



Three synchronized skating teams win regional medals

Skate Oakville hosting Synchro Capers this weekend

Several Oakville Edge synchronized skating teams appear sharper than ever as they prepare for this weekend's Synchro Capers meet at Sixteen Mile Sports Complex.

The Edge's juvenile and elementary A teams each won gold at last weekend's Ontario Regional Synchronized Skating Championships in Newmarket, while the senior squad claimed silver.

For the juveniles (pictured below), who beat out 14 other teams from across the province, the gold was their third of the season. Members of the team are Alysha Biffis, Sara Nassiri, Brooke-Lynn Caschera, Anna Nemcsek, Lauren Collett, Tegan Orr, Jaime Dalby, Lesandra Passafiume, Isabella Del Villar, Emma Rogers, Daniela Fisico, Madison McCowan, Hailey Roseland-Barnes, Nicole Goverde, Madison Shaw, Sarah Hayman and Olivia Xie. The team is coached by Michelle Snow.

The elementary A team (pictured above) was in third place after its first skate at regionals, but produced a season-best performance in its second skate to clinch the gold. Members of the elementary A squad are Sophie Caceres Vasquez, Emily Monaghan, Katina Chong, Maddy North, Elisa Giuliani, Victoria Morgado, Dominique Greyvenstein, Shelby Sondej, Ashley Keyes, Emilie Swales, Victoria Ivankovic, Meghan Tiplady, Chelsea Lorenz, Madeline Wright, Mina Mercetic and Yasemin Zeki. Jayda Everett coaches the team.

The senior team, a new addition to the

Edge organization this season, qualified for the Canadian championships with its silver-medal effort at regionals. Members of the team are Melissa Hopkins, Alexa Shelley, Riley Scott, Madelyn da Silva, Carlie Dixon, Natalie Faria, Bethan McGarr, Emma Curtis, Daina Sakalas, Stephanie Morin, Amy Hluchyj, Stephanie Wong, Makayela Hill, Christine Kumagai, Emily Ondercin-Bourne, Darcie Dixon, Julia Moro and Amanda Zimmerman. Jennifer O'Brien and M.K. MacDougall are the team's coaches.

Oakville's novice team also qualified for the national championships with a seventh-place showing at regionals. Members of that team are Emma Curtis, Stephanie Wong, Jasmine Hines, Isabel Heykoop, Rebecca Hill, Caroline Neely, Cassandra Morgado, Juliana Giuliani, Melissa Hopkins, Nikki Butani, Amanda Zimmerman, Delaney Dunford, Victoria Novak, Madelyn Da Silva, Alexa Shelley and Kristen McKain. O'Brien and MacDougall also coach that team.

The Skate Canada Synchronized Skating Championships will be held Feb. 21-23 in Calgary.

The Edge juvenile, elementary A, senior and novice teams, along with four other Oakville squads, will compete in the Synchro Capers competition, which will take place Saturday and Sunday. More than 100 teams are expected to participate in the meet.

For more information, contact Skate Oakville at 905-257-7771 or visit the organization's website at www.skateoakville.org.



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TOP-RANKED IN ONTARIO: Lakeside Volleyball Club under-18 player Megan Nash (11) goes up for a hit during an Ontario Volleyball Association tournament in London last weekend. Nash is one of several local players on the Lakeside squad, which won the tournament and is the top-ranked under-18 girls' volleyball team in the province. Lakeside will compete in an elite tournament in Chicago this weekend.

Correction to free throw competition U13 results

The Knights of Columbus Oakville free throw championship results that appeared in the Jan. 31 edition of the *Beaver* were incorrect in the 13-year-old boys' division.

St. James student Austin Van Zyl won the division, with St. Luke student James Sandiego placing second and St. Joseph student Alec Traynor finishing third. Van Zyl and Sandiego qualified to compete in last weekend's district championships in Burlington, as did the top two finishers in the other divisions.

Erroneous results from the 13-year-old boys' division had been supplied to the *Beaver*, but results from all other divisions were accurate.



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