

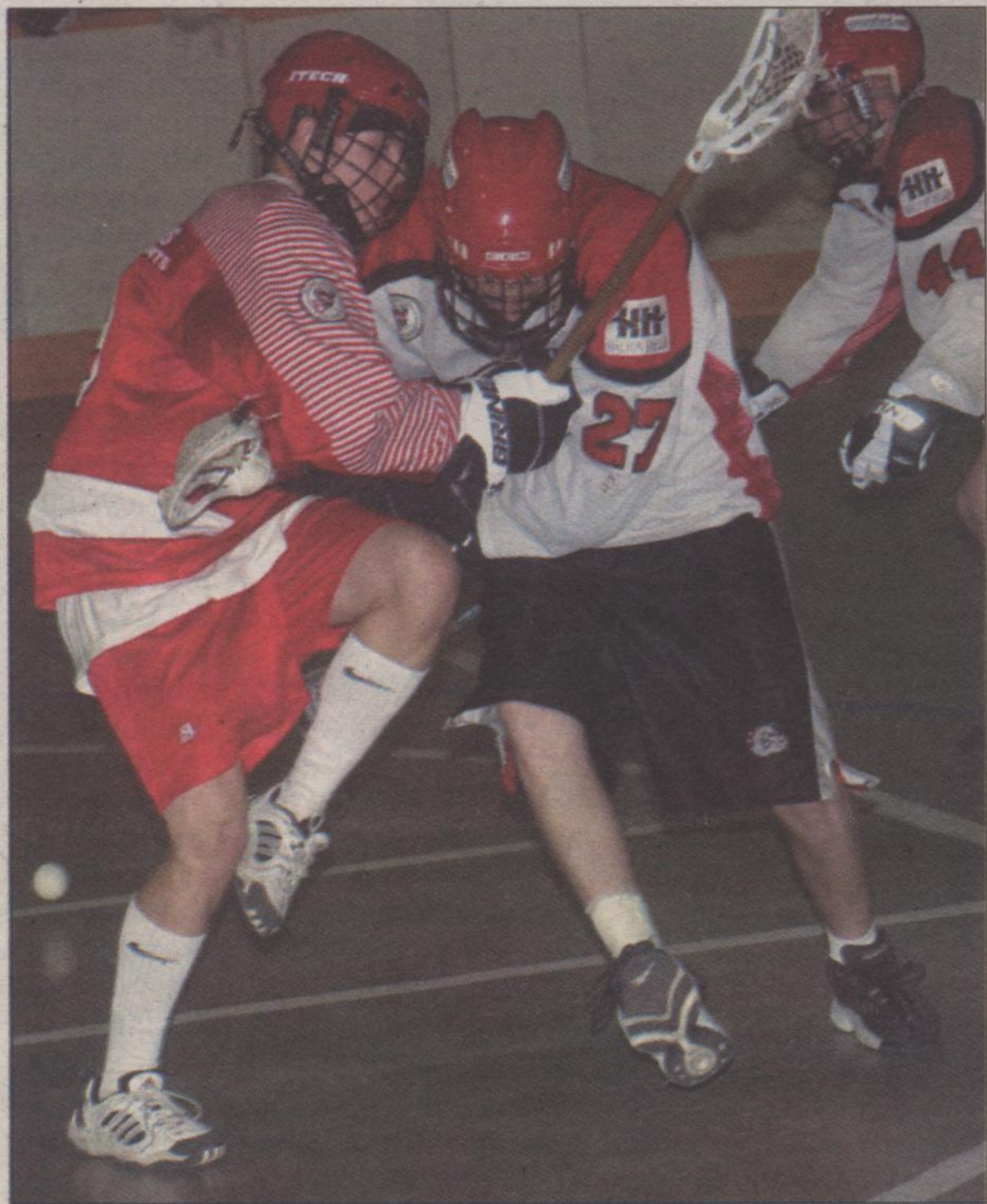
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Jason Armstrong (right) of the Halton Hills Bulldogs jars the ball loose as he checks a Spartan Warrior opponent in Thursday's Ontario Lacrosse Association Jr. B game won 12-11 by Spartan. Photo by Herb Garbutt

Sport 5-3-2 record

Bulldogs happy at halfway point

As the Halton Hills Bulldogs look back on the first half of the season, they like what they see.

The team stands at 5-3-2 after winning twice on the weekend. That's good for a comfortable hold on second place in the Ontario Lacrosse Association's Central West Division.

But there's not much time for looking back. The Bulldogs know there is still much room to improve despite being on pace to tie the franchise's single-season points record.

"Before the weekend we were fourth in offence and 17th in defence," said Bulldogs coach Gerald Veltman. "That should tell you our weak points."

Veltman has been happy with the goaltending duo of Paul Edwards and Steve Wyshnicki but would like to reduce the number of quality shots the netminders have to face.

By doing that he believes they will be able to turn close games in victories. Already this season the Bulldogs have two ties and two one-goal losses— including Thursday's 12-11 loss to the Spartan Warriors.

"We had the momentum," Veltman said of the Bulldogs six-goal third period. "We just ran out of time."

Mike Dube had a hat-trick and Richard Haan, Jeff Hohendorf and John Derochie each scored twice against Spartan. Scott Aitken and Daryl Veltman added singles. Ryan Busby had three assists.

The Bulldogs bounced back with a 7-6 win over Orangeville Saturday and a 10-8 victory against Sarnia Sunday in Acton.

Orangeville (2-10-1) gave the 'Dogs trouble for the second time this season with its tight defensive style. Haan and B.J. Brown each scored twice and Derochie, Tyler Phillips and Daryl Veltman each had one.

The 'Dogs found themselves in another tight game against Sarnia. They built an 8-5 lead with four second-period goals. However, Sarnia cut the lead to one before Andrew Brassard's second goal of the game with 1:33 to play sealed the victory.

Mike Dube also scored twice to hit the 20-goal mark, equaling the Bulldogs' top scorer from last season. Brown, Jason Armstrong, Phillips, Scott Aitken, Blair Beaulieu and Derochie had the other goals.

DOG BITES: The Bulldogs host Guelph Sunday in Acton. Game time is 6 p.m....Derochie is the only Bulldog to record a point in every game this season....Sunday's victory made Gerald Veltman the Bulldogs' career coaching win leader with 13. Coaching in his home town with a young team that's already experiencing some success, it should take any successors longer than 14 months to pass him by the time he's finished.

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer

McGeer records sweep in Subaru rally series

Tom McGeer survived a close call to complete a sweep of the Subaru Canadian Rally Championship's two Alberta races in Calgary.

Coming off a victory in last week's Bighorn Rally in Edson, McGeer and co-driver Mark Williams posted a 64-second victory over Subaru teammates Patrick Richard and Ian McCurdy in the Rocky Mountain Rally.

The Georgetown rally driver looked to be on his way to another easy victory after winning eight consecutive stages when his right rear tire exploded on the third last stage.

"There was a big flat rock, with sharp edges on the edge

of the road and I cut the corner a bit too much and hit it," McGeer said.

"I couldn't believe I'd thrown the rally away."

McGeer drove the next six kilometres to the end of the stage on three wheels and fortunately the disintegrating tire did not damage the suspension. Meanwhile, Richard won the stage and the next one to cut McGeer's lead to 48 seconds.

However, McGeer won the final stage to clinch his third victory in four starts this season. The win put McGeer and Williams in great position to repeat as Canadian rally champs. McGeer leads the series points race with 60 while Sylvain Erickson is sec-



Tom McGeer catches some air on his way to victory at the Rocky Mountain Rally near Calgary. McGeer survived a punctured tire on the ninth of 11 stages to post a 64-second victory, his third win in the Subaru Canadian Rally Championships.

Photo courtesy of TNT Racing

ond with 37.

Erickson actually led the rally after the opening day's two stages at the Blackfoot Motorcycle Park. He held a slim one second edge over

McGeer, who took over when the rally shifted to the foothills outside Calgary for the second day. McGeer won nine of the 11 stages to win the rally while Erickson fell to ninth overall.

The next race in the series will be the Baie-des-Chaleurs Rally in Quebec in July.

McGeer's victory at the Bighorn Rally will be aired on TSN this Saturday at 11 a.m.

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