



North Halton Crimson Tide running back Aaron Steffens gets tripped up by a Peterborough Wolverine during their Ontario Football Conference junior varsity division matchup Sunday at Kiwanis Field in Georgetown. In a driving rainstorm, the Wolverines scored two late third-quarter touchdowns in a 32-22 win to hand the JV Tide its first loss of the season.

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JV Tide suffers first loss of year

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In a matchup of undefeated teams played in a relentless rain on Sunday afternoon, it almost seemed like the weather would prevail over both clubs at Georgetown's Kiwanis Field.

But the visiting Peterborough Wolverines improved to 7-0 in the Mike Ramsay Conference of the Ontario Football Conference's junior varsity division with a 32-22 triumph over the North Halton Crimson Tide, breaking up a close game with a pair of touchdowns in the third quarter that quelled a comeback bid by the hosts.

With the Wolverines leading 18-7 at halftime, the Tide put together an impressive drive, with quarterback Tanner Gaskill-Cadwallader finding receiver Adam Smith in the end zone.

As the rain started to come down sideways at one point, North Halton star

rusher Aaron Steffens broke free for what would have likely been a long-gainer, but was taken down at midfield. The Wolverines took possession and their quarterback scored on a long touchdown run, followed by another major at the end of the period that put the result out of reach.

"It's unfortunate when you have inclement weather like this because different things can happen at any time and there were a lot of errors and mental mistakes on our part that got us behind the eight ball early," said JV Tide head coach Jonathan Nedeljkovic.

"I think if anything we'll come out stronger because of it. Sometimes losses like this put things in perspective. In my experience in football, I know some of our biggest victories in championship games came after having a loss to that team earlier in the season, and we know we can go toe to toe with Peterborough."

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Second-round series begins Saturday at Montreal-area reserve

Bulldogs to face Akwesasne

For the second weekend in a row, the Halton Hills Bulldogs will travel to the far end of eastern Ontario for a playoff game.

Seeded second in the Ontario Jr. B Lacrosse League's East Conference, the Bulldogs are set to take on the third-place Akwesasne Indians for the first two games of their best-of-5 second-round post-season matchup.

Game one is slated for the Turtle-dome on Saturday at 4 p.m., with game two Sunday at 3 p.m.

The final three games of the series, if necessary, would be played at the Alcott Arena in Georgetown beginning Friday, July 19 at 8 p.m., with game four Saturday evening and a fifth-and-deciding match Sunday afternoon.

Princeton University sharpshooter Mike MacDonald had four goals and six assists as the Bulldogs defeated the

visiting Kahnawake Hunters 15-5 last Saturday night to complete a sweep of the best-of-3 first-round series.

Halton Hills won game one Friday night in Kahnawake by a 12-9 count.

Josh Oliver (3), Seth Laidlaw (2), Connor Brown (2), Sean Connors (2), Tyler Aunon and Phil Ferchat also found net in game two for the 'Dogs, who went 6 for 11 on the power play.

Dustin Hanzelka earned the win in goal in his first start of the season. The 20-year-old played 13 games on defence during the regular season and head coach Blaine McCauley said that Hanzelka will likely share the netminding duties with veteran Gavin Lecky in the post-season.

In the other East Conference semifinal series, the top-seeded Green Gaels of Clarington take on the fourth-ranked Oakville Buzz.



Pair of one-run losses sinks peewee Eagles

Third-baseman Adam Montpetit of Georgetown's Servicemaster of York Region peewee Eagles appears to tag out the Kitchener baserunner during the opening game of a Georgetown Baseball Association tournament here last weekend, but the umpire ruled the Panthers' runner safe. It turned out to be a key play in the contest as the Kitchener player later scored and the Eagles lost 7-6. Georgetown's peewees were edged again 5-4 in their second game by Royal York to take them out of championship contention, but came together for a 15-2 victory over St. Thomas to close out the weekend at the Gellert Recreation Centre. The Waterdown Wolves defeated the Niagara Falls Falcons in the championship game.

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