

More balance up front

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Justin Basso and Tyler Stothers — all with at least a dozen goals and 35 points last season — being joined by some high-tempo rookies.

"We're going to be pretty balanced, and get production from all four lines," said Milton's bench boss.

The most promising member of that new class is midget Marlies graduate Ricky Buehler, who's been described as a Sean Avery-type player who can do a little bit of everything.

A hard-nosed sniper during his prosperous career — in which he captured six professional championships, including back-to-back Calder Cups — McDougall is especially encouraged by the young forward's agitator edge and overall grit.

"He's someone who's already standing up for his teammates. I think we're going to have more of that (toughness). I wasn't around last year but from what I understand there were times when guys would put their heads down and skate away (from altercations). That won't happen on my team."

In order to provide a stabilizing presence on a still relatively young team, McDougall has brought in 20-year-olds Adam Martin and Ari Lisschultz, who spent last season with the Brampton Capitals and Bridgewater Brandits of the east coast Empire Junior Hockey League respectively.

Lisschultz will be used primarily up front, while Martin will be part of a blueline retooling that's seen Jeremy Price head off Nepean and David Fortino in the midst of being traded away.

Matt Prinsen of the Marlies midgets seems capable of making up for at least part of the mobility and production lost by Price's departure, while Hurricanes' graduate Clinton MacKenzie has been the biggest surprise so far among the IceHawks' newcomers.

"He's (MacKenzie) just a bull. He finishes his checks and is really solid back there," said McDougall, whose IceHawks have about a dozen veterans back from the team that finished sixth last year, including leaders Dean Kulla, Jamie Hawkrigg and Allen Petretic.

Where McDougall appears quite confident in what he'll start the season with, Piatt seems equally positive about his new coaching staff.

"I've known Bill and Rob for many years, so I knew what we were getting. I'm very comfortable with who we've got behind the bench."

Of course as a first-year coach in the Provincial Jr. A ranks, McDougall doesn't expect to spend too much time in the 'comfort zone.'

"I'm going to bring 110 per cent to every game and practice and I expect the same from these guys. It's about giving a consistently-strong effort every night."

2008/09 home schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Tonight	Brampton	7:30pm
Friday 12th	Streetsville	7:30pm
Sunday 14th	Buffalo	3:30pm
Friday 19th	Buffalo	7:30pm
OCTOBER		
Friday 3rd	Oakville	7:30pm
Sunday 5th	Aurora	3:30pm
Friday 10th	Burlington	7:30pm
Friday 17th	Georgetown	7:30pm
Friday 24th	Mississauga	7:30pm
NOVEMBER		
Sunday 2nd	Collingwood	3:30pm
Friday 7th	Brampton	7:30pm
Friday 14th	Bramalea	7:30pm
Friday 21st	Vaughan	7:30pm
Friday 28th	Georgetown	7:30pm
DECEMBER		
Sunday 7th	Sequin	3:30pm
Friday 12th	Mississauga	7:30pm
Friday 19th	Bramalea	7:30pm
JANUARY		
Friday 2nd	Streetsville	7:30pm
Friday 9th	Oakville	7:30pm
Friday 16th	Brampton	7:30pm
Friday 23rd	Burlington	7:30pm
Sunday 25th	Huntsville	3:30pm
Friday 30th	Buffalo	7:30pm
FEBRUARY		
Friday 6th	Vaughan	7:30pm

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Minor baseball tryouts start soon

Milton Minor Baseball Association will hold tryouts for the 2009 season later this month.

All tryouts will be held at Rotary Park, with schedules for the rep rookie, minor mosquito and major mosquito teams already set — starting on September 13. Schedules for the older teams will be posted shortly.

To see schedules, visit www.milton.mba.com. For more information, contact David Clark at dclark94@sympatico.ca.

V-ball tryouts on

Tryouts for the Halton Hurricanes Volleyball Club get underway Monday. Girls 10 to 17 years of age are invited to try out for one of the teams at Burlington's Trinity Christian School.

The Hurricanes will also begin their beginners and recreational house league programs on September 20. Instruction for girls nine to 12 are held Sundays at Tansley Woods Community Centre in Burlington, while house league games — for girls 12 to 16 — are on Saturdays at Trinity.

For more information, call (905) 333-0019 or visit www.haltonvolleyball.com.

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- Tuesday, September 16 1:30 - 3:00 PM
- Tuesday, September 16 7:30 - 9:00 PM
- Wednesday, September 17 9:30 - 11:00 AM
- Thursday, September 18 7:30 - 9:00 PM
- Saturday, September 20 10:30 AM - Noon

Appleby United Church
4407 Spruce Ave (west of Appleby Line at Henderson Rd.)

- Tuesday, September 16 9:00 - 11:00 AM

Brant Hills Community Centre
2255 Brant St (between Upper Middle and Dundas)

- Tuesday, September 16 7:00 - 8:30 PM
- Friday, September 19 1:30 - 3:00 PM

Pineland Public School
5121 Meadowhill Rd. (off Spruce Ave, east of Appleby Line)

- Tuesday, September 16 7:00-9:00 PM

Tansley Woods Community Centre
1996 Itabashi Way (off Upper Middle, between Appleby and Walkers Lines)

- Thursday, September 18 9:30 - 11:00 AM
- Thursday, September 18 7:00 - 8:30 PM

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For more information:
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