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New name, new season for Bulldogs minor lacrosse

The newly amalgamated Halton Hills Bulldogs Minor Lacrosse Association kicks off play May 1 at the Acton arena. Bulldogs house league action began April 17 in Georgetown.

The Acton Rams and Georgetown have suspended separate rep league play and joined to form one league with rep and alternate entry teams for each category, tyke to midget.

Rams past president George Artem predicts the

amalgamation will mean a better calibre of play and more opportunities for players to join rep teams.

"Until now, Acton and Georgetown could only field one rep team and some times we were short three or four players," Artem said.

"Now we're fielding two per division and the first teams will be rated higher and there will be a good calibre between the Acton and Georgetown mix," Artem said, adding there were only minor

hiccups as both clubs "gave away their identifies" to become the Bulldogs, the name of the junior lacrosse team in Halton Hills.

Approximately 400 players are registered with the Bulldogs this year, 100 of them from Acton. Artem said combining the leagues and some prime time coverage of professional lacrosse action have combined to boost registration for the entire league by over 100 players from last year.



MIGHTY MUSTANGS: The McKenzie-Smith Bennett Mustang girls' junior volleyball team captured the North Halton championship last Wednesday with a decisive 15-4 win over Milton. The Mustangs include, front, left to right: Amanda Brake, Jesseca Brake and Whitney Carroll. Middle: Hayley Burgess, Allishia Martineau and Marissa Kidd. Back: Kevin Waitson (coach) Jessie Peregrine, Laura Vickery, Jennifer Wieck, Jasmine Hess and Jamie-Lee LeMoine. Absent, Ashlea Masters. - Frances Niblock photo

Area boy meets Great One

A Guelph boy had the thrill of his young life earlier this month when he won a trip to meet Wayne Gretzky.

Travis Bell, 10, grandson of Violet McDowell of Acton, won the trip by entering a Post Cereal contest. He used the entry form on a cereal box and submitted it without his parents' knowledge. When his mother received the call saying Travis' name had been drawn for the contest, she initially thought someone was playing a prank on the family, Mrs. McDowell said.

Travis' father accompanied him to New York to see Gretzky play on April 11. After the game Travis went to the team dressing room to meet Gretzky. Since Travis, his twin brother and younger sister all play hockey themselves the prize was especially meaningful to him.

When he received the trip there was no mention of Gretzky retiring. Of course, now Travis has the added distinction of saying he met him during his playing days.

"Travis was truly on cloud nine with 99," Mrs. McDowell said.



Travis Hall, 10, of Guelph, won a trip to New York to see Wayne Gretzky play hockey on April 11. After the game Travis went to the team dressing room to meet Gretzky in person and get an autograph. - Submitted photo

TOURNEY CHAMPS: The Acton Minor Atom Tanners swept four straight games to capture the championship at a recent Milton tournament. The team includes, front, left to right: Shaun Harkley, Braden Artem and Ryan O'Connell. Middle: Garrett Williams, Michael Bentley, Jason Douthwright, Michael Krasnay, James Burgie, Martin Saliba, Greg Henry and Brad Ethier. Back: Christopher Richards, Sean Nellis, Daniel Woolford, Craig Kirkwood and Kyle Fellows. - Submitted photo

Mustangs top North Halton

The McKenzie-Smith Bennett Mustang junior girls' volleyball team captured the North Halton championship at the season finale tournament last Wednesday in Georgetown.

The squad of Grade 4 and 5 players had six decisive wins to sweep the finals and bring home the trophy to wrap up a great season. Thirteen teams from Acton, Milton and Georgetown were entered in the event.

Acton took Brookville 15-5 in the quarterfinal and then defeated J.M. Denyes 15-2 in the semifinal. The Mustangs met George Kennedy in the final and won the championship 15-4.

"The girls served excellently with very good defensive play as well," said a very proud coach, teacher Kevin Waitson.

"Every time they lost a serve they would grit down and get it back and run off another string of points - they really played well."

Atom Tanners win Milton tourney



The Acton Minor Atom Tanners ended a tough season with a confidence-building clean sweep for the championship at a recent tournament in Milton.

The Minor Atoms were undefeated in round robin play beating Dundas 5-3, Hespeler 4-3 and host Milton 3-2.

Acton met Dundas for the championship and cruised to a 5-2 win with two goals from Kyle Fellows and singles from Garrett Williams, Michael Bentley and Craig Kirkwood.

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