

Eagles host Baseball Ontario championships

EAMONN MAHER
emaher@theifp.ca

AA and B tournaments Friday to Sunday with a dozen teams in each division in a double-knockout format.

Championship games are scheduled for Sunday afternoon at the Georgetown Fairgrounds.

Eight diamonds are required to accommodate all 46 games, with the Fairgrounds serving as tourney headquarters.

The Gellert Community Centre, Glen Williams, and Prospect Park in Acton will also serve as venues.

The hometown minor peewee Eagles take on the Woodslee Orioles Friday in their opening game at 1 p.m. at Glen Williams, while the Halton Hills minor peewee AAs face the Niagara Falls Falcons at the Fairgrounds at 4 p.m.

Twenty-four teams from around the province will be in Halton Hills this weekend as the Eagles host their first-ever Baseball Ontario championships in two minor peewee rep divisions.

The Halton Hills Minor Baseball Association is staging the minor peewee

Junior Eagles earn Baseball Ontario title

After a three-year run as provincial champions earlier this decade, the Halton Hills junior Eagles returned to prominence this past weekend. The team captured the Baseball Ontario A title in Port Lambton, winning all six of their games.

The Eagles took a two-year hiatus from the junior division before returning to the field in 2015. They posted an 8-11 record this season in the Central Ontario loop, which included seven AAA teams and three AA centres, but peaked for provincials. Their 8-5 triumph over

Corunna in the final was somewhat anticlimactic, said head coach Fernando DeMelo, after a dramatic game-tying rally against Peterborough in the semifinal.

Halton Hills was trailing 3-1 and down to its last strike in the seventh inning, with two men on base, before Jake Timukas hit a two-run double to force extra innings.

In the 10th inning, Avery Chenier singled in Adam Lencz for the walk-off 4-3 victory and Lencz was sensational on the mound, tossing three shutout innings for the W.

Chenier proceeded to throw a complete game in the final, allowing just one earned run, while going two-for-four at the plate to finish up the tournament with a 4.71 average (eight for 17).

Luke Warkentin and Eric Brown each hit at a .409 clip during the tournament for the Eagles.

Preliminary round - Halton Hills 10, Midland 0; Halton Hills 4, Port Dover 2; Halton Hills 9, West London 2; Halton Hills 8, Corunna 2; Halton Hills 4, Peterborough 3; Halton Hills 8, Corunna 5

Squirt Hawks earn PWSA crown to cap remarkable year

EAMONN MAHER
emaher@theifp.ca

For a team that lost just two out of 58 games this season, the Halton squirt Hawks fittingly sewed up the Provincial Women's Softball Association's under-12 championship by going undefeated at the tournament held in Brantford earlier this month.

The Hawks, who finished up the year with a 53-2-3 record, went 3-0 in pool play before downing Waterloo Gold 11-1 in the quarter-final behind stellar pitching by Sarah Lamers, Taryn Gaudry and Emma Glagau.

Halton Hills thrashed Guelph 14-2 in the semis powered by a three-run homer by Danika Millen, followed by a matchup in the final against the Vaughan Vikings, the only team to defeat the squirt Hawks



Contributed by Halton Hawks

Team members (front, from left) are: Amelia Smith, Danika Millen, Sierra Smith, Asia Peart. Middle row: Coach Maddie Pasma, Hailey Dykstra, Lauren Goodwin, Emma Churcher, Taryn Gaudry, Sarah Lamers, Kierstyn Pasma, coaches Julie Gaudry, Paul Dykstra. Back row: Coach Janice Lamers, head coach Dennis Goodwin, Emma Galgau, Emma Poulton, coach Dave Peart.

this season.

The Halton squad won 6-2 over Vaughan to capture the Ontario Grand Championship for their seventh unbeaten tournament gold medal performance of the year and

placed second behind the Vikings in the season-opening tourney in Brantford.

Head coach Dennis Goodwin's side completed the campaign on a 42-game winning streak.

Canadian Olympic Committee to visit Milton for RBC Training Ground

Think you've got big-time athletic potential?

The Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) will be the judge of that when it pays a visit to Milton on Saturday, Sept. 9.

That's when the Mattamy National Cycling Centre plays host to RBC Training Ground, which gives local athletes - no matter what sport they are involved in - the chance to test their strength, speed and endurance in front of officials from 11 Olympic sports, and potentially

earn 'Future Olympian' funding.

Top performers at the Milton event advance to the Ontario final at Scarborough's Pan Am Sports Centre on October 14. A total of 26 combines are being held across the country this year.

In addition to training support from a national sport organization the athlete may not have considered, top performers also earn financial support from RBC and a trip to the 2018 Winter Games in Pye-

ongchang to experience an Olympics first-hand.

Athletes 14 to 25 years of age from Halton and surrounding areas are invited to attend the local combine, and can sign up at rbctrainingground.ca.

Officials from sports such as cycling, rugby, rowing, track and field, judo and triathlon will be on hand.

In 2016 - the first year for the program - 25 athletes were identified with Olympic potential and are now pursuing those dreams.

FALL BONUS

Join now for 2018 and receive the
REST OF THE SEASON INCLUDED!
See website for details.

You Belong Here!

**THE CLUB AT
NORTH HALTON**

MELANIE FRAZER
905-877-5236, Ext: 400
mfrazier@nhgcc.ca | www.nhgcc.com

*HST APPLIES ALONG WITH OTHER FEES. PLEASE CONTACT THE CLUB FOR DETAILS.