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Wolfpack treat fans to exciting win over Coyotes



Jamie Barlow of the Oakville Coyotes escapes a check to go upstairs to beat Georgetown Wolfpack goalie Justin Canestrano. The Wolfpack managed to slip one more past their Oakville opponents and pull out a 10-9 victory in their home debut Saturday at Alcott Arena. Friday in Oakville the Wolfpack posted an 8-4 win in the season opener. About 70 fans took in the first home game.

Photo by Herb Garbutt

The Wolfpack taught Georgetown a few things about roller hockey on Saturday.

First, offence is the name of the game. Second, no lead is safe. Third, the Wolfpack are not about to surrender their champion status easily.

The town's new roller hockey squad got its Major Jr. A Roller Hockey League season rolling with a pair of wins over the Oakville Coyotes. The Wolfpack doubled the Coyotes 8-4 in the season opener on Friday, then decided to make things a little more exciting for the home opener, pulling out a narrow 10-9 victory in front of about 70 fans.

"I'm very happy, especially with the wins," said Wolfpack general manager Paul Mintha. "For a first time go at it with a new sport, it was a good crowd and that should increase as the season goes on."

Those who came out for the Wolfpack's debut got an exciting finish. Georgetown broke a 7-7 tie with three straight goals only to have the Coyotes score 19 seconds apart to pull them within one with a minute to play.

"It can turn around pretty quickly," said Wolfpack coach Dave Van Kooten.

The Coyotes proved that by

erasing an early 3-0 Georgetown lead. When they tried to duplicate the feat in the dying seconds of the game, goalie Justin Canestrano held the fort to preserve the win. A night earlier Mike Bednarz turned aside 38 shots in the Wolfpack's victory.

The Wolfpack will go for a third straight win tonight (Wednesday) at 7:30 p.m. against the Kitchener Rink Rats, who will be led by Adam Nittel of the Ontario Hockey League's Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds.

Darryl Tullio, who led the Pack with nine points including three goals and three assists on Saturday, said they're not concerned about teams with star players.

"We'll just stick a guy on him to watch him," he said. "They might have a great player but we've got 15 of them."

PACK NOTES: Mark Stzrodas scored the Wolfpack's first goal at the 6:58 mark of the first quarter. It was his first of two in the game....A hometown player got the team's first marker at home when Graham McCulloch scored on the power-play....Mike Farrugia had two goals, including the winner on Friday and then added five assists on Saturday.

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer

Team falls to 0-4

Bulldogs' attack lacks bite

The Georgetown Bulldogs have finally figured out the purpose of the metal frame behind the opposition goalie. Now that they have, all they need to do is get their team on the floor at the same time.

The Bulldogs capped a flurry of three games in four days with a 10-goal effort against league front-runners, the Milton Mavericks, on Sunday. Unfortunately, the Mavericks held on for a 12-10 win over the understaffed Bulldogs in Sunday's Ontario Lacrosse Association Jr. B game.

The loss dropped Georgetown to 0-4 but they may well have registered their first W of the season had they not been missing key person-

nel. Chris Kellow, Rob Ashmore and Scott Young all missed Sunday's game, taking some bite out of the Bulldogs' attack.

Other absentees gave the 'Dogs just 14 runners compared to Milton's 18 but it was the Mavericks that looked to have run out of gas by the end of the game. Georgetown scored five times in the last 10 minutes, twice pulling within one goal after trailing 9-6 heading into the third.

Chris Bricknell's fourth goal of the game cut the lead to 11-10 with 1:56 to play but the Mavericks held off a final attack and scored an insurance goal with 13 seconds remaining.

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Milton's Graham Darling, left, tries to defend as Georgetown's Chris Bricknell winds up to unleash the shot that led to his fourth goal of the game. Though the late marker pulled the Bulldogs within one, Milton held on for a 12-10 win in the Ontario Lacrosse Association Jr. B game Sunday.

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