

SPORTS & LEISURE

Eagles fly high at provincials

For the second year in a row, a Georgetown Baseball Association team was declared provincial champion in the Jr. B division, after the Eagles had to beat the Windsor Hawks twice in the final of the 12-team double-knockout tournament in Chatham by scores of 6-0 and 11-1.

Although it appears the Eagles had an easy time of it in the last two games behind a couple of dominating pitching performances by 21-year-old Brad Dilks, a loss to Windsor in the second preliminary-round contest meant Georgetown couldn't afford another loss after that, so the squad went on to win five straight.

And it appears the Jr. B Eagles, who finished the season with a 32-12-1 record, aren't content with just two consecutive Ontario titles. Dilks and first-baseman/pitcher Mark Kinal will be too old to return and the group of returnees plan to move up to the elite 4A elimination series (Jr. B is considered 3A) that would allow them to contend for a national championship in 2013.

"The average age of the team was 18.9 and on the whole it's a highly intelligent

group of kids, with a lot of them going to university for things like pre-med school and criminal justice," said Eagles' manager Dave Lahn.

"We're losing two exceptional players in Brad and Mark, but we've still got a lot of good young talent coming back, some of them as young as major midget."

Preliminary round— Georgetown 6, Stratford 5: Brad Dilks (complete game W, 11 Ks); Matthew Lahn (2 doubles, 4 RBI)

Windsor 10, Georgetown 5
Georgetown 7, Peterborough 3: Lahn (complete game W, 6 Ks); Kyle Westwater (2 hits, 3 RBI)

Georgetown 7, Bolton 0: Jonathan Palumbo (complete game W, 11 Ks); Taylor Brown (2 hits, 3 runs scored)

Semifinal— Georgetown 6, Whitby 2: Jeremy McDonald (complete game W, 9 Ks); Corey Hutchinson (2 hits).

Championship—(Game 1) Georgetown 6, Windsor 0: Dilks (complete game W, 8 Ks); Jeff Slasor (2 hits, RBI, run)

(Game 2) Georgetown 11, Windsor 1: Dilks (complete game, 5 Ks); Darryl Ward (double, 2 RBI).



MacNeil earns OVA honour

Georgetown's Jake MacNeil (second from right) receives the Jason Senechal Memorial Award for demonstrating the qualities of honour, fair play and sportsmanship in 2012 as voted on by his peers on the Ontario Volleyball Association Beach Tour. MacNeil, a Grade 11 Georgetown District High School student, is a member of Volleyball Canada's national development team and combined with fellow 16-year-old Andrew Richards of London to win the OVA under-18 boys' championship after capturing the provincial under-16 title last year. Pictured above with MacNeil at the recent provincial championships in Toronto are (from left): OVA Beach Program assistant Andrea Bailie, OVA Beach Program co-ordinator Josh Nichol and OVA executive director Steve Carroll.

Photo courtesy Shawn McPhee



The Georgetown Eagles avenged a loss to Windsor in the preliminary round by beating the Hawks twice to clinch back-to-back Baseball Ontario Junior B championship titles in Chatham. Team members (front, from left) are: Corey Hutchinson, Brad Dilks, Taylor Brown, Kyle Westwater. Middle row: Manager David Lahn, Justin Hii, Arsene Pinguelo, Jonathan Palumbo, Daniel Campos, Jeff Slasor, Coach Ben Merchant. Back row: Mark Kinal, Darryl Ward, Randy Brown, Jeremy McDonald. (Absent) are: Kyle Kinsey, Matthew Lahn, Sam Wight and Coach Steve Kinsey.

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Hill to suit up for Canada again

Georgetown's Shawn Hill is set to represent Canada on a world baseball stage again later this month.

The 31-year-old right-handed pitcher has been named to the 28-man Canadian roster that will play in the World Baseball Classic Qualifier Sept. 20-24 in Regensburg, Germany.

Canada has been grouped with the Czech Republic, Great Britain and Germany in a six-game modified double-elimination format, with one team moving on to the 2013 World Baseball Classic.

Hill, who has struggled with arm surgeries over the past few years, took the 2011 regular season off but pitched well for Canada in its thrilling Pan-Am Games gold-medal performance in Mexico.

He has also worn the red and white for his country at the 2004 Summer Olympics in Greece and was selected for the Canuck squad for the 2006 World Baseball Classic but did not play.

This season, the 6-foot-2, 225-pound Hill posted a 9-2 record in 15 starts with a 4.52 ERA for the Toronto Blue Jays' AAA affiliate club in Las Vegas.

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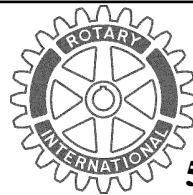
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