

Baby Bulldogs hit the field with new lacrosse program

The Halton Hills Minor Lacrosse Association is starting up the Baby Bulldogs this year, a new program that introduces the sport to girls aged 4-7 beginning April 29.

The sport was previously available to girls of the same age in a mixed-gender program, but this new development gives girls more options.

"If you always do what's right for the girls, you'll never go wrong," Kevin Salmon, the head coach of the Baby Bulldogs.

"I'm interested to see how we look two or three years down the road," Salmon said, referring to the growth he hopes to see in the Halton Hills lacrosse community at large.

Salmon hopes the program will instill a love of the sport for players at an early age. The Baby Bulldogs will get beginners up to speed on the rules and safety procedures of the game.

"People think of lacrosse as a rough and tumble sport, but it's actually one of the safest ones around," said Blaine McCauley, president of the HHMLA.

There is zero contact permitted for the girls' 4-7 age group. Lacrosse training has already begun at the Dufferin Community Centre in Acton from 2-4 on Sundays.

For more information, visit the website www.bulldogslacrosse.ca

JAGS READY TO ROLL: Entering its third season of play, Christ the King Secondary School's Friday Night Lights field lacrosse program gets underway April 10 with four games on the schedule involving the Jaguars' junior varsity girls, varsity girls and varsity boys teams.

It's a six-week schedule featuring opposition schools and a club team from Orangeville, Brampton, Mississauga and St. Andrew's of Aurora. Admission is free of charge.

CtK's varsity Lady Jaguars, who'll face Orangeville and Central Peel in a double-header on opening night beginning at 7 p.m., have named Emily Bundy, Heather Anderson, Nicole Trivino and Courtney Norton as team captains.

The varsity boys' team is led by captains Bret Swan, Braidyn Vidler, Jake Dobis and recent college commits Cody Menzies (Roberts Wesleyan) and Matty Hodgins (Monroe CC). They'll begin their season against Central Peel of Brampton on April 10 at 9 p.m.

Head coach Timm Stephenson has welcomed new associate coach Kyle Buchanan (Robert Morris University, New England Black Wolves, Team Scotland field lacrosse) into the fold for this season.



Grade 10 Christ the King Secondary School students MacKenzie Entwistle (second from left) and Brendan Smith (far right) join in the celebration after winning the OHL Cup last week in Toronto at the former Maple Leaf Gardens. They are joined in the photo by Ryan McLeod (left) and captain Matthew Strome, who were the only four team members to have played together for the Marlies since minor atom. Wendel Clark's son Kody also played for the Marlies this season. Submitted photo

Entwistle, Smith capture OHL Cup with Marlboros

A couple of Georgetown residents played key roles in helping the Toronto Marlboros capture the OHL Cup last week in the showcase of the top minor midget AAA youth hockey teams in the province.

Centre MacKenzie Entwistle and defenceman Brendan Smith have played for the Marlies since minor atom and will likely be selected in the upper rounds of the Ontario Hockey League's Priority Selection, slated to be conducted online on Saturday, April 11.

The 6-foot-2, 160-pound Entwistle scored three times during the tournament, including what looked to be the winner in the championship game against the Don Mills Flyers, who scored late in the third period to force overtime before the Marlies won 3-2 on a goal by captain Matthew Strome at the Mattamy Athletic

Centre in Toronto.

Smith, a 5-foot-9, 218-pounder, was injured in the final round-robin contest and wasn't able to play in the final, while assistant captain Entwistle nursed a shoulder ailment through the last four games of the tourney.

The Marlies, who finished fourth during the regular season, became the first team to win both the GTHL championship—which was an eight-game thriller with Don Mills—and the OHL Cup in the same season.

Georgetown's Nick Deakin-Poot, a 6-foot-3, 202-pound forward with the Halton Hurricanes' minor midgets, is also considered among the top OHL draft prospects. The Hurricanes went 1-3 at the OHL Cup, losing their opening match to the Marlies 4-1, and didn't make it to the playoff round.

KidSport program to launch with fundraising concert

A fundraising concert is set to take place on Friday, April 10 at Nashville North in Norval as the Halton Hills chapter of Kidsport will be launched.

Hosted by the Halton Hills Minor Ball Hockey League, the Mason Dixon Band will perform that evening, with doors opening at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each. There will also be a silent auction and 50/50 draws.

KidSport is a sport development agency with several volunteer community chapters across Canada that assists "under-resourced" kids register for sport and recreation programs. In past years, the HHMBL has assisted with registration costs for families who can't afford to have their children play.

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BOWLER PINS DOWN NATIONALS BERTH: Georgetown Bowl member Aaron Glover is hoping to complete the final step of the Youth Bowling Council's Four Steps to Stardom. The bantam (under-12) bowler has already completed three steps on his way to the national five-pin championship and now has his eye on the Canadian title. The recently claimed the Ontario crown with a five game total of 975, rolling games of 191, 154, 253, 211 and 166, for a 195 average. The Brampton resident, who has been bowling since he was three, will now take on top competitors from the other provinces for the Canadian title, and he won't have to go far. The national championships are slated for Scarborough May 2-4. Photo by Jon Borgstrom