

Six Nations sweeps Halton Hills in Ontario Jr. B final

'Dogs bow out to Rebels

The 20th anniversary season of the Halton Hills Jr. B Bulldogs came to a close Sunday evening in a building where the Six Nations Rebels have built a league dynasty.

A 13-5 win by the Rebels clinched their fourth consecutive Ontario Jr. B Lacrosse League title in three straight games and eliminated likely the most formidable obstacle to securing a Founders Cup national championship later this month in Halifax.

For the Bulldogs, it's the end of an era of sorts, with several players graduating, including the last links to the club's 2010 Founders Cup victory.

Forward Seth Laidlaw, defender Jayson Crawford and goalie Dustin Hanzelka completed their five-year Jr. B careers on Sunday at the Iroquois Lacrosse Arena in front of approximately 1,250 spectators. Some around the team wondered if the outcome of the Ontario final would've been different had injured Princeton University sharpshooter Mike MacDonald been able to suit up for his hometown 'Dogs, but the Rebels, with just one loss all season, are relentless in attack, scoring 40 goals in the series.

"You never like to lose and our goal was the Founders Cup and we didn't get

there," said Bulldogs' head coach Blaine McCauley.

"When you reflect on our year and the adversity we went through... what are there? Twenty-six teams in our league? I'm sure the other 24 would've loved to be in our position. You wonder if things might have turned out differently if certain things had happened, but the bottom line is that we came up short. We're extremely proud though of the way the guys battled and handled themselves. We return a great core and the experience some of our young guys got is going to be invaluable to them down the road."

Certainly deflated by a 14-13 loss to the Rebels in another back-and-forth classic in game two in Georgetown Friday night, the East Conference-champion Bulldogs weren't about to roll over in the ILA Sunday, keeping within a goal until the midway point of the contest until the home side went on a 9-0 run.

Lewis White (2), Seth Laidlaw, Cory Highfield and Adam Charalambides were the Halton Hills goal scorers.

It's the third time that the Bulldogs have lost in the provincial finals to Six Nations after falling to the Rebels in 2008 and 2011.

Nurse's fourth trip to worlds

Georgetown's Cristy Nurse has been named to the Canadian women's 8s team that will race in the World Rowing Championships in Amsterdam Aug. 24-31.

Nurse, 27, has been with the Canadian team at its training base in London, Ont. and will be leaving soon for a pre-worlds training camp in Italy. It's the fourth time the GDHS grad has represented Canada at a world championship.

The University of Ottawa law school graduate was in the Canuck

women's 8s boat that recently earned gold medals at the World Rowing Cup III Championship in Lucerne, Switzerland, finishing four seconds faster than the runner-up entry from Romania.

At the upcoming event in Amsterdam, the Canadians will be looking to unseat the reigning World and Olympic champion U.S., who edged out the red and white for the gold at the 2012 Summer Olympics in London, at which Nurse was a team alternate due to a back ailment.



Joel Albany of Georgetown made it official recently by signing a National Letter of Intent to attend Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Georgia, where he'll play for the men's varsity golf team and study business communications. *Submitted photo*

Albany joins Georgia school where Johnson played

Local golfers trading places

One Georgetown resident is taking up the spot of another on the roster of the Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College men's golf team in Tifton, Ga.

Christ the King Secondary School grad Joel Albany accepted a two-year scholarship offer to attend ABAC to play varsity golf and take business communications courses, with the intent of moving on to a bigger school afterward to earn his Master's degree in geology.

Georgetown's Robbie Johnson just graduated from ABAC after two solid years on the golf team, which included qualifying for the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I Men's Championship in Texas last year.

The Club at North Halton member is continuing his education at a university in South Carolina.

"Robbie helped me out a lot by giving me some information and I also got some help from a friend's mom about what schools might be best," said the

18-year-old Albany.

"I also visited a school in Arizona, but (ABAC) really appealed to me. In our loop, we travel to play against teams from Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and Alabama, and the opportunity to get an education at a great school and be able to play golf 12 months of the year, I couldn't turn that down."

Albany committed to ABAC in March of 2013 and feels he's tuning up just in time for the start of the competitive season, which begins in late August.

The Trafalgar Golf & Country Club member spent most of this past winter in Florida in "full-out practice mode" and had good showings at the recent Golf Association of Ontario Jr. Match Play and Jr. Championship tournaments.

"I worked a lot (at Toronto's Lambton Golf Club) earlier this summer and got off my game a bit, but I'm down to one or two shifts a week and really feel confident in my game," he added.

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