

## SPORTS

## "Quote/unquote"

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— Blaine McCauley... see below



## Summer camps a smash hit

Seven-year-old Emma Spurr receives some pointers from new Halton Hills Tennis Club head professional Amr Shagara during one of the club's Summer Camps at the Gellert Recreation Centre. At right is Mike Mitchell, head coach of York University's men's tennis team, who also serves as a youth instructor at the HHTC. Response to the weekly July Summer Camps has been overwhelming as they're fully booked, so the HHTC has extended the camps into August and are currently taking registration. It's open to kids age 6-14 and campers can choose either to attend for half days (9 a.m. to noon) or the full day (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.). For more info about registration, visit the website [www.haltonhillstennis.com](http://www.haltonhillstennis.com) or call 905-873-8107. Photo by Eamonn Maher

## Raiders busy in off-season

The Ontario Junior Hockey League released its 2014-15 regular-season schedule this week and the Georgetown Raiders are slated to begin their campaign at home on Saturday, Sept. 6 against the Buffalo Jr. Sabres.

One more game has been added to the annual Governors' Showcase Weekend, which will be held in Oakville this year, meaning that each of the league's 22 teams will play an expanded schedule of 54 games.

The Raiders were one of the first teams to announce signings for the upcoming season and already have five players

on cards.

Goaltender Marc Williams, who was named the Greater Ontario Jr. B League's conference MVP and first-team all-star with a sparkling 1.98 GAA for the first-place Kitchener Dutchmen.

Also joining the Raiders are defencemen Josh Dickinson of Georgetown, the younger brother of Dallas Stars' first-round pick Jason, along with veteran rearguard Eric Eustace of Ancaster Jr. B and Connor Andersen.

Forward Kyle Maksimovich of Oakville was a third-round draft pick of the OHL's Erie Otters in this year's draft.

## Bulldogs put Gaels on the brink

Just a win away from eliminating their chief rivals, the Halton Hills Bulldogs need only to reflect back to last year's playoffs to be wary of any premature celebrations against the Green Gaels of Clarington.

The Gaels trailed their second-round East Conference matchup to the Oakville Buzz, only to come back with three straight wins to advance in the best-of-5 series.

Halton Hills and Clarington have met six previous times in the playoffs since 2007 and the head-to-head tally stands at three wins apiece, with the fourth-seeded Bulldogs holding a 2-0 edge in the East Conference semifinal.

Game three is set for Bowmanville Thursday night. A Bulldogs' win would set up an all-Halton conference final as the second-ranked Oakville Buzz downed the third-seeded Akwesasne Indians 13-8 Sunday and now have three chances at home coming up this weekend to move on to the next round.

"We have too much respect for an organization like the Gaels to be focused on anything other than our next game against them," said Bulldogs' head coach Blaine McCauley.

"Our younger guys are excited and a lot of them haven't been in these types of situations before. It's up to our leadership group to keep everyone on an even keel. We're happy with the way we've prepared for the games, but the only way you're going to get experience is to be in those pressure-type situations, because you can't re-create those things in practice."

After a rout over the top-seeded Gaels in their playoff series opener last Saturday, the 'Dogs found out quickly Sunday evening that game two wasn't going to be another walkover.

The Gaels jumped out to a 2-0 lead three minutes into game two and while the Bulldogs surged out to a 6-3 second-period advantage, the Clarington-based squad pressed until the end but came out on the short end of a 7-6 decision at the Alcott Arena.

Kyle Moore scored twice in the middle stanza, in which the fourth-place Bulldogs kept the Gaels off the scoresheet, with Seth Laidlaw's pair in the first erasing the visitors' early lead. Owen White, Miles Cox and Adam Charalambides also tallied for Halton Hills.

If a fourth game is required, it would be played Friday in Georgetown at 8 p.m.

## Flint in fine form for Canada at worlds

Cameron Flint of Georgetown is a member of the Canadian team that's currently vying for the FIL World Lacrosse Championships in Commerce City, Colorado this week.

The 23-year-old midfielder has played a prominent role for the Canucks, helping orchestrate the winning goal in the final minute of the game after his team's near-disastrous third-period collapse against the Iroquois Nationals Sunday evening.

Flint also had a goal and two assists in Monday's 20-3 rout of Japan and picked up an assist in last Thursday's tournament-opening 10-7



CAMERON FLINT

loss to the unbeaten U.S.

The Halton Hills Jr. B Bulldogs' graduate, who recently completed his studies and a stellar field career at the Uni-

versity of Denver, wears #18 for Canada and was the fourth overall pick by the Minnesota Swarm in last year's National Lacrosse League Draft. He was also named an All-America with the Denver Pioneers in his senior season.

Canada finished the round-robin segment in the six-team Blue Division Tuesday night with a convincing 12-4 win over Australia.

Flint scored another goal in the rout for the Canucks, who await to find out their opponents for the semifinals, which are set for Thursday. The championship will be played Saturday. Games are broadcast on TSN2.

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