

# SPORTS & LEISURE

## Hill back with Jays

A rash of injuries to the Toronto Blue Jays' pitching staff may have opened up an opportunity for Georgetown's Shawn Hill as he attempts to make a return to Major League Baseball.

The right-handed pitcher has been starting for an independent league team in Pennsylvania and after a couple of rough outings to start off in early May, when his earned-run average shot up to 36.00, Hill hasn't given up a run in the last 27 2/3 innings to set a York Revolution club record.

His contract was purchased by the Blue Jays Monday, but it wasn't clear where in the organization he'll be assigned.

Hill made four starts for Toronto in 2010 and posted a 2.61 ERA, but more arm troubles

sidelined him for the 2011 campaign, when he was property of the Florida Marlins.

Scouts from three MLB teams were in attendance for recent Revolution games as the 31-year-old Hill has been throwing in the mid to high 80-mile-an-hour range and has since lowered his ERA to 2.43 against Atlantic League batters.

In his most recent start last Wednesday, a 10-0 Revolution victory over the Southern Maryland Blue Crabs, Hill allowed just four hits through six innings yet still didn't feel he had good command of his pitches.

Hill, who was drafted by the Montreal Expos and has also had stints with the Washington Nationals, Toronto Blue Jays and San Diego Padres, is attempting to come back from a

series of surgeries to his throwing arm, the most recent coming in February in his shoulder to fix a blood circulation problem.

"I'm close, I'm close," Hill told the *York Daily Record*.

"...My off speed stuff isn't as sharp only because I haven't had to use it. In the 'pen it's fine, it's there, I just haven't gone to it. It's not game-tested I would say. Like this start I wasn't happy in terms of how crisp it was, the location and command and all that good stuff. But it's that little fix away (he said holding two fingers about an inch apart) from being right back where I was in Long Island in that start. I know what the fix is, it's just getting repetitions in ... kind of building. ... I'm close to where I feel I need to be."



A member of the Toronto Blue Jays in this 2010 regular-season photo, Shawn Hill is trying to make a MLB comeback with his hometown team after his contract was purchased by the Jays on Monday. Hill, 31, has pitched well recently for an independent league team in York, Pa.

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## Sports Museum gala set for Thursday

Tickets are still available for the Halton Hills Sports Museum's sixth-annual gala induction ceremony, to be held this Thursday evening at Christ the King Secondary School in Georgetown.

The new inductees are Don Cousens (builder), John Grace (athlete), Bryan Lewis (athlete/

builder), Kerwin McPhail (builder), Glenda Nixdorf (builder) and Richard Van der Wal (builder).

Tickets are \$40 each and are available by contacting Glenda Nixdorf at 905-873-1360. A reception will be held at 6 p.m. with the awards ceremony to commence at 7 p.m.

## Red-hot Bulldogs eager to begin playoffs

Riding a 13-game unbeaten streak, the Halton Hills Bulldogs are keen to begin the playoffs this weekend, but there's still some regular-season business to take care of tonight (Tuesday).

The 16-2-1 Bulldogs clinched top spot in the Ontario Jr. B Lacrosse League's South East Division with a gritty 9-7 victory in Oakville over the rival Buzz Friday and those two teams will complete the regular schedule with a game Tuesday at the Alcott Arena beginning at 8 p.m.

It's essentially a meaningless contest, although the Bulldogs can tie their 2010 franchise-best record of 17-2-1 with a victory tonight.

The 13-5-1 Buzz, who beat the Bull-

dogs 8-6 on May 11, was in a feisty mood Friday as both teams appeared to be in playoff mode, with several scrums after the whistle.

Leading 5-4 midway through the third period, the visitors scored three quick goals to take control, outshooting the Buzz 44-42 on the night.

Seth Laidlaw (3), Mike MacDonald (2), Peter Laidlaw, Derek Thomas, Brendan MacDonald and Connor Brown scored for the Bulldogs.

On Saturday night, the host 'Dogs held intermission leads of 5-3 and



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10-6 en route to beating the Newmarket Saints 16-9 in another chippy affair.

Newly-acquired Jesse Copeland of Orangeville, who had 18 goals and 18 assists in 13 games for the Jr. B Northmen, scored four times and Norval's Luke Laidlaw notched a hat trick to push his team-record point total for the season to 111. Justin Reid (2), Mike MacDonald (2), Brown, Seth Laidlaw, Chris Haynes and newcomer Austin Divictos, picked up from the Orangeville Jr. A Northmen, rounded out the scoring.

Halton Hills made some roster moves to gear up for the post-season, dealing backup netminder Tyler Christopher to the last-place Mississauga Tomahawks for veteran goalie Gavin Lecky and former Green Gaels' forward Shane Morlock.

It's likely the Bulldogs, seeded third in the East Conference, will open the playoffs this weekend against either the sixth-place Kahnawake Hunters or the Mimico Mountaineers.

Should the Mounties beat the Saints in Newmarket Tuesday night in their regular season finale, Halton Hills will face Mimico in the best-of-5 opening round, or else face a trip to the Montreal area to take on 10-10 Kahnawake.



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