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— Brad Kri of the Toronto Rock. See below.



Forward Mike MacDonald of Georgetown and defenceman Brad Kri of Acton of the Toronto Rock are looking forward to their National Lacrosse League matchup this Friday at the Air Canada Centre against the Georgia Swarm. The pair will face Ethan O'Connor and Connor Sellars, who also played for the Halton Hills Jr. B Bulldogs in 2010 when they won the Founders Cup Canadian championship. Photo courtesy Toronto Rock

Bulldog grads set to meet again in NLL matchup this weekend

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This Friday's National Lacrosse League contest at Toronto's Air Canada Centre between the host Rock and Georgia Swarm will serve as a mini-reunion of sorts for members of the 2010 Halton Hills Jr. B Bulldogs.

That special group won the Founders Cup Canadian title in Etobicoke on a steamy August afternoon with a 4-3 double OT victory over their rivals, the Mimico Mountaineers, on a spectacular goal by Dylan Gilbert.

And while that was the pinnacle of the careers of most players on the team, four

have gone on to play professionally in the NLL — Halton Hills natives Brad Kri and Mike MacDonald with Toronto — with Milton's Ethan O'Connor and Connor Sellars playing with the Swarm this season.

"It will be nice to see those guys again, even though everything goes once we get on the floor," laughed the 24-year-old defender Kri, in his fourth NLL campaign after playing in 16 games with the Rock last season.

"A lot of the guys on that team still live locally, so when I get home from being away for a while it's usually the first group of guys I call."

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Jr. A Raiders on five-game roll heading into clash with Hawks

Jack Jacome jumped into the Ontario Junior Hockey League scoring lead Sunday evening with a natural hat trick in the Georgetown Raiders' 4-0 dusting of the host Toronto Jr. Canadiens.

Jacome leapfrogged Wellington's Brayden Stortz into the lead amongst the top point-getters with 85 on the campaign. The Clarkson University recruit had two in the second period and an empty-netter to cement the Raiders' five-game win streak.

Nicholas Latinovich made 33 saves for his fourth shutout of the season and Andrew Court added a first-period marker.

On Saturday, the Raiders prevailed in another playoff-style contest with divisional Burlington by a 3-1 count.

Jordan Crocker tapped in a loose puck in the Cougar crease five minutes into the third period to break up a 1-1 tie. Louis Kereakou and Jacome (empty net) also tallied for the home side and Josh Astorino made 26 saves for the win in goal.

Next up for 43-5-1-1 is a much-anticipat-

ed collision Friday in Trenton against the 40-7-1-1 Golden Hawks in a rematch of last year's OJHL championship series.

It's the only regular-season meeting between the two clubs and the Raiders are gunning for home ice advantage right through the post-season, holding a six-point lead on the Dudley Hewitt Cup-host Hawks with four games left on the schedule.

AWARD FOR ASTORINO: After posting a 6-1-0 record with a sparkling 1.68 goals-against average in January, Georgetown Raiders' puckstopper Josh Astorino has been named Ontario Junior Hockey League's Bardown Goaltender of the Month.

The 20-year-old from Niagara Falls has been a key component in the Raiders' first-place overall standing in the OJHL with a league-best record of 27-3-1 with a 1.97 GAA, a .935 save percentage and two shutouts. Astorino reeled off six straight wins in January and his only defeat was a spectacular 34-save performance in a 1-0 overtime loss to the Cougars in Burlington Jan. 27.



JACK JACOME

Clare named conference D-man of week

Former Georgetown Raider defenceman Liam Clare was named Atlantic Hockey Defensive Player of the Week after netting three assists as his Sacred Heart University Pioneers earned a win and a tie in league action against Mercyhurst.

The 21-year-old Clare, in his sophomore season with the Pioneers, has collected one goal and 20 assists in 30 games this season, scoring once with six help-



LIAM CLARE

ers in his last five starts.

A six-foot, 180-pound Georgetown native, Clare played three years with the Ontario Junior Hockey League's Raiders alongside star centre Steve Hladin, a Mississauga resident who has six goals and four assists in 24 games with Sacred Heart this season. Clare is in the business program at Sacred Heart and the Georgetown District High School grad has made the Dean's List in each semester.

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