

Former Bulldogs find new home in Arena Lacrosse League

Several local residents and graduates of the Jr. B Bulldogs lacrosse team are on the roster of the Toronto Monarchs of the new Arena Lacrosse League, which starts up in the New Year.

The Bulldogs current bench boss, Blaine McCauley, will serve as head coach and general manager of the Monarchs, who don't have any home dates and will play a 14-game schedule on weekends in the six-team league in Oshawa, Peterborough, Six Nations and Paris.

There's really no place to play for a championship if you're not in the (National Lacrosse League), said McCauley.

There are a lot of good players out there who just can't crack an NLL roster because the competition is so stiff. This is an opportunity for those guys who maybe want to move on to the next level or if they want to keep playing in a competitive league. It seems to be a mixture of both.

St. Catharines also has an entry in the ALL, the successor to the now-defunct CLAX winter indoor loop.

A league draft of players was held late last month and McCauley selected some familiar names to Halton Hills lacrosse fans, including first-round pick Shane Scott, Jordan Dance, Jayson Crawford, Nic Grasby, cousins Seth & Luke Laid-

law, former NLLers Matt Lyons, Connor Sellars, Patrick Miles, Kyle Andrews and Adam McGourty, alongside Jr. A standouts Mike Teeter, Dustin Caravello and goalie Craig Wende.

The squad held its first practice Saturday at the Toronto Rock Athletic Centre in Oakville.

We just wanted to surround ourselves with people you know, so my philosophy was to draft kids with character and guys who we knew from playing against them as having good reputations, McCauley added.

I know what these guys bring to the table. We're still trying to piece things together since this is something new and I think some people are just waiting to see how this all turns out.

Longtime Bulldogs staff member Mike Falkiner will be Toronto's assistant GM & coach, with Kevin Dance also on as an assistant.

The ALL's regular season is scheduled to begin Jan. 7 in Oshawa with a triple-header and the Monarchs will take on the Paris River Wolves.

McCauley said he's looking into the Monarchs possibly playing a neutral-site contest in this area.

Georgetown's Travis Bland was drafted by the Six Nations Snipers in the eighth round.



Longtime Halton Hills Jr. B Bulldogs Jayson Crawford (left) and Seth Laidlaw sport the jerseys of their newest team, the Toronto Monarchs of the Arena Lacrosse League.

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Raiders shut down Jr. Canadiens 4-0

Newcomer Keegan Blasby scored twice and netminder Nick Litinovich made 36 saves as the host Georgetown Raiders blanked the Toronto Jr. Canadiens 4-0 Saturday night in an Ontario Junior Hockey League contest.

Zack Dybowski and Daniel Berno added third-period markers for the Raiders, who are 23-1-1 in their last 25

games and second in the latest Canadian Junior Hockey League Rankings.

Blasby, a 20-year-old from Markham, already has two goals and four assists in three starts with Georgetown since being acquired from North York late last month.

The 26-3-1-0 Raiders are on a five-game win streak and have three in three

days coming up, starting Thursday in Toronto against the Patriots. They'll also visit Oakville Friday to take on the Blades and host the Buffalo Jr. Sabres Saturday at the Alcott Arena beginning at 7:30 p.m.



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