Be prepared for wet conditions

By Cory Gentes Special to The IFP

Congratulations to Long John Daly on his first win on the over-50 circuit.

The former British and PGA champion has had a very up-and-down career, but for all of that he has always been a very talented golfer. On Sunday at the Insperity Invitational he hung on by one to win in his 22nd Champions Tour start.

Locally the weather seems to be turning into more seasonal temperatures and conditions. Although we might be heading for drier days and lies, it is always good to know what to adjust to make better contact when our ball sits in or near wet turf.

First, knowing the rules and understanding casual water will limit play from bad lies in moist conditions. If you must play it from turf that is soft and damp then be sure to adjust a few things. I like to play from wet conditions much like I do in a fairway bunker.

Ball position should move back slightly to make sure we contact the ball first. Focus on making more of a three-quarter swing to ensure better contact. If you are between clubs then reach for the five instead of the six and swing easier.



From the Ground Up



Be sure to play for a ball that will tail away from you a little due to the slightly upright swing. Like I said, hopefully we are done with the wet stuff but never hurts to have a plan when the weather doesn t co-operate.

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Biles nets game one clincher

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A 12th-round pick of the OHLs Windsor Spitfires in 2014, Biles served as a dependable defensive forward for the Sugar Kings all season and potted the winner in game one of the Sutherland Cup final, a 3-2 victory over London. Elmira won the series in five games.

The GDHS graduate had two goals and six assists in 26 playoff games following an 18-point regular season.

Bulldogs 3-0 after weekend wins

John Vezina and Cody Menzies each had hat tricks in their home opener as the Halton Hills Bulldogs downed the Newmarket Saints 10-5 Saturday in Ontario Jr. B Lacrosse League play.

Going 4 for 7 with the power play on the night, the Bulldogs held intermission leads of 5-2 and 8-3 in front of about 300 spectators at the Alcott Arena.

Cam Downey (2), Braidyn Vidler and Nathan Ethier had the other Halton Hills goals and Zack Kearney collected three assists.

On Friday night in Oakville, the Dogs prevailed over their East Division-rival Buzz 12-10 with Menzies scoring five times.

Milton resident Mason Wright chipped in two goals and four assists while Rookie Kearney notched three goals and a helper. Downey added a pair of markers.

The wins improve the Bulldogs record to 3-0. This week, the Bulldogs visited the West Durham Ironheads (formerly Markham) Wednesday before a pair of home dates on the weekend Saturday against the Nepean Knights at 7:30 p.m. on Halton Hills Minor Lacrosse Family Fun Night, followed by a 2 p.m. contest Sunday against the Gloucester Griffins.

Tennis Day in Georgeown Saturday

Members of the Halton Hills Tennis Club are going to make a quite a racquet this Saturday at the Gellert Community Centre.

The club is scheduled to host Tennis Day in Canada activities from 9 a.m. 3 p.m. and invites the public to give the sport a try.

There will be free food, tennis lessons, crafts for kids and a prize court where children up to age 14 can hit targets and win some prizes donated by local businesses.

Some lucky kids will also have the chance to win Rogers Cup court towels and some tennis gear supplied by Head and Yonex Canada.

This year the club will have Munchkin Matches for ages 5-9. The children will learn tennis on smaller courts with size-appropriate equipment.

The first 50 kids to show up will receive an autographed postcard of Andy Murray or Novak Djokovic supplied by HEAD Tennis in Guelph.

The club will have racquets available to use in all events.

Junior clinics run every half hour from 9-11 a.m., as well as open court play from 9 a.m. -1 p.m.

From 1-3 p.m., the adults take over with an afternoon of round-robin action, and doubles clinics will wind up the day from 2-3 p.m.

Everyone who attends will be entered into a draw to win a prize donated by Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment.

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