

T.A. Blakelock Tigers player Tim Arnold (left) holds onto St. Thomas Aquinas Raiders opponent Eric Ritterhouse behind the Aquinas net Monday at Oakville Arena. The Tigers haven't needed to break many rules this Halton high school boys' hockey season, opening the campaign by outscoring their opponents 17-3 in three straight wins, including a 3-0 victory Monday. The Abbey Park Eagles have had an even more impressive start, winning their first two contests by a combined score of 17-1. The Eagles and Tigers will face off next Friday (Dec. 13) at Glen Abbey Recreation Centre, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

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Minor atoms strike silver in Rochester

The Oakville Rangers minor atom A blue team posted two wins and a tie in its first three games before settling for silver in the Squirt Minor 2 division at the Rochester Thanksgiving Classic hockey tournament last weekend.

Oakville doused the Kanata Blazers 6-3, blanked the Ajax Knights 2-0 and tied the Leitrim Hawks 2-2 in round-robin play, but the Hawks edged the Rangers 4-3 in the championship game.

Members of the Oakville squad are Noah Bulger, Ben Campbell, Blake Cooper, Stevie Flynn, Alexander Georgiou, Lucas Mathers, Simon McCabe, Nicholas McNevin, Rian Meisner, Matthew Milko, Justin Muurinen, Joseph Natale, Griffin Pick, Michael Siountres, Angelo Turco and Tyler Van Laare.

Randy Meisner, Ian McNevin, John Pick, Peter Bulger and Brent Van Laare coach the team. Warren Milko is the Rangers' manager.

— A photo of the team can be viewed online at http://bit.ly/189Wcn1

New hospital to benefit from Oakville 10K race

The Mercedes-Benz Oakville 10K will have a new charitable partner for the sixth running of the race next spring.

Organizers have formed a partnership with the Oakville Hospital Foundation, with a goal of equipping a single-patient room.

Eighty per cent of the rooms at the new Oakville hospital on Dundas Street will be designed for one patient in an effort to reduce risk of infection as well as provide privacy and comfort. All funds raised by the 2014 Oakville 10K — presented by New Balance and scheduled for Sunday, April 27 — will go towards one room, with a fundraising goal of \$25,000.

"This is more than just an event to us," said Oakville resident Nick Jelinek, founder and CEO of Influence Marketing and an Appleby College alumnus. "This is an opportunity to engage with the Oakville community, to get people active, and to do some good. The new partnership with the Oakville Hospital Foundation is a perfect fit — both relevant and timely."

As an incentive for the Oakville community to spread the word, the Oakville 10K will donate \$10 to OHF for each race referral throughout the month of December.

"The Oakville Hospital Foundation is proud to partner with the Mercedes-Benz Oakville 10K event," said Michelle Kerby, the OHF's community fundraising officer. "This event will help us raise awareness and funds for the new Oakville hospital. As the exterior of the new hospital is almost complete, it's our goal to fund the life-saving medical equipment our hospital needs for opening day."

In only five years, the Mercedes-Benz Oakville 10K has already become the largest race in Oakville and continues to grow. Next year's event will feature a 10K and 5K run/walk, The Martin Group of National Bank Financial High School Challenge, a one-kilometre junior jog for children ages 6-12, a 300-metre toddler trot for children ages 1-5, and the second annual mascot race.

Maintaining the event's tradition, one lucky finisher in either the 5K or 10K race will win a one-year lease of a new 2014 Mercedes-Benz CLA provided by Mercedes-Benz Oakville Autohaus. The grand prize winner will be determined through a random draw at the awards presentation following the event.

For more information and to register for the Mercedes-Benz Oakville 10K, visit www.Mercedes10K.ca.



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