



Jaguars jump out to 3-0 start

Aldershot's Taylor Boyd grabs the ball away from Taylor Mallais of Christ the King during a line out in a Halton Secondary School Athletic Association senior girls' rugby match last week. CtK improved to 3-0 with a 19-12 victory.

Photo by Victoria Thoms

Trio from CtK headed for OFSAA

Georgetown's Christ the King will send its largest-ever contingent of athletes to the Ontario Federation of Schools Athletic Association badminton championships in Markham this week as three Jaguars have qualified for the provincial tournament. Action begins Thursday and CtK has two entries. Grade 11 student Charlie Guo is making his third trip to OFSAA as a senior after going 3-0 to take the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference boys' singles championship last week in Milton. The Jags'



Christ the King's mixed doubles team of Aaron Orlowski (left) and Amanda Bruder and fellow Golden Horseshoe boys' singles' champ Charlie Guo qualified for OFSAA badminton.

mixed doubles tandem of Amanda Bruder and Aaron Orlowski went 3-1 at GHAC, winning the deciding game 15-12 to give the Grade 12 students their first trip to OFSAA.

Shieh shines on slopes, capturing Big White title

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Turns out there is a drawback to being Canada's snowboard cross champion in the 14 & under age group and Georgetown's Audrey Shieh will have to make a bit of a sacrifice this summer.

"I'm going to miss a lot of classes next year because of snowboarding so I'll have to take summer school to keep up," said the petite Grade 9 Georgetown District High School student.

"But that's okay, it's worth it. This summer I'm going to focus on getting my body strength up and stuff."

Shieh enjoyed a breakthrough winter of competition on the slopes, earning four medals at major events, including a come-from behind victory to earn the national title for snowboard cross in the season finale at the Big White Ski Resort in Kelowna, B.C. earlier this month.

"I came out of the gate really weird and I don't know what happened but I was third to start and then I went to last," recalled Shieh, who quickly reeled in her opponents as if they were sinking in quicksand.

"Thankfully I was able to catch everybody. It would have been nicer to have first the whole way down, but I think it was a little more entertaining race to watch someone pass on the second-last berm."

A member of the Ontario Snowboard Club, Shieh trains most weekends in the Collingwood area when she isn't clomping her boots on a podium. Along with her win at Big White, she won the Ontario championship and was runner-up at the Ontario Winter Games, both held



AUDREY SHIEH

at Mount St. Louis Moonstone near Barrie, and was third at another big meet at Beaver Valley.

Shieh began snowboarding recreationally about seven years ago when she found cheerleading not to her liking and father Stan noticed right away that she moved over the icy terrain much more effortlessly than the other kids. In 2011, she took up snowboard cross and looked to be on her way to the Canadian championship last year at Big White but a concussion took her out of the competition.

Next season, Shieh will be eligible to compete in FIS-sanctioned races as a 15-year-old and can earn prize money. She hopes to make the national development team by age 18 and eventually compete in the Winter Olympics.



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