



Jordan Rozich (in red) of the Halton Hills Bulldogs stretches for a loose ball with Oakville's Faye Varanesi during the Under-19 Ontario Women's Field Lacrosse Championship Friday at Trafalgar Sports Park. Rozich had four goals in Sunday's final for the host Bulldogs but Toronto Beaches prevailed 11-10. Photo by Eamonn Maher

U-19 Bulldogs edged in final

The host team had to settle for silver medals Sunday afternoon at Trafalgar Sports Park as the Halton Hills Bulldogs were nipped 11-10 by Toronto Beaches in the final of the Ontario Women's Field Lacrosse Under-19 'C' Championships.

Halton Hills had defeated Owen Sound 6-4 in Sunday morning's semifinal. The Bulldogs started off the tourney with a 9-6 triumph over the Oakville Hawks Friday before dropping a 7-4 decision to Toronto Beaches and defeating Kitchener-Waterloo 11-5 on Saturday.

Scoring for the Bulldogs in the

final were Jordan Rozich (4), Lindsey Highfield (3), Logan Haynes (2) and Monica Lauryssen.

In minor box lacrosse play-downs, the Halton Hills bantam Bulldogs advanced to the OLA championships after posting a 3-1 record at the Provincial 'A' qualifier held at Oakville's Toronto Rock Athletic Centre this past weekend.

The bantam Bulldogs lost their opening game 7-1 to Whitby, then defeated Wallaceburg 4-3, Clarington 5-4 and Six Nations 8-5 to earn a spot in the provincials this weekend in Whitby.

Impact seeking new beach home

The second season of the Georgetown Impact beach volleyball program has wrapped up with about 50 youths taking part in thrice-weekly practices and provincial series tournaments through the spring and summer.

Utilizing courts made available through the benevolence of Nashville North in Norval, the organization is looking for a more permanent home and Impact representative Greg Abrams has been in discussions with the Town of Halton Hills about striking up a partnership.

Abrams made a presentation recently to Town recreation staff, touting the potential growth and benefits to local youths for creating a beach volleyball facility in Halton Hills.

A number of local residents who've gone on to play varsity volleyball at university, including Jake MacNeil, Ken Kerr and Robbie Abrams, volunteered to coach the younger kids this year and several have earned medals at Ontario



Steven Abrams (left) and John Dunning paired up to win the OVA Beach Championship for the under-14 boys' Division 2 with an undefeated record last week at Ashbridge's Bay in Toronto after both were left without partners due to injuries in the week before the provincial tournament. Submitted photo

Volleyball Association-sanctioned

events.

"The beauty of it is the older kids who have been involved with beach volleyball for many years are anxious to give back to the sport and they're the ones leading the program," noted Abrams, who is the organization's administrator.

"The onus is on us to show that these courts are worthwhile and that they'll be used by the kids."

Abrams also hopes that popular indoor adult leagues that run in the fall and winter will consider taking their games outdoors with the establishment of sand courts in the municipality.

The OVA Beach Championships wrapped up in Toronto last weekend with Impact teams making the podium.

Jake Albert and Nathan Rothery earned silver medals in the under-15 boys' Challenger Division, while MacNeil and partner Craig Ireland collected bronze in the Adult Elite Division.

Victory for Vezina, Team Ontario



TEAM ONTARIO COACH STEVE TOLL AND GEORGETOWN'S JOHN VEZINA

Sixteen-year-old John Vezina closed out his minor box lacrosse career in the best way possible over the weekend, with a gold medal for Team Ontario at the Midget Boys' Lacrosse Championship of Canada in Whitby.

The Georgetown resident and Halton Hills Minor Lacrosse Association product scored a goal in the final, a 9-3 Ontario victory over First Nations as the champs went

7-0 through the week, outscoring the opposition 81-16.

Vezina, a forward, chipped in three goals and an assist in the preliminary round in his first time representing Team Ontario.

The Christ the King Secondary School student also had a goal and an assist in three games as an affiliated player with the Halton Hills Jr. B Bulldogs this season, notching a goal and an assist.

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