SPORTS

Coming up

The Halton Hills Jr. B Bulldogs host the Mississauga Tomahawks Saturday at the Alcott Arena at 7:30 p.m. in lacrosse action.

Jr. B lacrosse squad off to 3-0 start to season Bulldogs reloading for title run

JAGS MAKE TOURNEY FINAL: Captain Bret Swan (57) of Christ the King's Jaguars shakes off a couple of defenders en route to scoring a goal in his team's 6-1 triumph over St. Francis of St. Catharines during the inaugural All-Catholic Varsity Boys' High School Field Lacrosse Tournament Tuesday at Trafalgar Sports Park. The host Jaguars went unbeaten through the preliminary round with wins over St. Thomas Aquinas of Brampton (14-0), St. Francis and Brampton's Our Lady of Carmel (7-6). In the final, CtK could only muster a goal by Nate Ethier in a 10-1 loss to powerhouse St. Michael's College of Toronto. Fourteen teams from across southern Ontario took part and organizer Timm Stephenson said plans for next year include a women's division, a Mass and banquet. CtK's varsity girls' squad will travel to Buffalo Saturday for a tournament. Photo by Eamonn Maher

Free baseball skills event Saturday

A Major League Baseball-sanctioned Pitch, Hit & Run competition is coming to Prospect Park in Acton on Saturday, May 9 with the opportunity of advancing all the way to the National Finals held at the All-Star Game in Cincinnati.

Hosted by the Halton Hills Minor Baseball Association, the free-of-charge PHR event is open to boys to compete in a baseball division and girls in softball.

It's broken up into four age groups, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 and 13-14 as of July 17, 2015.

The top three performers in each category

will be compared with other sectional winners in their age groups and have a chance to move on to the Team Championship events, to be held at all 30 Major League ballparks.

From there, winners can qualify for the National Finals at the All-Star Game in July.

For more info, contact president Ross Baker at ross.baker@hhmba.ca or visit the website www.haltonhillsminorbaseball.com to view the schedule for the day.

Entrants must bring their birth certificate and are asked to fill out a registration form that can be found on the website.

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There's been a changing of the guard dog in Halton Hills as the Ontario Jr. B Lacrosse League season has commenced.

The remaining players from the Bulldogs' Founders' Cup championship run have graduated and for the first time since 2003, there won't be a Laidlaw on the roster.

Yet there is plenty to be optimistic about when looking at this year's collection of players, which includes an array of offensive talent and a veteran core on the back end.

Head coach Blaine McCauley's side gets back three of its top scorers in Adam Charalambides, Cory Highfield and Owen White, while re-acquisition Connor Brown, who set a Halton Hills franchise record with 64 goals in 2013, notched a hat trick and added two assists in Tuesday's 8-7 win over the Saints in Newmarket after the visitors trailed by two goals entering the final period.

Single markers were added by Campbell Parker, Kyle Moore, Chris McLaughlin, Mitchell Christopher and Owen White.

After a couple of mildly disappointing seasons, the Bulldogs made a return to the On-

tario championship series last summer and although they were swept by the mighty Six Nations Rebels, some of the team's younger players got invaluable experience.

"We got back to where we hoped to be last year, but we've turned over a new leaf and what we're talking about this year is basically that this group needs to chisel their own path," said McCauley.

"Every year we expect to be a championship contender and we feel the pieces are in place to make sure we're getting back over that hump that we didn't get over last year."

With the Mimico Mountaineers moving up to Jr. A, the 'Dogs have a new foe in the South East Division with the Brampton Excelsiors joining the four-team group.

"It's nice to have a close rivalry like Brampton that hopefully can build into something that's been happening for years between the minor systems— a lot of these kids have had heated battles growing up. It should be fun," McCauley added.

The 3-0 Bulldogs traveled to Port Credit Wednesday night to take on their divisional opponents, the Mississauga Tomahawks. The two teams will meet again Saturday at Georgetown's Alcott Arena at 7:30 p.m.

CFLers at Crimson Tide camp

Youth football players will get an opportunity to pick up some tips from some current and former Canadian Football Leaguers at a one-day training camp in Georgetown this Saturday.

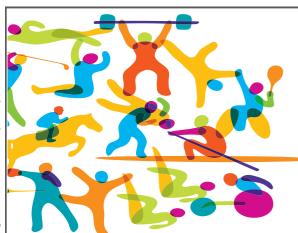
The locally based North Halton Crimson Tide and Super Elite Football have teamed up to present the non-contact camp, which will be held at Kiwanis Field and is designed to teach the fundamentals of the sport.

It will be broken up into two age groups, with juniors (7-13) on the field from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and high school (14-18) follows from

1:30-4 p.m.

Among those expected to be on hand as instructors are linebacker James Yurichuk of the Canadian Football League's Toronto Argonauts, Bob Rainford from the Rainford Quarterback Academy, wide receiver Devon Bailey, the 2014 sixth overall draft pick of the CFL's Edmonton Eskimos, defensive back Shea Pierre from the Winnipeg Blue Bombers and running back Steven Turner, a former Chicago Bear and Toronto Argo.

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