

Bulldogs power way past Guelph

A four-goal third period boosted the Halton Hills Bulldogs to a 7-5 victory over visiting Guelph in Acton on Sunday in Jr. B lacrosse pre-season action.

J.J. Laforet scored twice to spark the Bulldogs' comeback, with Chad Artem, Braden Artem, Cameron Flint, Adam Rutz and Mike Brown notching single markers. The Artem brothers, Tim Laidlaw and Flint added two assists apiece.

Halton Hills, which is now 2-1 in the exhibition schedule, lost 8-6 to host Orangeville on Saturday despite two goals each by Braden Artem, Travis Bland. Flint and Laidlaw rounded out the scoring.

Goalies Scott Beedham and Michael Cregan shared the weekend duties and will start the regular season with Halton Hills Jr. B as projected starter Kyle Kennerly will sit out the first three games due to suspension.

This week, the Bulldog training camp moves into Georgetown's Mold-Masters SportsPlex and they'll host Orangeville there on Saturday for their final pre-season tilt beginning at 4 p.m.

Halton Hills opens the OLA Jr. B regular season on the road, April 29-30, against Akwesasne and Cornwall, respectively.



Nixon honoured

At the recent Ontario Volleyball Association under-17 girls' championship tournament in Kitchener, the Georgetown Impact under-16s placed fifth out of 12 teams and are confident heading into this weekend's under-16 provincials in Newmarket. The OVA presents an award of excellence to a team member from each club and the Impact's recipient in Kitchener was Ashley Nixon, a middle hitter/blocker from Limehouse who attends Acton High School. *Submitted photo*



Double-teamed

Sarah Chapin (33) and Nicole Bond of the Centennial Middle School Chargers from Georgetown try to stop Stewarttown's Carly Thomas in last week's North Halton Tier 1 elementary school girls' basketball championship game at Georgetown District High School. Centennial trailed the Stingers in the third quarter before rallying for the 27-21 victory. Sarah Hickman led the Stingers with 11 points and Thomas had six more. Sophia Troop added five points for the Chargers, who faced wild-card entry West Oak of Oakville in Tuesday night's Halton semi-final matchup in Milton. The winner will face either Rolling Meadows of Burlington or Falgarwood of Oakville in Thursday's Halton championship at Burlington Central High School. On the Tier 1 boys' side, Milton's Chris Hadfield downed Stewarttown 37-30 in last week's North Halton final, a game that was tied at 27 through three quarters. Dylan Keith was the Stingers' top scorer with 18 points. Acton's M.S. Bennett lost 47-27 to W.I. Dick of Milton in the North Halton Tier 2 final. No individual scorers were available. *Photo by Eamonn Maher*

Cousens enjoying Junior A hockey on West Coast

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season title with a 41-13-6 record and were sixth in the latest Canadian Jr. A rankings.

With the veteran-laden Georgetown Raiders making an RBC push themselves a couple of seasons ago, Cousens reluctantly felt that his development would be better served by moving away to play Tier 2 hockey.

The former Halton Hills Hurricane ended up signing with a youthful Huntsville-Muskoka team and Cousens blossomed as a reliable two-way blueliner with the Otters, earning OPJHL North Conference all-star and team MVP honours.

"Looking back at it now, it certainly was a good choice because it helped me get my scholarship," he added.

"I decided to come out to B.C. because the league's a better calibre and a little more professional. I learned a lot playing so much up in Huntsville and I was able to take up a leadership role, and I'd like to do the same (in Penticton) next year."

Cousens said that he'll return to Georgetown for the next few months and will take community college courses when he goes back to Penticton in August, in preparation likely for business administration program studies at Michigan Tech.

"There are a few things I can work on, always trying to get stronger and just improving on every aspect of the game," he added.

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