

# SPORTS & LEISURE

## Buzz too much (again) for Bulldogs

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Despite playing two good periods against the undefeated Oakville Buzz, the host Halton Hills Bulldogs again found themselves on the short end of an 8-4 scoreline against their OLA Jr. B lacrosse foes on Sunday evening.

The Bulldogs lost all four games of the regular-season series to the 18-0 Buzz and two of those contests were decided in the final minute. Oakville also swept Halton Hills out of last season's second round of playoffs and 'Dogs' captain Travis Bland is tired of just scoring moral victories against the Buzz.

"We played them well in certain parts of the game but it's still frustrating that we can't get rid of that 10-minute lapse that kills us," said Bland. "We know we can beat them and everyone wants to get another shot at it in the playoffs."

With rookie Michael Cregan starting in goal on Sunday in place of the injured Kyle Kennery, Halton Hills jumped out to a 2-1 first-period lead on goals by Cameron Flint and Graham Knoepfli, but undisciplined penalties, including two unsportsmanlike conduct minors, led to three Oakville power-play goals in quick succession.

The Buzz led 8-3 after 40 minutes and although the result was never in doubt, Cregan earned player-of-the-game honours for shutting down top Buzz scorers Josh Smyth and Brenden Thenhaus and keeping a clean sheet in the final frame. Bland and Brandon Goodfellow rounded out the hosts' scoring.

The 9-8 Bulldogs finish off the regular season this weekend with three games in four nights. They'll travel to Clarington to face the



Halton Hills Bulldogs' forward Cameron Flint gets tripped up by Oakville's Drew Petkoff during their Jr. B lacrosse game Sunday night at the Mold-Masters SportsPlex. Despite another goal from the rookie phenom Flint, the Bulldogs lost 8-4 as the first-place Buzz completed a four-game season series sweep.

*Photo by Eamonn Maher*

Green Gaels on Thursday, followed by a trip to Huntsville on Saturday evening, then host Markham Sunday at 6 p.m. at Georgetown's Mold-Masters SportsPlex to close out the schedule.

Should they win all three of those games, the Bulldogs will likely face either Mimico or Akwesasne in the opening round of the post-season starting next week.

"You can feel that we're all starting to gel and things are going to come together in the

playoffs," Bland added. "The main thing we had a problem with was our confidence but I know the guys are going to be ready when the time comes."

The Halton Hills club also made a deal this past week to acquire big righthander David Brock from the Burlington Jr. A Chiefs and he picked up an assist in his first outing Sunday.

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## Thunderbolts post several personal bests

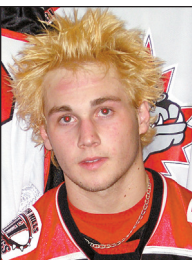
The Georgetown Thunderbolts recently participated in an Ontario Minor Track & Field sanctioned meet in Markham and several local-area athletes were able to post personal-best results.

In the Mite girls' (Grades 1-2) 100m dash, three Georgetown Thunderbolts, Riel Flack, Chelsea Dixon and Abby McEachran qualified for the final. Flack won the gold medal in a time of 16.20 seconds. Morgan-Flack continued her winning ways in the Mite Long Jump winning gold there too, in a leading leap of 2.88m. Dixon and McEachran finished fourth and fifth, respectively.

In the Tyke boys' (Grades 3-4) long jump, Coltin McCaughan placed seventh overall. Hailey Buist placed fourth out of 16 athletes in the Tyke girls' 800m, missing the bronze by merely three seconds. She also finished sixth in the long jump.

For the Atom boys (Grades 5-6), Sam McEachran took home the bronze medal in long jump and ran a personal best of 1:16.80 in the 400m. Abbey Young placed seventh in the 800m Atom girls' final, while Courtney Chambers also made the final in the Atom girls' 100m dash, in which she ran a PB of 14.50.

The Georgetown Thunderbolts is a new track & field club, serving the community of Halton Hills. The club is affiliated with the Minor Track Association of Ontario. New members are still being accepted. Anyone who is interested between Grades 1-8 can call 905-873-0105 for more information.



**TRAVIS BLAND**








## Mustangs win tourney

A 3-2 victory over Sault Ste. Marie in the championship game sewed up the tournament title for Georgetown Feet In Motion Mustangs in the under-12 girls' division at the recent Barrie Spiritfest event. In the preliminary round, Georgetown beat Barrie Spirit B and North Dumfries of the Cambridge area and lost to Etobicoke, then downed Barrie Spirit A in the semi-finals. Members of the team (front row, from left) are: Lisa Laidlaw, Victoria Glen, Jade Kovacevic, Allie Rose, Rachel Gibson, Kate Harris, Haley Mellott. Back row: Coach Paul Toale, Rachel Hofland, Sarah Racinsky, Alyssa Dodson, Kassandra Kropka, Sophie LaPierre, Shana Toale, Camilla Paluch, assistant coach George Stobo, Bridget Bailey, trainer Susan Rose. Absent from the photo was Katie Croft.

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