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Bulldogs can't break curse of Oakville Buzz

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The Ontario Lacrosse Association's Jr. B regular season schedule isn't even half over, yet the Halton Hills Bulldogs have already seen enough of the defending national-champion Oakville Buzz for a while.

A 12-10 loss to the Buzz at the Glen Abbey Rec Centre on Friday marked the 15th game in a row spanning nearly three years that the Bulldogs have fallen to their South East Division rivals, who are now 8-0-1 on the campaign. This was supposed to be a rebuilding year for the Buzz after capturing the Founder's Cup title last summer but they remain atop the division, just three points ahead of 7-0-0 Mimico.

Still stinging from playoff elimination by Oakville the past two years, Halton Hills turned in another solid effort on Friday, but as was the result in the 2007 season opener, the Bulldogs gave up a comfortable lead and came up short in the clutch.

The visitors built a 4-1 advantage on the Buzz in the first period, then gave up four straight goals and trailed 9-8 after 40 minutes. A tightly contested battle was tied at 10 midway through the final frame after Bulldog Greg Henry notched the equalizer, but Oakville's Josh Barrick

netted the winning goal on the power play with 7:50 remaining.

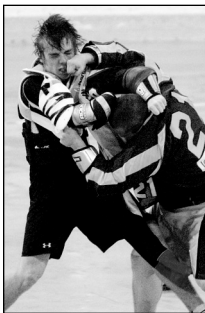
Nic Grasby (3), Braden Artem (2), J.J. Laforet, Adam McGourty, Evan Whillans and Brandon Goodfellow also found net for Halton Hills.

At home on Thursday evening, the Bulldogs had a shaky third period but this time held on to beat the Huntsville Hawks 12-9. Leading 9-2 after 40 minutes and 10-4 midway through the final frame, Halton Hills let the visitors creep back into the contest before adding a couple of insurance markers.

Reed Board, who sat out the Oakville game due to illness, led the 'Dogs with four goals and two assists. Grasby (3), Laforet (2), Goodfellow, Kyle Davis and Kyle Andrews rounded out the scoring. Davis will be out for four to six weeks with a broken hand suffered Friday while Troy Webster is gone indefinitely with a broken bone in his leg.

Coming up this week, the Bulldogs make their second trip of the season to Mimico to face the division-rival Mounties on Friday and then will host 3-4-1 Akwesasne Saturday at the Mold-Masters SportsPlex beginning at 7:30 p.m., followed by a trip to Markham Sunday afternoon.

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Bulldog Adam McGourty (left) got the better of this Huntsville player in a second-period scrap Thursday.

Photo by Eamonn Maher



Reed Board of the Halton Hills Bulldogs scores one of his four goals on the evening during an Ontario Lacrosse Association Jr. B matchup against the guest Huntsville Hawks on Thursday night at Mold-Masters SportsPlex. The Bulldogs, with a 12-9 victory, are now 4-4 this season after dropping a 12-10 decision in Oakville on Friday.

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At Mississauga Marathon

Many local runners post solid results

Michael Ackroyd was the fastest local-area finisher in the headline event of the Mississauga Marathon recently, placing 36th overall and fifth in the men's 45-49 age group in a time of three hours, four minutes and 38 seconds, approximately 41 minutes behind the 42.2-km race winner.

Other athletes from Halton Hills taking part in the marathon distance included: Scott Gardner, Georgetown (6th in men's 45-49, 3:05:25); Terry Dixon, Limehouse (8th in men's 45-49, 3:06:47); Chris Creswicke, Georgetown (19th in men's 40-44, 3:16:30); Mark Rush, Georgetown (13th in men's 50-54, 3:23:28); Richard Bahen, Glen Williams (34th in men's 35-39, 3:26:15); Bill Pettitt, Acton (32nd in men's 45-49, 3:28:53); Ian Buxton, Georgetown (32nd in men's 50-54, 3:37:41); Allan Martin, Georgetown (51st in men's 35-39, 3:39:42); Laura Walker, Georgetown (29th in women's 25-29, 3:39:42); Betty D'Oliveira, Georgetown (19th in women's 45-49, 4:02:28); Charles Hayward, Georgetown (33rd in men's 55-59, 4:11:01)

Half-Marathon

Nicholas Schwass, Terra Cotta (1st in men's 19 & under, 1:28:48); Mike Brown, Acton (25th in men's 40-44, 1:34:10); Kirstin Schwass, Terra Cotta (6th in women's 40-44, 1:36:19); Sharon Papadimitriou, Georgetown (8th in women's 25-29, 1:38:43); Scott MacNair, Georgetown (42nd in men's 35-39, 1:40:11); Sean Forrest, Georgetown (41st in men's 30-34, 1:41:47); Leigh Bird, Norval (14th in women's 25-29, 1:42:03); Jim Banks, Georgetown (32nd in men's 50-54, 1:43:23)

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Dale Menken, Georgetown (3rd in men's 20-24, 38:19); Devin Rogers, Georgetown (10 in men's 19 & under, 41:18); Andy Waugh, Georgetown (8th in men's 30-34, 43:35); Duncan Mounsey, Georgetown (1st in men's 65-69, 46:21); Shannon Mellace, Georgetown (9th in women's 30-34, 51:12); Sherry Condotta, Georgetown (8th in women's 35-39, 51:21); Andrew Bevington, Georgetown (32nd in women's 30-34, 53:52)

Albrecht 26th at Humber Invitational

Andrew Albrecht was the top local-area finisher at last week's Canadian Junior Golf Association Humber College Invitational tournament at the St. Andrew's Valley Golf Club in Aurora, placing 26th.

Albrecht, 17, recorded rounds of 80 and 82 to check in at 18 over par for the event, 17 shots off the lead. Eighteen-year-old Ryan Putnam of Georgetown shot 80 and 86, finishing in a tie for 31st.

Incorrect final scores were published last week involving Halton Hills golfers competing in the CJGA Junior Worlds qualifier at the Wolf Run Golf Club in Janetville, Ont.

A pair of 16-year-olds from Georgetown, Luke Ovenden and Ryan Thomson, placed seventh and eighth, respectively. First-round leader Ovenden had a two-round total of 10-over-par 154, with Thomson one stroke back. Adam Putnam was 29th at +26.

At the 02-Euro Junior Golf Cup/Scotland Tour tournament at Belleville, the North Halton Golf & Country Club's Thomson finished third in the boys' 14-16 age group after rounds of 80 and 78 at 14 over par, seven shots behind the winner. Adam Putnam, 14, carded 86-87 to finish tied for 18th while Georgetown's John Hirst placed 29th.

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