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Basketball Ontario looking for players for Central West team

Basketball Ontario will be holding tryouts for the Central West Region team to compete in the Ontario Games.

The Central West Region team will be one of 12 vying for top honours at the Ontario Games in Waterloo in July. Tryouts for the bantam boys team will be open to players who turn 13 after January 1, 2002.

Players will take part in a three-hour skills clinic/tryout run by the team's coaches Saturday, May 4 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Assumption High School, 3230 Woodward Ave. in Burlington. The clinic will cost \$25 for players who are Ontario Basketball Association members and \$35 for non-members. All players will receive a Basketball Ontario T-shirt.

Players who make the team will practise together through May and June, will participate in a provincial development camp and compete in the Ontario Games tournament July 15-21. The cost for players on the team will be \$350, which covers gym time, uniforms and room and board during the tournament. Financial assistance is available for those who need it.

To register or get more information about the Central West clinic/tryout, contact Ian Troop by e-mail at iantroop@hotmail.com or by phone at 905-877-0305.



Head games

Acton's Amy Boileau, left, and Georgetown's Jody Stapleton jump to head the ball in Thursday's Halton senior girls soccer game. Ashley Willis scored twice to lead Georgetown to a 5-2 victory. Stapleton, Lesley Mullins and Courtney Craig-Campbell also scored for the Rebels while Boileau and Emma Goddard replied for Acton.

Photo by Herb Garbutt

Halton Hills top dog after dumping Elora 14-11

It didn't take the Halton Hills Bulldogs long to establish a new pecking order.

The Bulldogs ended the Elora Mohawks' 23-game unbeaten streak with a 14-11 victory in Sunday's Ontario Lacrosse Association Jr. B home opener.

"Two years we've been fighting to beat those guys," said smiling Bulldog coach Gerald Veltman.

The Bulldogs were the only blemish on Elora's 22-0-1 regular season run— which dated back to June of 2000— having tied the Mohawks in last season's home opener. But Elora got the ultimate revenge by sweeping the Bulldogs in the second round of the playoffs.

The Bulldogs did, however, establish themselves as a team on the rise last season, defeating powerhouses Onondaga and Wallaceburg, the 2001 Founders Cup champions.

Now the Bulldogs, as this year's host of the Founders Cup, are playing a role usually reserved for the defending champions.

"Everybody who plays us wants to prove themselves against us. They want to beat us," said Daryl Veltman, who had

five goals and three assists in the season-opening 20-8 victory over Milton Thursday.

Though Veltman and Mike Dube each netted hat-tricks against Elora, it was third-year Bulldog Richard Haan who stole the show Sunday. His natural hat-trick was the difference, breaking an 11-11 tie.

The former Brampton Excelsior had given the Bulldogs an 11-9 lead but Elora took advantage of Bulldog penalties, scoring on both ends of a double minor to tie the game.

That didn't surprise the Bulldog coach. "We knew they would fight to the end," he said. "Last year we had them 6-1 and they came back. They never give up and they have a lot of tricks up their sleeve."

But it was Haan who performed the third-period magic this time. He beat the Elora netminder to a rebound and shovelled it past him. Two minutes later, Haan won a foot race to a loose ball and capitalized on a breakaway. He added one more for good measure.

"It wasn't much of a scare," Haan said of Elora's two power play goals. "We

knew we could come back."

Having that kind of confidence could bode well for the Bulldogs, although they must avoid letdowns against lesser teams—a problem they had last year.

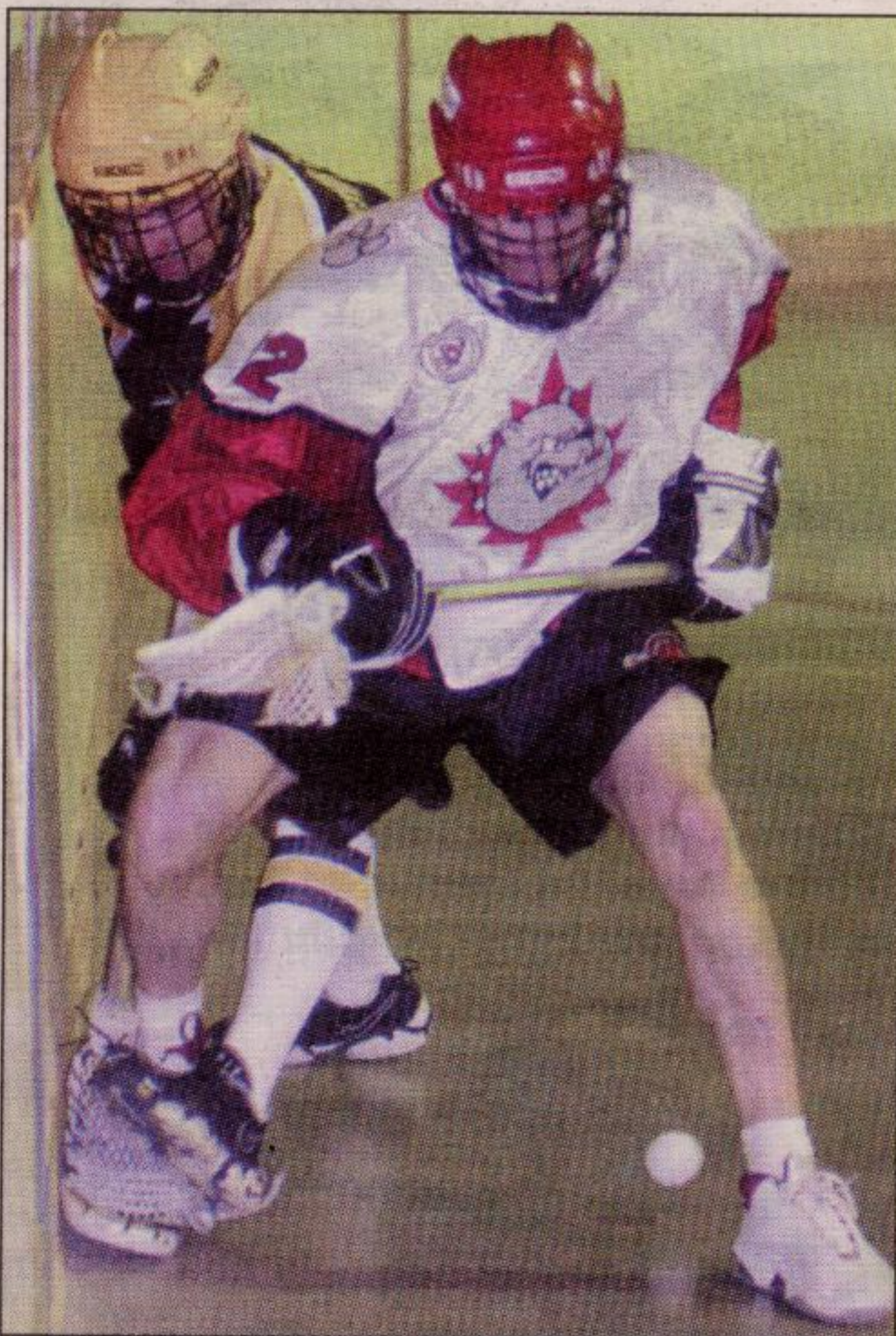
It looked like that might be the case against Milton as the Mavericks, returning after a one-year absence from the league, took a 5-3 lead through one period. But the Bulldogs stormed back with 10 second-period goals and seven more in the third.

In addition to Veltman's five goals, B.J. Brown and Scott Aitken each scored four times. Haan had a hat-trick, Jason Ford scored twice and John Derochie and Tyler Phillips each had one. Jordan Armstrong had five assists in his first Jr. B game. Andrew Brassard and Kevin Kilinskas each set up four goals.

Brassard had two goals Sunday and Jimmy Williams had one. Brown picked up four assists and Jason Armstrong had three.

DOG BITES: The Bulldogs play Wallaceburg, the defending Founders Cup champs, Friday. Sunday the Dogs host Onondaga at 2 p.m. at Alcott Arena.

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer



Halton Hills Bulldogs' Jordan Armstrong (22) battles an Elora opponent for the ball during the Bulldogs' 14-11 home-opener win Sunday at Memorial Arena.

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