

SPORTS & LEISURE

Strong third lifts 'Dogs

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Rebounding from their first loss in the Ontario Lacrosse Association's 2008 regular season, the Halton Hills Jr. B Bulldogs scored eight third-period goals to get back into the win column against the visiting Nepean Knights on Saturday evening with a 15-8 triumph.

The 5-1-0 Bulldogs played 4-3-0 Nepean in front of another large Alcott Arena crowd and were somewhat sluggish through the first 40 minutes, needing late second-period tallies from leading scorers Pat Saunders and Nic Grasby to take back the lead 7-6.

Six straight goals in the final frame secured the victory for the Bulldogs, who had played an excellent game Thursday in Bowmanville, only to lose to the unbeaten Green Gaels 11-10.

Saunders struck for six goals Saturday while Grasby potted five more to assure the outcome. Evan Whillans (2), Mike Brown and Derek Silva also found the scoresheet.

"Because we're such a young team we're going to have to learn to play in our environment," said Bulldogs' coach Blaine

McCauley. "Sometimes it can be easier to play on the road because you don't have that nervousness of being in front of a big crowd and there's a tendency to try that extra move at home or to try to beat a guy one on one."

In Thursday's tense rematch of last season's OLA East Conference final, the teams traded leads throughout the contest before the host Green Gaels took a late two-goal advantage. Halton Hills pressed for the equalizer and appeared to get it in the final minute of regulation but Kyle Davis's scoring bid was nullified by a crease violation.

Davis, Michael Licata and Chris Haynes scored twice each for the Dogs, with Kody Lyons, Grasby, Chad Cummings and Matt Laidlaw adding a goal apiece. Evan Whillans picked up four assists, while Saunders, who has 25 goals in the first six games, was held to two assists.

The Bulldogs will play their first match of the season against their South East Division rivals, the Mimico Mountaineers, tonight (Wednesday) in Etobicoke. Halton Hills then hosts the Markham IronHeads Thursday at the Alcott Arena beginning at 8 p.m.



Getting a grip

Jessica Patterson (left) and Skylar Franke (with headgear) of the Georgetown Rebels bring down a Lester B. Pearson player during a Halton high school girls' rugby match last Thursday. Pearson prevailed 15-5. Photo by Eamonn Maher



Photo finish

Brienne Thoman (left) of Stewarttown Public School sneaks a peek as she narrowly beats Demi Swann of Georgetown's Centennial Chargers in the intermediate 4x400m event as Nelson High School in Burlington hosted the Harker Senior Relays last week.

Photo by Derek Woollam

To raise funds for bike trek

Ball hockey tourney planned

A local resident who is raising funds to participate in a bike trek across North America for the Christian Reformed Church has a ball hockey tournament planned this month and needs teams of five to sign up.

Bradley Geerlinks, a student at Redeemer University in Ancaster, must raise at least \$10,000 in order to be among the 218 people set to make the 6,000-kilometre trip from Seattle through southern Ontario to New Jersey from June 30 to Aug. 30 in the Sea to Sea

Bike Tour.

Proceeds from the tour will support new and ongoing programs by the Christian Reformed Church to "break the cycle of poverty around the world."

The tournament will take place Saturday, May 31 at the Georgetown Christian Fellowship Church parking lot. It's open to anyone age 11 and older and cost is \$80 per team. Cost is \$100 per team if registering after May 24.

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