

For national peewee championship Four locals named to Team Ontario

If there was any doubt about Halton Hills' arrival as a lacrosse powerhouse, look no further than the provincial team for August's peewee national championships.

Four Halton Hills Bulldogs were named to Team Ontario, which will battle for national bragging rights in Whitby Aug. 1-7. Ryan Kelly, Luke Laidlaw, Michael Sgarbossa and Stephen Silas were chosen for 22-member team.

"It's quite an accomplishment," said Bulldogs coach Pat Kelly of landing four players on the provincial squad. "They work hard all the time and they excel at everything they do, whether it's school or athletics."

Kelly said all four have won provincial and league championships in box and field lacrosse as well as hockey.

"They love to compete," Kelly said. "The

bigger the game, the bigger they play."

That trait certainly helped in a selection process that began with 250 players who were evaluated after a six-and-a-half hour camp. Players were rated from 1 to 10 on a variety of skills and the field was narrowed down to 36 for a second camp. Halton Hills had three other players— Ashton Waters, Seth Laidlaw and Brandyn McCarthy— make it to that final round of tryouts.

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer

Four Halton Hills Bulldogs earned spots on the Ontario entry for the national peewee lacrosse championships. Making Team Ontario were (front) Ryan Kelly, (back, from left) Mike Sgarbossa, Luke Laidlaw and Stephen Silas. The nationals will be held Aug. 1-7 in Whitby.

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the junior boys javelin with a throw of 38.09m. He also cleared 1.60m in the high jump, but had to settle for second on the tiebreaker.

On the track, Christ the King's Ben Flikkema won the midget boys 300m hurdles in a time of 49.95 seconds. He was second in the 100m hurdles and fourth in the 400m.

The top five finishers in each event qualify for the South Regional Track and Field Meet in St. Catharines. The two-day meet begins today (Wednesday).

Acton's Daniel Kearns will be moving on after a second-place finish in the midget boys shot put. He just missed qualifying with sixth-place finishes in both the discus and javelin.

Mike McGill of Christ the King will move on in two events, finishing third in the 3000m and fifth in the 1500m.

McGill's teammates Kristin Keough

(midget girls long jump) and Miko Uy (junior girls triple jump) also earned third-place finishes.

Georgetown's Brad Richards was third in the 300m hurdles and sixth in the high jump.

Other top finishers at the Halton/GHAC meet included:

Midget Girls: Jaimi Fellows, Acton (4th high jump; 5th long jump, 80m hurdles).

Junior Girls: Crystal Mercer, Acton (5th discus; 6th shot put); Natalie Stacey, CTK (6th 800m); Allison Stacey (7th 800m).

Midget Boys: CTK (4th 4x100 relay); Stephen Bruce, CTK (7th 800m, 1500m); Gareth Viray Cox, GDHS (7th discus, javelin); Ray Socha, CTK (8th 3000m); Andrew Desmaris, GDHS (8th javelin).

Junior Boys: GHDS (4th 4x100 relay), Dan Vankessel, CTK (6th javelin); Lucas Walasek (6th discus); Joel Greaves, GDHS (7th, 1500m);

Senior Boys: Ashton Roza, Acton (6th 3000m).

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