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Halton Place to host junior equestrians

Four-day event wraps up Sunday afternoon

The inaugural Summer's Here Junior Horse Show will take place at the Halton Place Equestrian Show Grounds this weekend, a different event than most other horse shows in that it is open exclusively to junior athletes (aged 18 and under).

"The juniors deserve a show where they can come and be the stars of the show instead of having to constantly play second fiddle to the pros, many of whom are their own coaches. Here they will get a chance to truly shine, while still competing at a safe, fun, well-run and top-quality event," said show manager Christiane Krohn.

Sponsors such as Merial Canada and Pro-Chaps Limited have jumped on board to offer prize money and awards in support of the young athletes. Merial will be presenting the 1.1m Merial Jumper Classic on Sunday at 1 p.m., and Pro-Chaps is introducing its "Pro-Chaps Grand Champions" awards at the culmination of the event.

The show is rated "Class 1" by the national governing body Equine Canada is affiliated with a number of other organizations including the Ontario Equestrian Federation, Jump Canada, the Ontario Hunter-Jumper Association, the Marshall & Sterling League and the North American League.

It is sanctioned at the "A" level from the United States Equestrian Federation as well as offering a limited number of qualifying classes for the Washington International Horse Show.

The four-day show takes place at the Halton Place Equestrian Show grounds, just east of Hwy. 25 on the 15th Sideroad. Halton Place is home to two other "A" rated shows this season, including a \$75,000 World Cup Qualifier on the Labour Day weekend. Spectators are welcome and there is plenty of free parking available on-site.

For more information on the show visit www.ckhorseshow.com.



Net gain for Daredevils

Eric Pupo (6) of the Daredevils blasted a shot past Phantoms' goalkeeper Drew Hullock during the recent Ontario In-Line Hockey of Georgetown's house league tournament at the Mold-Masters SportsPlex. The tourney was a fund-raiser for the Georgetown Sniper in-line teams that will compete at the North American Roller Hockey Championships at the Hershey Centre in Mississauga July 15-31. Results and the amount of funds raised at the event weren't available.

Photo by Sabrina Byrnes

Minor lacrosse roundup

Novice Bulldogs claim silver

Winning three out of their games on the weekend, the Halton Hills Traditional Cafe Bulldogs won the silver medal round in the novice division at the Bob Patching Invitational Tournament held by the Caledon Vaughan Minor Lacrosse Association.

Preliminary round— Halton Hills 9, Wallaceburg 2

Halton Hills 7, Orangeville 3

Newmarket 7, Halton Hills 3

Silver medal— Halton Hills 7, Whitby 3

Bantam II

Simon Wellington netted four goals for the Chico's Bulldogs in a squeaker over Oakville #2.

Halton Hills 5, Oakville 4: Wellington (4G); Andrew Smith (G); Jamie Dowell, Tyler Nieuwendyk (A).

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The Galvcast Bulldogs earned bronze medals at a tournament in Brampton, dropping a thriller to Whitby in the semi-finals.

Preliminary round— Brampton 9, Halton Hills 6: Michael Nicolucci (2G, A); Brennan deLangley (G, A); Derek Thomas, Adam MacKinnon, Jacob Harris (G); Kyle Moore, Mitchell Christopher, Bryson Nicolucci, Devon Wylde (A).

Halton Hills 7, London 3: Michael Nicolucci (3G, A); Brandon Clelland (2G); MacKinnon, Dan Nicolucci (G); Wylde (2A); Moore, Liam Clare, Ben Nicolucci (A).

Halton 6, Mimico 2: Thomas, MacKinnon (G, A); Bryson Nicolucci, Wylde, deLangley (G); Moore (3A); Christopher (2A); Ben Nicolucci, Harris (A).

Semi-final— Whitby 8, Halton Hills 7: Michael Nicolucci (2G, A); Moore, Thomas (2G); Wylde (G); Bryson Nicolucci (2A); Tyler Christopher, Mitchell Christopher (A).

Bronze medal game— Halton Hills 12, St. Catharines 3: Wylde (G, 3A); Michael Nicolucci (2G, 2A); Thomas, Harris (G, A); Dan Nicolucci (2G); Sebastian Beckett, MacKinnon, Bryson Nicolucci, de Langley, Tyler Highfield (G); Jordan Brown, Clelland (2A).

No big finish for Wildcats in first loss to Jr. Argos

This time, the fourth-quarter rally fell short for the Halton Hills Wildcats junior varsity football team.

Victor Pek and John Leckie scored fourth-quarter touchdowns to rally the Wildcats from a 20-0 half-time deficit, but it wasn't enough as the Toronto Jr. Argos hung on for the 20-14 victory to hand Halton Hills its first loss of the Ontario Minor Football League season last Sunday.

The Jr. Argos took advantage of three Wildcats turnovers to storm out to the 20-0 lead. But the game's turning point came late in the first half when the Halton Hills offence stalled and turned the ball over on downs at the Toronto two-yard line. The Argos managed to march the length of the field to register the touchdown and two-point convert for the 20-0 advantage.

Pek got the Wildcats on the scoreboard midway through the fourth,

hauling in a Simon Treviranus pass and scampering 60 yards for the touchdown. Shortly afterwards, Leckie took a handoff from Treviranus and weaved his way 50 yards through the Argos defence to pull the visitors to within 20-14.

After the defence stopped a Toronto fourth-down gamble, the Wildcats took over and appeared to be marching to a game-winning touchdown, much like the squad did two weeks ago when it erased a 22-6 deficit versus the TNT Express en route to a 25-22 victory.

But this time, the Halton Hills comeback stalled when the Argos registered the interception at their 20-yard line, then were able to run out the clock for the victory.

The win moved Toronto (4-1) into a first-place tie with Halton Hills. The two teams will meet in Toronto July 16 for a rematch.

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