

# SPORTS & LEISURE

## Hill records first win with Nationals

If Georgetown's Shawn Hill is still having difficulty finding consistency with his command of pitches, the Philadelphia Phillies weren't feeling it on Sunday afternoon at Washington's RFK Stadium.

The 25-year-old Hill made his third start for the Nationals in 2006 and was nearly flawless over seven innings worked, giving up zero runs and just two hits in a 6-0 Washington victory.

Yet afterward, the Bishop Reding High School grad said on the Nationals' website that he had trouble controlling his curve ball, hitting Philadelphia's Sal Fasano with a pitch and throwing another into the screen. But Hill's sinker and four-seam fastball were working just fine, showing little rust after recovery from major elbow surgery in 2004.

"The balls were coming out really chalky," Hill said. "I don't know if they were rubbed up or whatever. But I was rubbing them up quite a bit. I couldn't get into a mode where I could throw them. I didn't want to start off too many at-bats with the curveball and possibly get behind. I threw a couple of good ones early in the count, but I couldn't get a comfortable grip. I don't know if I did something mechanically. I just wasn't comfortable throwing it at any time."

Hill, with a 1-1 record and 1.80 ERA with Washington, likely won't have time to get comfortable in the big leagues despite his impressive call-up stint. Right-handed starter John Patterson is due to come off the disabled list and while Hill is scheduled to start again at home Friday night against the New York Yankees, there's a possibility that he'll be sent back down to triple-A New Orleans after that.

"It would be unfortunate, but it's not hard to swallow," he said. "It's somewhat expected. If Patterson comes back and they don't want to put me in the bullpen, it's just the way the numbers work. I can't do much about that. Would I like to stay around? Obviously, but if they send me down, at least this time, I'm not leaving a sour taste in their mouths."

## Peewees grab silver at field championships

At the Ontario Lacrosse Association field lacrosse championships in Kitchener recently, the Halton Hills Galvcast Peewee Bulldogs had to settle for silver medals after losing a thriller to Oshawa in the finals.

**Preliminary round—Halton Hills 7, Orangeville 2:** Devon Wylde (2G); Brandon Clelland, Matteo Condotta (G); Kyle Moore (G, A); Derek Thomas (2A); Adam MacKinnon, Brennan deLangley (A).

**Halton Hills 13, Six Nations 7:** Wylde (3G, A); deLangley (2G, 4A); MacKinnon (2G); Condotta (3G); Jacob Harris (G); Moore (G, 2A); Thomas (A).

**Halton Hills 9, Brampton 3:** Condotta (2G, 2A); Wylde (2G, A); deLangley, Tyler Highfield, Harris (G); Moore, Bryson Nicolucci, Clelland (A).

**Championship game—Oshawa 3, Halton Hills 2:** Wylde (2G).



## Give him an 'A' for effort

The recent third-annual Georgetown Baseball Association house league tournament featured rookie ball, mosquito, peewee and bantam divisions with 30 teams from around the area taking part. Connor McLeod from the Georgetown Dairy Queen Cardinals tries to make a play at first during their game against Milton in the Rookie Ball division at the Georgetown Fairgrounds.

Photo by Sabrina Byrnes

## Tyke II 'Dogs claim crown in NOTL

The Halton Hills Tyke #2 Bulldogs won all four of their games and the championship title at a recent tournament in Niagara on The Lake.

In the final, the 'Dogs twice came back from two-goal deficits to beat the perennial powerhouse Whitby Warriors. Goalies Cameron MacLeod and Cameron Greenfield were outstanding through the four games.

**Preliminary round—Bulldogs 11, Welland 4:** Nicholas Deakin-Poot (5G, 2A); Tyler Schouten (3G); MacKenzie Entwistle (2G); Johnny Vezina (G).

**Bulldogs 8, Hamilton 3:** Entwistle (2G, A); Deakin-Poot (2G); Stephen Portelli, Johnny Vezina Kevin Ellsworth, Eric Doner, (G, A); James Vezina, Ian Early (A).

**Bulldogs 11, Orangeville 1:** Ellsworth (2G); Deakin-Poot (2G, A); Entwistle (3G); Billy Taylor, Alex Daigle, Schouten, Early (G); Scotty Wiffen (A).

**Championship game—Bulldogs 7, Whitby 5:** Entwistle (4G); Johnny Vezina (2G); Kevin Ellsworth (G); Cameron McLeod, Christopher



A 7-5 comeback triumph over the Whitby Warriors capped a perfect weekend for the Halton Hills tyke #2 Bulldogs at a tournament at Niagara on the Lake as they went unbeaten on their way to the championship. Members of the team (kneeling, from left) are: Cameron McLeod, Alex Daigle, Eric Doner, Cameron Greenfield, Steve Portelli. Middle row: Ian Early, Mackenzie Entwistle, Brandon Smith, Tyler Schouten, James Vezina, Johnny Vezina, Robert Eastwood, Billy Taylor, Michael Pierog, Christopher Yalowica, Kevin Ellsworth, Scott Wiffen. Back row: Coaches Dave Entwistle, Scott Early and Tim Vezina, along with trainer Brian Ellsworth.

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Yalowica (A).

In regular season action, Johnny Vezina, and Ellsworth all had good efforts for the Halton Hills Tyke #2 Bulldogs in their trouncing of Orangeville at the Acton Arena.

Halton Hills 15, Orangeville 1:

Deakin-Poot (4G); Brendan Smith (2G, 2A); Daigle (2G, A); Entwistle (G, 2A); Johnny Vezina, James Vezina (2G); Schouten (G, A); Doner (G); Wiffen (A).

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