

SPORTS

Elite's Hollister facing a busy summer

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Dakota Hollister will not exactly be willing away his summer days this year, even after the Rocky Mountain Lacrosse League season comes to an end on Saturday.

He will actually be splitting time between the junior B Cranbrook Elite and a Penticton midget team at the world's largest box lacrosse tournament in Calgary this weekend.

The rest of July will see him bounce around from Syracuse, NY to just outside San Francisco for university field lacrosse showcase events.

"I want to fit in other stuff, but when I'm home I'm not allowed to leave the house basically," said Hollister. "(My mom) doesn't want me getting into anything."

When the Elite's box season is over, Hollister will jump on board with the Burnaby Mountain Selects for a trip to Syracuse. His older brother Keiffer made the same trip last year, and it included a tour of Manhattan and meeting the Knicks' dance team.

After playing in front of scouts on the Eastern Seaboard, he and Elite teammate Tanner Rennich will take part in Westcoast 150 camp in the Lower Mainland, then depart for Sonoma, California for the Adrenaline Showcase mid-month.

They will stay a little longer and play for a free agent team against

various all-star American sides.

Then it's potentially back across the continent to Dartmouth, Massachusetts for yet another showcase.

Hollister has a very good idea of what the opposing teams will bring, as he and Keiffer attended prep school in North Carolina this spring.

"They'll probably all be really good, actually," he said. "It's mostly American high schools, and they're pretty good down there."

Hollister is expecting to get more attention from colleges and universities, who will officially be able to talk to him and Rennich on Sept. 1 as both are starting Grade 11.

Tired of a chronically short bench, the Elite are looking to a rival for some help shoring up the roster for weekend games against the Calgary Rockies and Innisfail Yettis.

They will add a handful of players from the Strathmore Venom as they close out the season in the Calgary 2011 Canada Day Box Lacrosse Tournament.

"We're going to pick up four or five, just to make sure we have three full lines," said head coach Ron Miles, who will not have either of his regular goalies available. Josh Prasad will bring his 60 minutes or so of experience to bear.

"With Josh playing in goal, our motivation will be to end the season with some fun. We're not going to be



MATT COXFORD PHOTO

Dakota Hollister in Cranbrook Elite mode.

too concerned what the score is — whether it's a W or another L," said Miles.

The RMLL playoffs are not in the picture.

"Not at all," laughed Miles. "With a win and a tie, we're not in the running."

Ice take a flyer on Import draft for a second year

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The Kootenay Ice did not pick a player in yesterday's Canadian Hockey League Import Draft after all.

The club had wanted to add a forward, but instead shipped their 51st overall selection to the Everett Silvertips for an eighth-round pick in next year's Bantam Draft.

"There's lots of activity throughout the day. We went in with a specific need, and we just couldn't get enough information on some of the players," said Ice general manager Jeff Chynoweth. "Could they be top-six players at some point, or were they going to be fourth-line players? We didn't feel comfortable based on what we were being told that we could make a definitive decision."



It is the second year in a row that Kootenay has chosen to not participate in the Import Draft.

Chynoweth said there is a possibility they will bring in a European player through other means this summer, but it's not a priority.

"Our focus is to find out what we're going to do with our 20-year-olds — the ones who are going to play pro and the ones who are going to come back. Obviously that's a more pressing need for our hockey club, but if the right Euro comes around we'll definitely look at (making a deal)."

The Ice finished last season with seven 1991-born players: forwards Joe Antilla, Cody Eakin and Jesse Ismond, defencemen Brayden McNabb, James Martin and Hayden Rintoul, and goaltender Nathan Lieuwen.

Only three will be eligible to play for the Ice next season.

TEE IT UP

The Kootenay Ice golf tournament is back for another year.

The primary fundraiser for the Kootenay Education Fund — having raised over \$320,000 since Day 1 — this year's tournament will be held Friday, Aug. 26 at the Cranbrook Golf Club.

Entries are being limited to 32 paid teams.

Each player's entry fee is \$160 and includes golf, dinner, calcutta and a first tee gift.

To register, contact the Ice office at 417-0322. The deadline to do so is Thursday, Aug. 18.

Federer blows 2-set lead, loses in quarters again

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WIMBLEDON, England — For two superb sets Wednesday, everything looked so routine for Roger Federer, precisely the way it did for so many years at Wimbledon — and nearly everywhere else, too.

Little comes easily for Federer anymore, even at the All England Club, where he's won six of his record 16 major championships.

Before Wednesday, Federer was 178-0 when taking the first two sets of a Grand Slam match.

Now he's 178-1.

Facing a younger, quicker and better-serving opponent, Federer failed to make his big lead stand up and lost 3-6, 6-7 (3), 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 to 12th-seeded Jo-Wilfried Tsonga of France in the quarter-finals. Federer leaves Wimbledon in that round for the second consecutive year, after reaching seven finals in a row from 2003-09.

Nevertheless, Federer sounded defiant in defeat, saying he played well against Tsonga and is sure he "definitely can" add to his Grand Slam collection, even though he'll turn 30 in August.

"When I was 20, I would have been crushed: 'I can't go on; I'll never get another chance to be in a quarter-final of a Grand Slam.' But today, I know that I should probably have lots more," said Federer, who lost in the French Open final earlier this month. "I don't have that mental stress. I know what I've accomplished already."

Morrow dominant for Jays

THE CANADIAN PRESS

TORONTO — When asked to describe his team over the first half of the 2011 season, Toronto Blue Jays manager John Farrell settled on the word "resilient."

The Blue Jays were exactly that Wednesday night, rebounding behind an outstanding pitching performance from starter Brandon Morrow to edge the Pittsburgh Pirates 2-1.

Recently recalled rookie Eric Thames got the Blue Jays (40-41) started with his first career major-league homer in the sixth inning, then the Jays staged a late seventh-inning rally jump-started by struggling outfielder Rajai Davis to give Morrow all the support he'd need.

Morrow (4-4), who's ERA remains a pedestrian 4.56, cruised through seven innings of work, limiting the Pirates (40-39) to a lone run — a single in the fifth off the bat of former Blue Jay Lyle Overbay — while striking out 10.

The right-hander went his first 3 1/3 inning without allowing a base-runner, until Chase d'Arnaud singled down the third-base line.

Morrow attributes getting ahead in the count to his recent success, which has seen him post a 2-0 record over his last three starts with a 1.77 ERA and 25 strikeouts.

"I think my fastball command has been the biggest thing, Morrow said. My two seam has really come around for me it's been great."

Farrell said Morrow seemed to get a



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Toronto Blue Jays pitcher Brandon Morrow works against the Pittsburgh Pirates during first inning MLB baseball action in Toronto on Wednesday.

second wind following the game-tying home run by Thames in the sixth.

"I think this year starts to mirror what he did a year ago," said Farrell, who believes Morrow is turning the corner. "Even when he was at 112, 114 pitches, he still had very good stuff. And given the night he had pitched — that was his ball game to give us the opportunity to win."

Thames, recalled from triple-A Las Vegas June 23, helped his team's cause with a home run that bounced off the top of the fence and over the wall in left-centre.

Momentum continued to swing in the Jays favour. Despite entering the contest in an ugly 0-for-11 slump, Davis started the decisive seventh inning with a one-out ground rule double — his second of two on the day.

Shortstop Yunel Escobar, who spoiled what could have been a strong scoring chance in the first by trying to stretch a leadoff single into a double, promptly hit a groundball into centre field to score Davis.

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#5 Age: 13
Nickname: L.J.
Position: Left Field
Favorite Athlete: Tanner Hall/ Grete Eliassen
Favorite band: Florence and the Machine
Favorite thing you own: Skis/ Softball glove
Who would you switch places with for a day: Kaya Turksi
Something most people don't know about you: I'm afraid of Fish and my pet peeve is when people get extra plastic bags from stores when they don't need them.
If you couldn't play softball, what other sport would you play: Skiing, Soccer, Cross Country running/ Track and field

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