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### The rigours of rugby

Georgetown's Danny Desmond (right) refuses to let go as he pulls down a Nelson opponent in the Rebels' 24-5 victory over Nelson Thursday afternoon. Graham Sikora had a try and two converts and Matt Coish and Eric McClure also scored tries for the Rebels.

Photo by Herb Garbutt



#### Bulldogs keep streak intact

The Halton Hills Bulldogs are 4-0. They've knocked off the defending Founder's Cup champions. They've beaten Elora, who were undefeated last season. They've also topped last year's top team in the Eastern Conference.

That was the easy part.

Bulldog goalie Josh McNaughton, who helped his hometown Wallaceburg Red Devils win the Canadian Jr. B lacrosse championship last year, says the true test of the team's mettle will come when the wins don't.

"You find out more about your team when you start to lose," he said. "Eventually you have a bad game. It's how you handle those first losses."

For the moment the Bulldogs are quite happy to have not faced that test. McNaughton backstopped the Bulldogs to a 13-1 victory over his former team on Friday. Two nights later, McNaughton showed not only his ability to stop the ball but also to contribute to the offence as he became the first Bulldog goalie to score a goal.

With two assists under his belt and his team up by a pair of goals,



Although shaken up on this play Sunday, Halton Hills Bulldogs' goalie Josh McNaughton rebounded to spark the Bulldogs to two weekend wins.

Photo by Shawn McAlpine

McNaughton took aim at the open net and found the mark to cap an 11-8 win over Onondaga.

"I've always wanted to score," said McNaughton, who had scored in minor lacrosse but not in junior. "I tried it earlier this year against Elora but I don't think the coaches were too happy with that. This time there were only 10 seconds left so it couldn't hurt us."

Bulldog coach Gerald Veltman didn't mind his goalie's shot at glory.

"He's a great goalie with the stick," Veltman said. "He's not afraid to come out and play the ball and help out like a sixth runner."

With the goalie getting involved in the scoring, it's not surprising the Bulldogs are getting scoring from throughout the lineup. Eight different players scored in each of the Bulldogs' weekend victories. Leading the way was Richard Haan with four goals against Onondaga and three against Wallaceburg, giving him 15 goals for the season. Daryl Veltman also had a hat-trick in Wallaceburg while Mike Dube and Scott Aitken had a pair. B.J. Brown, Kevin Kilinskas, Jason Armstrong and Jamie Sturgeon also scored.

Scoring against Onondaga were Ryan Oldham, Tyler Phillips, Dube, Aitken, Jordan Armstrong and Jason Ford.

The Bulldogs will host Orangeville Thursday at 8 p.m. at the Mold-Masters SportsPlex before heading east on the weekend to play Nepean Saturday and Gloucester Sunday.

#### Rebels set sights high

The Georgetown District High School Rebels softball team began their quest for a sixth straight title in impressive fashion.

The Rebels earned a silver medal at a 16-team tournament in Brampton Friday. The tournament was the first softball tourney sanctioned by the Ontario Federation of Schools Athletic Association (OFSAA) and is seen as the first step towards establishing a provincial high school championship.

For the Rebels, that day can't come soon enough. They have dominated the Halton league for the last five years but have never had anything to shoot for

beyond that.

Georgetown opened the tournament by blanking John Fraser 11-0 and then downing Gordon Graydon 5-4. They rallied from a 2-0 deficit against Windsor in their next game to win 3-2 in the second extra inning.

The Rebels met Peel powerhouse Mayfield in the semifinals. Georgetown had not beaten Mayfield in six years but ended that streak with a 3-1 victory.

Unfortunately, Our Lady of Mount Carmel rallied from a 4-1 deficit to down the Rebels 7-4 to take the championship.

The previous week at a 32-team tournament in Dearborn, Michigan, the Rebels allowed only two runs in four games on their way to the championship.

Included in the four victories was a no-hitter by Jenn Lukas. The opposition managed just three base runners in that game, two on errors and one on a walk.

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