

### Fox, Leckie earn medals at national Age Group meet

The Halton Hills Blue Fins finished their season at the recent Swim Canada Age Group Championships in Montreal with Matthew Fox winning a silver medal in the 200m backstroke and Aysia Leckie earning a bronze in the 50m freestyle.



**MATTHEW FOX**

The 15-year-old Fox also finished fourth in the 100m back, sixth in the 50m free and eighth in the 100m free. Leckie, 14, was eighth in the 100m free.

The week prior, Blue Fins Kyle Haas and Matthew Fox competed at the Junior World Championship Trials in Pointe-Claire, Que.

The 18-year-old Haas, who had strong hopes for making it on the World Junior Team, finished 10th in the 100 backstroke, just outside of qualifying for the team.

"It is disappointing that I was not fast enough, but that's alright," said Haas. "I'm looking forward to training harder next season and sighting towards other goals. It's what you have to do as an athlete."

Fox managed to make a final in his specialty event, the 200m backstroke, where he finished 16th. This is a significant achievement for Fox, who was competing against a field of 18-20-year-olds.

"I was really nervous, but it is something I had to experience so I am better going forward," said Fox.



Britney Dortona (left) and Lauren Monhemhuis (right) won their respective races at the Provincial Open Water Swim Championships in Brampton recently, while Halton Hills Blue Fins' teammate Michael Jans (centre) was second his age group.

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### Blue Fins perform well in open water

The Halton Hills Blue Fins collected two gold medals and a silver for the local swim club at the Provincial Open Water Championships at Professor's Lake in Brampton, among several other top-10 results.

With 18 swimmers taking part, the Blue Fins were the largest team at the meet.

Fourteen-year-old Britney Dortona and teammate Lauren Monhemhuis, 12, won their respective

age group races over the 2-km distance, while Michael Jans was runner-up in the 14-year-old boys' category.

For the 15-&-over divisions, competitors had to swim 5 km and Blue Fin Keri-Lyn Copeland finished eighth. Mitchell Krafczek (14th) and Brooklyn Shelley (19th) also represented Halton Hills.

Other local results in the 2-km swim for 14-year-olds were Emilie

Knighon (6th); Quinn West (6th); Felipe Escobar (8th); and Brett Russell (11th).

For the 13-year-olds, Blue Fin results were: Livy Olson (6th); Katherine Peel (9th); Simon Olsen (9th); Mackenzie Warnock (14th); Megan Brosseau (15th); Laura Jean Bonifacio (17th).

Twelve-year-olds: Darian Zuraw (9th); Cassandra Sant' Angelo (11th).

The fifth-annual Steve Duplantis Memorial Golf Tournament took place recently at The Club at North Halton. Pictured (from left) are Steve Duplantis Sr., Danny Duplantis, Steve Jr.'s daughter Sierra and longtime PGA Tour caddy Mike 'Fluff' Cowan. A new trophy (seen here) was introduced, consisting of the remnants of a trophy from a caddies' tournament Steve Jr. won years ago.



### PGA caddy Cowan takes part in Duplantis tourney

Veteran PGA Tour caddy Mike 'Fluff' Cowan was in the area recently for the Canadian Open championship in Oakville and brought his own clubs to play in the fifth-annual Steve Duplantis Memorial Tournament at The Club at North Halton.

Local native Duplantis was also a well-known PGA caddy who died in Jan. 2008 after being struck by a taxi cab in San Diego, California.

Cowan, a 37-year caddy on the PGA Tour who carried Tiger Woods's clubs from 1996-99 and Peter Jacobsen's for 19 years, currently works for veteran Tour player Jim Furyk.

Duplantis also caddied for Furyk at one point and the golfer took part in the inaugural tournament in 2008. Several current PGA caddies also

take part in the local tournament, which raises money for a trust fund for Steve Jr.'s 17-year-old daughter Sierra.

PGA Tour player Spencer Levin, who had Duplantis toting his clubs at the time of the latter's death, has played in the tourney at North Halton the past couple of years but was playing in a Web.com Tour event as part of his recovery from wrist surgery.

The low gross score for an amateur at the tourney was Ashley Chinner with a 67, while Mississauga's Brian McCann won the pro division with a two-under-par 70. The winning foursome in the best-ball event was Patrick Doherty, Justin Worby, James Allen and Jeff Dablut at 21 under par.

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