

MINOR FOOTBALL

Hyacks win preseason preps

The Royal City Hyacks Football club kicked off its preseason with a big win last weekend.

The junior bantam Hyacks won their division at the South Delta Lions Bowl with an undefeated record.

The 12- and 13-year-olds were led by MVP and top team tackler Jeff Lugtu. First-year player Nicholas Hauka also turned in a strong performance.

In the Peeewe division, the Hyacks opened the tournament with a 6-6 tie against the defending provincial champs from Chilliwack.

Running back David Osho was unlucky not to score the game-winning touchdown when tackled on the one-yard line with no time left on the clock.

In the team's second game, the Hyacks beat Abbotsford White 18-0 on three touchdowns from Sammy Sidhu. The 10- and 11-year-olds lost to Abby Black, going down 6-0.

Identical twins Paul and Christian Roadilla were co-MVP's for the orange and black, combining for numerous tackles and a fumble recovery. Defensive lineman Shaye Rathjen caused a key fumble, and linebacker Kinsale Philip added



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Orange order: The Royal City junior bantam football team won a tournament in South Delta last weekend.

an interception. Phoenix Bourrier also added a pair of majors.

The Hyacks teams head to tournaments across the Lower Mainland for two more weeks, before opening the club's regular season Labour Day weekend.

The Hyacks also fielded two teams at an atom jamboree at Dennison Park in Tsawwassen.

Dante Baylis was named MVP after scoring the

lone touchdown for the Hyacks in a 12-6 loss to Abbotsford.

Jareb Pineda almost scored a couple of touchdowns for the Hyacks before being brought down by last-second defenders.

The Royal City Hyacks are looking for new players in all divisions from flag football to bantams, ages five to 13. For more information, go to www.hyack-football.com/rchfc.

Lax players on the move

Former New Westminster Salmonbellie Athan Iannucci was traded to the Edmonton Rush along with Alex Turner and goalie Brodie McDonald and three first-round draft picks from Philadelphia for transition player Brodie Merrill and other considerations in a blockbuster National Lacrosse League trade Tuesday.



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A few New West sport briefs

The New West Spartans brought home eight medals from the Legion Canadian Youth Track & Field Championships held in Ottawa from Aug. 5 to 7.

Ethan Strome won gold in the under-16 boys' 200-metre hurdles in a B.C. record time of 25.34. He also earned a bronze medal in the 100m hurdles.

Ahmad Nizamani placed first in the long jump with a distance of 6.60 metres.

Nizamani, along with fellow Spartan clubmate and team B.C. athlete Bogdan Pavel, earned a gold medal in the 4x400m medley relay and a silver medal in the 4x100m relay.

In the u-18 girls' division, Simran Rai

earned a second-place medal in the 3000m race walk, while Manisha Kandola ranked 12th overall in the youth girls' high jump.

Scholar athletes

New Westminster field lacrosse defenders Matthew Buchanan and Hayden Goss were among the 56 recipients of the second annual Burnaby Mountain Selects scholar athlete awards.

Buchanan, a Glenbrook Middle School student, and Goss, a New Westminster Secondary student, will be acknowledged for their outstanding academic achievements at the Maple Leaf awards dinner in January of next year.

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"We're keeping them down to eight goals. Our offence is not just the top seven players out of the gate, it's transition, too. Loose balls are our bread and butter," Catton said.

New West fell behind 3-1 in the opening stanza but got back on even terms on back-to-back goals from Justin Salt.

Coquitlam's Ben McIntosh, the hero of Game 3, gave the visitors an early 4-3 lead in the opening minute of the second period. But Robinson's clever interception and timely goal in front of the Adanacs' net knotted the score at fours.

Later, David Joyce closed out the period with the go-ahead goal on a two-on-one break.

But the Salmonbellies were not done. Reagan Harding tied the game for a fifth time on assists from Catton and another of the Royal City eight, Daniel McQuade.

Coquitlam's Brandon Bertoia got the game-winner minutes later. Kevin Neufeld finished off the Adanacs' scoring with a shot the length of the floor into an empty New Westminster net.

Despite the daunting task of having to win the next three games, Catton said there is a calmness in the 'Bellies dressing room.

"We can do this. We have to do this. I have a lot of confidence we can do this," he said. "I don't want it to end. It's very unlikely we'll ever play together again."

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