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 — Dustin Hanzelka... see below



Varsity Tide edges Argos

Quarterback Tanner Cadwallader of the North Halton Crimson Tide tries to break free from a Toronto Jr. Argos' tackler on Saturday in an Ontario Football Conference quarterfinal matchup at Kiwanis Field in Georgetown. The first-place Tide prevailed in the contest 41-34 and have now advanced to the conference final game this weekend against the Huronia Stallions. No scoring info was available from Saturday's contest. *Photo by Tanya Eimantas*

Canadian U-19 title for Fritz

Rural Acton teen Matt Fritz was a member of the Ontario Blues' team that recently won the U19 Canadian Rugby Championship held at Swilers Field, St. John's Nfld.

Five teams representing some of the top under-19 players from across Canada took part in the six-day championship, with players enduring a 30-degree summer heatwave.

Fritz was scouted by Ontario Blues' U19 coach Mike Curran and his assistant Sean McDonough at the OFSAA A/AA Rugby Championship in Durham Region June, in which the 6'1" 220-pound prop helped his Erin High School Raiders earn gold, beating last year's champion, Barrie Collegiate, 7-0 in the hard-fought final game. The 19-year-old Fritz is one of 24 players representing 16 clubs across Ontario, 15 of whom came from last year's U18 Ontario Blues team.

Curran said he selected his roster with "an eye on improving upon the provincial side's third-place finish in last year's CRC U19 tournament."

Fritz began playing with Fergus Highlanders in 2010 before moving on to the Guelph Redcoats. He will be attending the Royal Military College in Kingston starting in August where he will be on the pitch, having been selected to play with the RMC varsity rugby team.



MATT FRITZ

Preliminary round - Ontario Blues 22, Atlantic Rock 17; Ontario Blues 59, Prairie Wolf Pack 0; Ontario Blues 14, B.C. Bears 5
Final — Ontario 41, Lower Canada 5

Long bus trip to Akwesasne this weekend

Bulldogs up by a deuce

Just one more win will get the Halton Hills Bulldogs a spot in the Ontario Jr. B Lacrosse League's championship series for the first time since 2011 after taking a pair of games from the visiting Akwesasne Indians over the weekend.

The fourth-place Bulldogs lead the best-of-5 East Conference final series 2-0 following a 13-7 victory Sunday with the three remaining games, if necessary, slated for Akwesasne on the Civic Holiday weekend beginning Friday night.

Adam Charalambides led the way with three goals and four assists. Cory Highfield (3), Seth Laidlaw (2), Owen White (2), Campbell Parker, Miles Cox and Josh Oliver rounded out the scoring for the home side, which was outshot 41-38 but went 3 for 7 with the man advantage in front of close to 700 spectators at the Alcott Arena.

After getting throttled 14-4 in game one of the series in Georgetown Saturday, the Indians were much more organized Sunday, tied at two following the first period and within 6-5 late in the middle stanza. But Highfield scored with 0.2 seconds left in the frame to make the score 7-5 Bulldogs and a frustrated Akwesasne team seemed more interested in trying to intimidate the 'Dogs.

"Teams get rough. We're the same way though," said fifth-year Bulldogs' goaltender Dustin Hanzelka, who was

a rookie when Halton Hills won its first Founders Cup Canadian championship in 2010.

"We can play hard also. You just play through it and play lacrosse."

It's the last year of eligibility for several Bulldogs and Hanzelka conceded that there's been a sense of urgency to go out on a winning note this season, although the team's somewhat muted celebration after knocking off the first-place Green Gaels in the second round suggested that the team hadn't accomplished its goal yet.

The Indians also trailed the Oakville Buzz 2-0 after losing the first two games of their conference semifinal series at home before taking the next three on the road.

"You can't put much stock into that because we're a different team than (Oakville)," added the 21-year-old Hanzelka, who is working as a summer co-op placement with Halton Hills Hydro.

"(The traveling) doesn't affect us as much as it used to, because we've done it so many times now. We're just going to go in there and play our game and hopefully end it Friday night."

In the OJBLL West Conference final, the undefeated Six Nations Rebels led the Orangeville Northmen 1-0 heading into game two Wednesday night in Orangeville.

Greenwell just misses Open cut

Playing in his first PGA Tour event, Georgetown's Robbie Greenwell certainly held his own last week in Montreal, shooting a pair of 71s to miss the cut by two strokes at the Canadian Open.

The 28-year-old bogeyed the first hole of Thursday's opening round, but came right back with a birdie on the next hole and finished up at one over par for the day at the Royal Montreal Golf Club.

In round two, Greenwell recovered

from a double bogey on the fourth hole with three birdies in four holes to close out the front nine. He just missed a birdie put on the 17th that would have dropped him to -1 for the round, but bogeyed the final hole to end up at 71, two shots off the 36-hole cut of even par.

The University of Memphis graduate turned pro five years ago and qualified for the PGA Tour Latinoamerica in 2014.

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