

The Halton Hills Bulldogs host the Akwesasne Indians Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Jr. B lacrosse playoff action

## MacNeil has support in his court

Prior to leaving for major beach volleyball competitions in Portugal and China in the next month, Georgetown's Jake MacNeil practised regularly with a local group of Grade 7-8 youths he coaches at a facility in Oakville.

The Impact Beach Volleyball Program has been making major strides this summer, including some recent podium placings at tournaments on the Ontario circuit in its first year together.

Two of the youths, Ryan and Hunter Gibson, showed their appreciation of MacNeil's volunteer work by making and selling parachute cord survival bracelets, which in just one week have raised a little more than \$1,000 to help cover the costs of MacNeil's globetrotting.

The 18-year-old was in Hermosa Beach, Calif. this past weekend for a warm-up tournament, U.S.A. Volleyball Beach High Performance Championship, in which he won the Silver Bracket alongside Craig Ireland of B.C.

Next week, MacNeil and partner Chris Towe of Caledon will play in the FIVB Under-19 World Championships in Porto, Portugal, followed by a trip to China with his regular partner, London's Andrew Richards, for the World

Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing, China.

That duo earned a berth in the Youth Olympics after winning the Canadian qualifier last year.

MacNeil, who will attend the University of Windsor starting in September, was named GDHS's senior boys' athlete of the year last month and captained the Rebels to a silver-medal showing at the OFSAA AAAA championship in Mississauga this winter.

In indoor volleyball news, Georgetown's Brandon Koppers, who's heading into his second year with the McMaster University Marauders, has been named as a left side player for the Canadian Junior National Team, which will compete at the 2014 NORCECA Junior Championship in El Salvador from July 27 to Aug. 4.

The 18-year-old Koppers, a six-foot-seven Christ the King Secondary School grad, was also named to the tournament all-star team after helping Team Ontario demolish the competition at last weekend's National Team Challenge Cup in Gatineau, Que.

Ontario won all six matches and didn't lose a set, beating Alberta in the final.



Georgetown's Cameron Flint hoists the FIL World Lacrosse Championship trophy with family members Saturday evening near Denver, Colorado. Pictured (from left): are his mother Donna, girlfriend Elyse Roberts, sister Naomi and dad Ron. Submitted photo

## Flint helps Canada earn world field title

Playing with a tight hamstring wasn't the only thing weighing on the mind of local native Cameron Flint during Saturday's FIL World Lacrosse Championship final game between Canada and the U.S.

The 23-year-old midfielder's paternal grandfather Jack passed away Friday in Mississauga and so Flint dedicated the game in his memory with close family members in attendance for the championship, an 8-5 Canadian win against the defending champions.

Flint set up his former University of Denver teammate, Mark Matthews, for a goal early in the third period to

make the score 8-2 for Canada, which owned possession of the ball for two-thirds of the 80-minute contest.

The 5-too-11, 190-pound former Halton Hills Jr. B Bulldog adds a world title to a pair of Canadian championships earned during his Halton Hills Minor Lacrosse Association days representing Ontario. He also narrowly missed out on winning a Minto Cup Canadian Jr. A title with the Brampton Excelsiors in 2009 and made it to the NCAA semifinals with Denver a couple of years ago.

Canada last won the world title in 2006 over the U.S. in London, Ont. The U.S. has won the event nine times.



Members of the Georgetown Impact Beach Volleyball Program have been training and competing hard this summer with coaches Jake MacNeil (left), Robbie Abrams (third from right) and Ken Kerr (absent from photo). The group also got together to help raise about \$1,000 to help offset some of MacNeil's expenses on a three-continent summer tour that will take him to tournaments in California, Portugal and China this summer. Pictured above (from left) are: MacNeil, Nic Basilio, Jacob Albert, Nathan Rothery, Mitch Hood, Ben Watson, Steven Abrams, Robbie Abrams, Josh Manheere, Ryan Gibson. Absent from photo are: Chris Bowen, Trevor Wyeld, Ben Abram and Andrew Kroeger. Photo by Angela Kennedy

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