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The Halton Hills Bulldogs host playoff games against Gloucester Friday at 8 p.m. and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Ontario Jr. B Lacrosse League play.



SAFE AT 2ND: Second baseman Eric Baker of the Halton Hills Eagles fielded a throw from the outfield before attempting to tag out an Uxbridge baserunner during a peewee rep baseball tournament recently at the Hornby Diamonds. The guest Grizzlies rolled to a 13-2 victory after the host Eagles got off to a great start, defeating the Burlington Bulls 8-5 and Leaside 10-1, which put them in first place in their four-team pool. In Sunday morning's semifinals, the Eagles bowed out in an 11-1 loss to Richmond Hill, which was edged by Welland 7-6 for the championship. Photo by Eamonn Maher

Bulldogs, Griffins series all square

Any ideas of a first-round playoff series sweep of Gloucester by Halton Hills were brushed aside Sunday afternoon as the host Griffins edged the Bulldogs 14-13.

The best-of-5 Ontario Jr. B Lacrosse League East Conference quarterfinal is tied at one with the matchup switching to Georgetown's Alcott Arena beginning Friday at 8 p.m.

Sunday's see-saw affair had the third-place Bulldogs up 2-0 early on over the sixth-seeded Griffins, who hit back with six straight first-period goals. Halton Hills appeared to take control of the contest in the middle frame after outscoring the hosts 9-3,

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but Gloucester was persistent and tallied three times in the last five minutes for the victory.

Chris Boushy (4), Adam Charalambides (2), Kyle Moore, Jake Perehiniak, Owen White, Wayne McCann, Jesse Oliver, Jamie Batten and Connor Brown had the Bulldogs goals.

Charalambides (3), Brown (3), McCann (2), Boushy, Brett Edwards, White and Batten scored in the 'Dogs' 12-9 win in game one on Saturday evening in Gloucester.

Game four of the series will be played Saturday at the Alcott Arena at 7:30 p.m. A fifth game, if necessary, would be on Sunday at 2 p.m.

McCabe earns place on Canada's B team

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Now that her record-breaking career with Syracuse University's women's volleyball team is complete, Georgetown's Lindsay McCabe has placed her teaching aspirations on hold and trained as a member Canada's national B team this past month at the University of Manitoba.

The 22-year-old star middle blocker with the Orange sported the Canadian red and white colours after making the B squad following tryouts held in May.

The Georgetown District High School graduate and Georgetown Impact club team product didn't play in any tournaments for Volleyball Canada

in her four weeks at the Winnipeg training camp, but noted that the opportunity to achieve a long-standing goal to participate in the national-team program, while not having to worry about her studies, was a thrilling experience.

McCabe isn't the only local resident in the national team program as Christ the King grad Kelly Nyhof, who turned 24 on Monday, has made a couple of appearances with the senior side.

"It's been nice just to be able to focus on the training and the staff here, with psychologists and nutritionists and the amount of people who want to help you with every facet of your training, is amazing," she said.

"I think it's the goal of everyone who

plays at a high level to represent your country and even though I didn't get to compete this summer, making the B team was a step in the right direction. There's no rush."

The 6-foot-1 McCabe will play professionally in France starting in the fall after hiring an agent, but plans to spend the summer at home for some muchneeded relaxation.

In her final season at Syracuse,

McCabe was the team leader in all blocking categories and now owns the Orange's record for 508 career blocking assists, which included 124 this past year.

She also recorded 140 blocks (1.36 per set) during the 2014-15 campaign and sits second in team history with 590 over her career. McCabe didn't

play in her third year at Syracuse due to an ankle injury.

McCabe, who earned a bachelor's degree in biology followed by successful completion of the teaching and curriculum program as a graduate student at Syracuse, has twice been named to the All-Atlantic Coast Conference Academic Team in her five years there.

"I had such a great experience at Syracuse and I think I can coach at the collegiate level. That would be a dream," she added.

"Working in administration is another route I'm looking at. I just want to give that experience back to other players coming up because I know how that has shaped me both as a player and person."



Leah Holms (left) and Bearcat teammate Allison Scott were named co-MVPs for badminton at the recent Acton District High School Awards presentation after advancing to the Halton championships. Submitted photo

Bearcats' athletes of year

Acton District High School recently put its student-athletes in the spotlight with the Bearcats' annual sports awards banquet.

Major award recipients included: Senior Athletes of the Year – Emily Secord, Griffin Robinson

Junior Athletes of the Year – Allison Scott, Miranda Timmerman, Taylor Callaghan (female); Avery Fenton (male)

Most Dedicated Year 3 Athletes -Leah Holms, Laura Earnden, Kaitlyn Barnes (female); Daniel Rhynold (male)

Most Promising Grade 9 Athletes – Jessie Hayward, Tamara Terpstra, Mackenzie Guylas, Madison Fournier (female); Brian Secord, Ben Armstrong, Tiernan Warnaar, Jake Case, Callum Stonehouse (male).

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