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'Dogs have bite

As captain, Richard Haan was supposed to lead the Halton Hills Bulldogs. But instead of leading, Haan has picked up the team and carried it on his back.

Haan continued an impressive season with five goals and two assists in the Bulldogs' 15-8 win over the Milton Mavericks in Sunday's home opener. Saturday, all Haan did was tie the game with 29 seconds to play and score the winning goal in overtime to cap a three-goal, five-point night in a 13-10 win over the Mimico Mountaineers.

"Obviously, I didn't expect to start this well," said Haan, who ran his point total to 29 in four games. "I just wanted to work hard and show the younger guys what it takes to win."

That's worked pretty well so far as the Bulldogs improved their Ontario Lacrosse Association Jr. B record 4-0.

And even though Haan has been the offensive leader, the Bulldogs have sported a balanced attack. Ten different players scored against Mimico. Heck, even goalie John Edwards got one. Mimico had pulled its goalie for the extra attacker in overtime when Edwards got his shoulder on a Mimico shot that hit the end boards then bounced down the floor into the empty net.

After the Bulldogs erased a 5-2 first-period deficit, Mimico took the lead three more times but Halton Hills responded each time. The Mountaineers took their final lead with 42 seconds remaining but Haan tied the game just 13 seconds later.

B.J. Brown had a pair of goals while Matt Lyons, Jordan Armstrong, Chad Henry, Jeff Wilson, Matt Walinga, Travis Bland and Tim Walinga each had one.

"We just were not ready to play," said coach Shane Bigler. "We had a bad warm up and a bad start. It was their home opener and they got a quick jump and we had to fight to come from behind."

It didn't take the Bulldogs quite as long to get rolling in their own home opener. Leading 2-1 they scored three goals in the final three minutes of the first period. They added eight more in the second period.

Matt Walinga had a hat-trick and Mike Dube and



Adam Holton breaks away from a Milton checker in Sunday's Ontario Lacrosse Association Jr. B game. The Bulldogs remained undefeated in four games with a 15-8 win. Photo by Herb Garbutt

Armstrong each scored twice. Chad Artem, Lyons and Graham Knoepfli also scored. Lyons and goalie Kyle Kennerly, who picked up his first win with the Bulldogs, each had four assists while Armstrong and Artem had three apiece.

DOG BITES: Edwards is undefeated in regular season play, running his winning streak to seven games...Edwards is the second Bulldog goalie to be credited with a goal. Josh McNaughton scored into an empty net last season...The Bulldogs play in Huntsville Saturday and host Sarnia Sunday at 6 p.m. at Alcott Arena.

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer

Rowland's career ends without NCAA crown

An NCAA title may have eluded her but it may be the only thing missing from Katie Rowland's impressive list of accomplishments.

Rowland finished her four-year gymnastics career at Penn State University on the weekend by competing on vault and floor at the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) championships in Lincoln, Nebraska. Rowland scored a 9.825 on vault and a 9.850 on floor and although she didn't qualify for the finals, the former Canadian champion leaves the school as one of its most successful gymnasts.

Included in her accomplishments are:

- The first Penn State gymnast to record three 10s (two on vault, one on beam)
- Two Big Ten conference all-around championships (2002, 2003)
- Two-time winner of the Big Ten Conference gymnast of the year (2001, 2003)
- Three regional event championships (vault 2001, 2003 and floor 2003)
- Holds or shares Penn State records for vault, beam, bars and all-around

Petkoff shines in loss

Acton's Joel Petkoff had a goal and an assist but the Charlottetown Abbies lost 5-4 in double overtime to the Lennoxville Cougars in the opening game of the Royal Bank Cup.

Petkoff's third-period goal gave Charlottetown a 4-3 lead but Lennoxville tied the game with 4:25 to play in the third.

The Abbies bounced back to win their next game 3-2 over the Camrose Kodiaks, squaring their record at 1-1.

Charlottetown played the Wellington Dukes last night (Tuesday) and were to meet Humboldt today (Wednesday).

Georgetown trio thrilled after completing Boston Marathon

It's at the top of every runner's to-do list and now three Georgetown runners can put a check mark next to it.

The trio completed the Boston Marathon last week and none of them came away disappointed after completing the historic 107-year-old race.

"It was amazing," said Brenda Hamilton. "It was like a huge celebration."

Hamilton ran the race with her brother, who had won a Canada-wide contest through the Running Room. Joining her was usual running partner Betty D'Oliveira.

Doris Biron took a different route to Boston. She qualified for the marathon two years ago but had to defer her entry for a year due to an injury.

Others who had run the marathon had told Biron to not worry about her time. She soon discovered why. With 21,000 official participants, plus all the unofficial participants such as D'Oliveira, it was nearly impossible

to free yourself from the pack and set your own pace at the beginning. Then there was the five-minute wait to use a washroom. By the midway point, Biron decided to take it easy and just enjoy the atmosphere. And there was plenty to absorb.

"The people were great," Hamilton said. "There were little kids high-fiving you as you ran."

"The adrenaline from all the people cheering, it pushes you to keep it going," said D'Oliveira.

But about the same time Biron was deciding to ease up, Hamilton was having doubts.

Hamilton, who had only run one marathon prior to Boston, was wondering if she would finish until she met up with D'Oliveira and the two ran together for about two miles.

"She just told me I could do it and 'you're not going to quit.'" "I don't know if I would have finished without her."

All three would eventually reach the finish line. Hamilton said "it was a blessing to see the finish line." D'Oliveira said finishing "was a total relief." But Biron, after a two-year buildup to the race, had mixed emotions about the race coming to an end.

"I was happy because I was tired but then looking at the time I was thinking, I can't believe it's all over. It was like Christmas. You wait for so long and then within 24 hours, it's over."

All of them agreed that it the marathon was well worth running, though.

"A marathon is something that challenges you to dig deep and be more than you thought you could be. Once you've done it and accomplished it, it's great," D'Oliveira said. "But doing it again is just stupidity."

Which means she won't be back. Right?

"Well, I am only eight minutes shy of qualifying."

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer

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Sunday, May 11 - 6 p.m. - Memorial Arena

BULLDOG PLAYER PROFILE JORDAN ARMSTRONG



The Bulldogs' rookie of the year in 2002, Jordan Armstrong is off to a strong start this season. Through four games, Armstrong has four

goals and 10 assists. Last year he had 45 points during the regular season and added 10 more in the playoffs.

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