

Oakville speed skaters win dozen medals at provincials

Oakville Speed Skating Club members won more than a quarter of the medals up for grabs at the recent provincial speed skating championships in London.

Oakville claimed 12 medals at the competition, including gold-medal wins by Suan Chang, Joshua Sullivan, Anaka Will-Dryden and Sean McNuff. Tiago Santos, Erin Heidecker, Mitchell Kothleitner and Ryan McNuff picked up silver medals, and Tom Watson, Hazel Garde, Brett Sullivan and Blake Sullivan notched bronze.

Adding top-six finishes in their events were Nicole Vrazinovski, Ian Welsby, Erin Stewart, Ben Heidecker, Samuel Chin-Cheong, Hal Malcolm and Emma Hobson.

Several OSSC members have

also been selected to represent Ontario at major upcoming competitions.

Ryan McNuff, Zachary Lin, Chin-Cheong and Hobson will be on the Ontario team that will compete at the Canadian championships in Montreal this weekend.

Brett Sullivan, Blake Sullivan, Shem Roberts, Sean McNuff, Will-Dryden, Garde, Stewart, Kothleitner, Heidecker and Lin will wear Ontario colours at the Canada East junior short-track championships in Toronto March 26-27.

In other local speed-skating news, Oakville's Patrick Duffy earned relay bronze at the recent world junior championships in Italy.

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HORNETS ELIMINATED: Bluewater Hawks player Meg Hannon (centre) gets in front of a slapshot by Oakville intermediate AA Hornets player Emma Dahlgren Friday at Joshua's Creek Arenas. Bluewater defeated the Hornets 7-3 to complete a three-game sweep of Oakville in the opening round of the Provincial Women's Hockey League playoffs. Christine Grant, Anissa Gamble and Melani Moylan scored for the Hornets, while Mia Favretto, Breanne Bennett, Leanne Gallant, Victoria Bach and Dahlgren had assists in the losing cause. Bluewater was the second overall seed in the PWHL playoffs.

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