

SPORTS & LEISURE

Bulldogs tuning up for opener

The Halton Hills Bulldogs continued their pre-season preparations for the Ontario Lacrosse Association Jr. B campaign by posting a 2-1 record at the Spartan exhibition tournament in St. Catharines on Saturday.

The Bulldogs defeated the Niagara Thunderhawks 9-5, lost to host Spartan 9-5 and beat Welland 9-3.

In game one, Luke Vanderwilp, Pat Saunders and Chris Haynes netted two goals each, with Kody Lyons, Riley McGilloway and Russell Peacock adding single markers.

Against Spartan, the Bulldogs were outscored 4-0 in the final period after Haynes and Justin Reid both had put together three-point efforts.

Midget goaltender Ryan Kelly was sharp in the victory over Welland, backed by Matt Laidlaw's hat trick. Lyons (2), Kyle Davis (2), Mike Brown and Haynes rounded out the scoring.

Halton Hills has one tune-up contest left as it plays at Orangeville tonight (Wednesday) starting at 8 p.m. The regular season opens April 26 at Akwesasne. The Bulldogs' home opener will be at the Mold-Masters SportsPlex on Saturday, May 3 at 7:30 p.m. against the Newmarket Saints, who have relocated from Scarborough.



Local schools shooting for Halton hoops titles

Jade Kovacevic (24) of the Stewarttown Stingers tries to break through the Centennial Chargers' defence during the North Halton elementary public school Tier I girls' final last week at Georgetown District High School. The Stingers led 19-0 at halftime and went on to win 32-8, earning a spot in last night's (Tuesday's) Halton semifinals. Sarah Racinsky led Stewarttown with 14 points. Centennial's boys held off Milton's Hawthorne Valley 29-25 in the North Halton Tier I championship game, as Alex Garvey had 13 points and Alex Freer added six more. In the North Halton Tier II finals in Milton, Acton's M.S. Bennett edged Bruce Trail, headed up by Marlena Forbes' eight-point effort. Silver Creek completed the Halton Hills' sweep by downing Brookville as the Stars recovered from an early 8-0 deficit to win 32-29 in overtime. Jeff Scott had 14 points and was the top rebounder for Silver Creek. Also in the photo (from left) are: Stewarttown's Mischa Fitterer, Centennial's Robin Lamarre (23), Sarah Wilson (00) and Rebecca Stewart (15).

Photo by Eamonn Maher

Junior Jags tops in Ontario

Christ the King's Jaguars completed another sensational season on the ice as they captured the All-Ontario Junior Classic high school hockey championship for the second year in a row last week at York University. Ryan Kelly posted the shutout in Ctk's 4-0 triumph over Loyola of Mississauga in the final and the team finished the year with a 19-2-1 overall record after a 22-0-0 mark in the 2007 campaign. Blueliner Stephen Silas was named MVP for the 24-team All-Ontario tournament, while the Jags also received stellar offensive output from J.P. Villeneuve, Mike Sgarbossa and Robbie Murden. Team members (front, from left) are: Cameron Jenkins, Tyler Nieuwendyk, Ryan Kelly, Nic Pierog, Hayden Mancini, Stephen Silas, Wes Attard. Second row: Manager Katie Veloso, Shany Brown, Trevor Fillier, Robbie Murden. Back row: Assistant coach Mike Depelsmaeker, Ryan Brazeau, Dylan Hannan, Bryan Slater, Michael Sgarbossa, Taylor Stapleton, Thomas Durbano, J.P. Villeneuve, Dan Marshall, Cody Gresswell, David Bathgate, assistant coaches Doug McCallion, Jim McIntosh and head coach Timm Stephenson. Absent were Luke Laidlaw, Dale Deon. Submitted photo



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