

Maud nets golden goal

Courtney Maud of Georgetown scored the winning goal for her team in the gold-medal game in the girls' hockey tournament at the recent Ontario Winter Games held in Huntsville.



Georgetown's Courtney Maud led Team Jenner to Ontario Winter Games' gold after scoring the winning goal in the final.

Maud, who plays left wing for the Oakville bantam AA Hornets, was one of seven local residents who were invited to play in the tournament, which featured eight teams that were named after current and past stars of the Canadian women's national team program.

Maud was one of the leading scorers for Team Jenner in their championship run, capped by a 2-1 win over Team Watchorn.

Playing for the bronze medal winners were Georgetown's Tristan Usher and Meghan Hector.



Rallying in the late stages of the championship game for a 2-1 victory over Whitby, the North Halton novice B Twisters claimed their third medal of the season in tournament play by winning the Leaside event earlier this month. Team members (front, from left) are: Kalysta Song, Brieanne Falls, Caelan McDonald, Emma McIntyre, Hailey Dykstra (observed), Emma McCarthy, Avery Sachdev. Second row: Guilianna Melchionna, Shayne Klimsiak, Mackenzie Noyes, Yasmina Tomkin, Rowen King, Lorraya Felipe, Madison McMartin, Sienna Bullen. Back row: Trainer Leigh McMartin, head coach Al McDonald, assistant coaches Paul Dykstra, Rick McMartin, trainer Heidi Noyes.

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Novice Twisters tops in Leaside

North Halton's novice B Twisters required some late-game heroics to pull off a 2-1 shootout victory over Whitby in the championship game of a girls' hockey tournament in Leaside.

The Twisters didn't give up a single goal through round-robin play, yet found themselves down 1-0 to Whitby late in the third period of the final. Mackenzie Noyes scored with 58 seconds left to force overtime and then Emma McCarthy and Rowen King tallied in the shootout, with goalie

Caelan McDonald making a couple of saves to seal the win.

In the Lower Lakes league play-offs, the first-place Twisters advanced to the third round in the B category before bowing out to Stoney Creek in a shootout in the third-and-deciding game. The team has already qualified for the provincial championships in the Greater Toronto Area April 10-13.

The North Halton novices also earned silver medals at tournaments in Guelph and Oakville this season.

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Laxton's personal bests include: 400m - 40.78 seconds; 500m - 49.15; 1,500m - 2:37.26; 1,000m - 1:41.63.

Sarah Buchanan, 13, finished sixth overall this season for her age group and achieved personal bests in all her distances (200m - 23 seconds; 400m - 44.85; 500m - 55.61 and 1,500m - 180.56).

Twelve-year-old Kelsey Carr has recovered well from a knee injury suffered at a meet in Clarington and managed to earn PBs in all but one of her distances (200m - 24.98; 400m - 47.11; 500m - 57.7; 1,000m - 121.55; 1,500m - 192.96), as well as contributing to a gold medal performance in the relay.

In the open men's regional series, 15-year-old Calum McAlpine placed eighth overall for the season, which included a gold medal at the Golden Horseshoe meet and silvers in Milton and Cambridge. His best times are: 500m - 51.95 seconds; 1,000m - 1:48.67; 1,500m - 2:42.76.



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