday afternoon on goals by Philip Romanet (4), Sean Terry (2), Paul Davison (2), Kyle Moore and Russell Peacock.

Top-ranked host Clarington blanked Halton Hills 7-0 in game two, but the 'Dogs earned a spot in the semifinals with a comeback 17-16 overtime win against the Cornwall Celtics on Saturday to close out the round-robin portion of the tourney.

Davison (3), Terry (2), Cory Highfield (2), Dylan Hanzelka (2), Moore, Tyler Nieuwendyk, Matt Sargent, Romanet, Marcus Jende, Jeff Cartman, Evan Lavalley and Brandon Usher scored for the Bulldogs.

The result of the semifinal wasn't in much doubt as Peterborough took control early and built a 5-1 lead. Jende, Davison, Terry and Highfield had the goals for Halton Hills.

Clarington successfully defended its provincial championship with an 8-3 triumph over Peterborough in Sunday's final.

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The Six Nations Rebels defeated the Calgary Mountaineers 14-11 on Sunday afternoon in Saskatoon to claim the Canadian Lacrosse Association's Jr. B Championship for the third time in the past five seasons.

Six Nations edged out the Halton Hills Bulldogs earlier this month for the Ontario title and an invitation to the Founders Cup tournament. The Rebels had little trouble defeating opponents other than the Mountaineers, who also lost 14-11 to Six Nations in the preliminary round.

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