

## Seven chosen for Winter Games

Halton Hills will be well represented at the upcoming Ontario Winter Games girls' hockey tournament in Muskoka with no fewer than seven players having been selected to play in the bi-annual event.

Just one of the players, forward Kayla Fillier, plays for the locally based North Halton Twisters' organization, with the others scattered around in centres such as Oakville, Cambridge and Stoney Creek.

Approximately 400 players age 15 and under from around the province auditioned for Ontario Women's Hockey Association officials in the initial tryout stage and that number was whittled down to 160 for the final cut, featuring bantam and midget-age skaters. For the tournament, those athletes will be divided into

eight teams, to be named after well-known women's national team members.

"It's really a celebration of hockey for the players and their parents," said OWHHA president Fran Rider.

"This is an introduction to our High Performance Program and there'll be an educational component for the players and their families where they'll be able to investigate some long-term opportunities with respect to post-secondary education. The NCAA recruits heavily in Ontario and Canadian universities also have a lot to offer student-athletes."

The tournament runs Feb. 28 to March 2 in Baysville, with the championship game slated for the Summit Centre in Huntsville.



Seven Georgetown residents have been chosen to participate in the women's hockey tournament at the Ontario Winter Games in Muskoka. Pictured above (front, from left) are: Tristan Usher (left wing, Etobicoke bantam AA), Hannah Miller (goalie, Stoney Creek midget AA), Sarah Fillier (centre, Oakville bantam AA). Back row: Kayla Fillier (right wing, North Halton bantam AA), Alicia Hunks (defence, Cambridge bantam AA), Meghan Hector (defence, Oakville midget AA), Courtney Maud (left wing, Oakville bantam AA).

*Submitted photo*



Georgetown's Tanner Leckie earned a gold medal in the senior boys' 100-metre individual medley during the Halton High School Swimming Championships at McMaster University Tuesday morning. Leckie also captured gold in the 200m freestyle race in another dominant performance by the reigning provincial high school champions.

*Nikki Wesley, Metroland Media Group*

## Rebels dominate Halton meet

Swimmers from Georgetown District High School dominated the Halton championship meet on Tuesday in Hamilton, winning all but one of the ten team titles that were awarded at McMaster University.

It's the 15th straight year that the Rebels have captured the overall team championship banner at the Halton meet. Their final point total of 1,546 was almost double that of the runners-up from Oakville-Trafalgar.

GDHS is also the five-time defending OFSAA champion. All Rebel swimmers at the Halton championships placed in the top 14 and move on to the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference meet Feb. 18 at McMaster University, which serves as a qualifier for the provincial finals, to be held March 4-5 at the Wayne Gretzky Centre in Brantford.

For individual results from the meet, visit the website [www.theifp.ca](http://www.theifp.ca)

## Crucial victory for Raiders

Before the Ontario Junior Hockey League's break for the holidays, the Georgetown Raiders couldn't beat a team from the loop's East Division.

But after Monday evening's 3-2 comeback overtime win in Cobourg against the Cougars, the West Division's Raiders have reeled off three straight from the East, which is considered by many to be the toughest di-

vision in the OJHL. The Raiders were 0-6-0 against East teams before blanking Trenton 4-0 here on Jan. 4.

Late-season acquisition Steven Mueller scored the unassisted marker 1:19 into the overtime period to clinch the two points after Cobourg had taken a 2-0 first-period lead in front of about 450 spectators.

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