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Tyke squads claim Ontario lacrosse titles

Toyota tykes win first A division title while M&M Tyke II's rally to win D division crown

The Halton Hills Georgetown Toyota Tyke Bulldogs capped a near-perfect season by defeating Whitby 9-4 to capture the Ontario Lacrosse Association championship Sunday in Peterborough.

The victory was the third Ontario title for the Halton Hills organization but the first in A division—the highest level in the province. The championship game was the Bulldogs' 36th win in 37 games this season.

Michael Curtis scored twice and set up two more for the Bulldogs in the final. Mike MacDonald also netted a pair in the final while Jake Wood, Seth Laidlaw, Jordan Dance, Justin Rasmussen and Nic Pierog added singles.

Curtis had eight points, including six goals in an 11-4 win over Six Nations in the semifinals. Rasmussen and Jayson Crawford each had two goals and Dance added one. Goalies Mike Fournier and Dustin Hanzelka each allowed only two goals to share the victory.

Curtis had four goals as the Bulldogs opened the tournament with a 13-3 win over Whitby II. Mississauga provided the biggest test for the Bulldogs. Halton Hills trailed 4-3 heading into the final period but Mike Darrigo's second goal of the game tied the score and Pierog scored the winner with 9:30 remaining.

Curtis paced the offence with 12 goals and 17 points in the tournament, followed by Laidlaw with two goals and eight assists. MacDonald had four goals and four assists and Jake Wood scored three times and set up four more. Rasmussen, Dance and Crawford each finished with four goals and two assists. Pierog had three goals and Darrigo had a pair.

Other members of the Bulldogs provincial championship team are Tyler Morrow, Kyle Kutlesa, Dylan Auty and James Begg and the coaching staff of Kevin Dance, Russ Curtis, Steve Fink and Don Hanzelka.

In addition to the provincials the Bulldogs also won the John McCauley Tournament in Brampton, the Halton Hills Bulldog Classic, the Hamilton Super Series and the Niagara-on-the-Lake Tournament.

Tyke II

The Halton Hills M&M Pro Sports Tyke II Bulldogs' opponents may have been bigger, but they weren't better.

Despite being a year younger than most of their opponents, the Bulldogs rallied to defeat Welland 8-6 to win the Ontario Lacrosse Association D championship. The Bulldogs, playing against teams of mostly eight-year-olds went into the provincial championships on the weekend in Peterborough with a team made up of 13 seven-year-olds and two eight-year-olds.

"We're a young team," said coach Joe Condotta. "It



The Halton Hills M&M Pro Sports Bulldogs defeated Welland to win the Ontario Lacrosse Association D championship. Team members are: (front, from left) Adam MacKinnon, Brandon Clelland, Brennan Delangley, Casey Lyons, Tyler Christopher, Bryson Nicolucci, Taylor Stapleton, Nick Vandereyken, Kyle Moore (middle, from left) coach Bill Clelland, Adam Limina, Derek Thomas, Shane Findlay, Mitchell Christopher, Devon Wylde, Matteo Condotta (back, from left) coach Mike Limina, head coach Joe Condotta and coach Kevin Moore. (Below) The Georgetown Toyota Tyke Bulldogs which defeated Whitby 9-4 Sunday to also win the Ontario title. Submitted photos

was a development year, setting up to be a strong tyke I team next year."

What developed, though, was a provincial championship. Casey Lyons, Kyle Moore and Mitchell Christopher, who scored the winner, each had a pair of goals in the final. Taylor Stapleton and Brandon Clelland also scored and Adam Limina had three assists. Matteo Condotta and Derek Thomas each set up two goals. Tyler Christopher made 30 saves as the Bulldogs were outshot 36-21.

After losing their opener 5-3 to Sarnia, the Bulldogs won five straight to clinch the title. Lyons' six-goal game led the 'Dogs to a 10-6 win over East Gwillimbury. Halton Hills then got a two-goal, five-point game from Kyle Moore in a 6-2 win over Windsor.

In the quarterfinals, Moore scored six times and Tyler Christopher posted a shutout in a 16-0 win over Six Nations. Lyons had a hat-trick in a 6-2 semifinal win over Peterborough. Bryson Nicolucci, Moore and Condotta had the other goals.

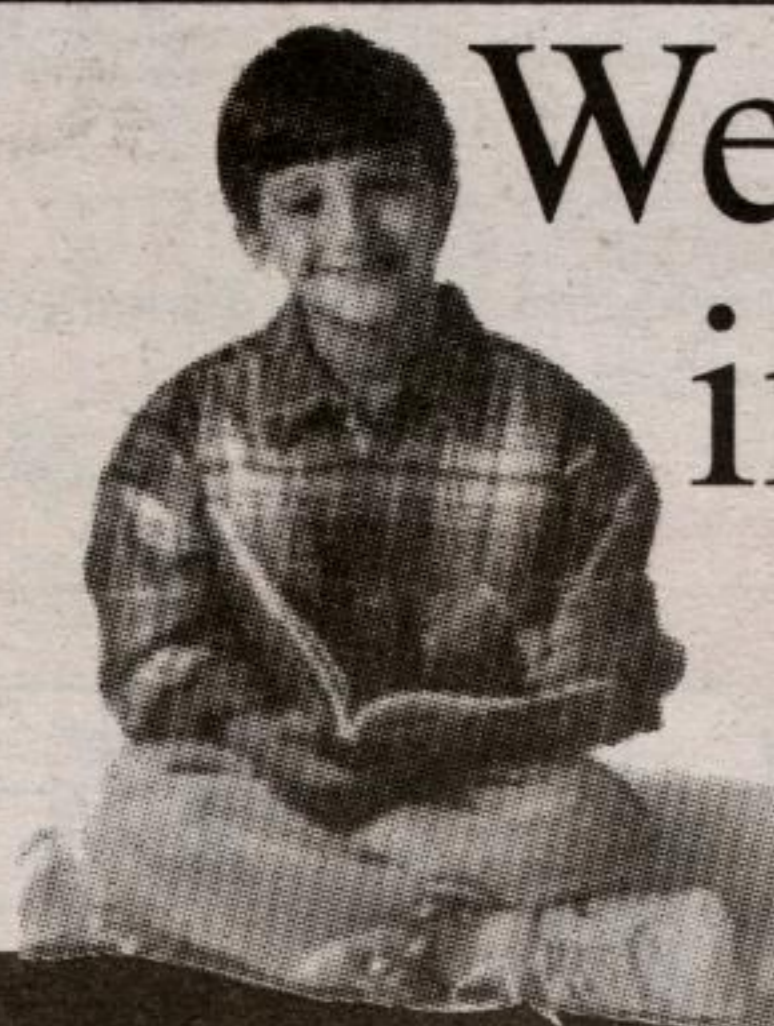
Lyons led the Bulldogs with 16 goals while Moore had 12 goals and six assists. Nicolucci finished the tour-



nament with five goals and Condotta had four goals and eight assists. Stapleton also had four goals while Clelland had two goals and six assists and Mitchell Christopher scored twice and set up four. Adam MacKinnon and Brennan Delangley also had a pair of goals each and Limina had six assists.

Other members of the Bulldogs' championship team are: Derek Thomas, Shane Findlay, Devon Wylde, Nick Vandereyken and assistant coaches Bill Clelland, Mike Limina and Kevin Moore.

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