



Appleby College student Thomas Akdeniz won a gold and a silver at this week's provincial high school swimming championships in Brantford. | **photo submitted**

## Three local champs at OFSAA swimming

Appleby College's Thomas Akdeniz and Abbey Park's Caroline Lauder each won gold and silver medals while T.A. Blakelock's Madeline Jeffrey added a gold at this week's Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations swim championships in Brantford.



**Caroline Lauder**

Akdeniz won the men's 15-and-over 100-metre backstroke by 0.39 seconds, finishing in 1:05.93. He missed gold in the 50m butterfly by four one-hundredths of a second, settling for second.

Lauder earned gold in the women's 15-and-over 100m freestyle, posting a time of 1:02.81 to win by 0.17 seconds. Her silver came in the 50m butterfly, nine one-hundredths of a second behind the first-place finisher.

Jeffrey won the women's 15-and-over 100m breaststroke with a time of 1:23.58, winning by 0.63 seconds.

Other notable finishers at OFSAA included Iroquois Ridge's Daniel Xia (fourth, men's 15-and-over 100m breaststroke) and Jeffrey Wang (fifth, men's 14-and-under 50m breaststroke), Appleby's Maddy Harrison (fourth, women's 15-and-over 100m backstroke) and St. Thomas Aquinas's Philip Mirek (fifth, men's under-20 100m para free-style).

In relay action, Appleby's team of Michael Tiganila, Mitchell Boggs, David Tiganila and Akdeniz was fifth in the men's 15-and-over 4x50m medley. Blakelock's squad of Chrissa McDonald, Meredith Johnson, Charlotte Paterson and Jeffrey was sixth in the women's 15-and-over 4x50m medley.

Appleby was 20th in the overall team standings (382 points), and Ridge was 23rd (345.5).

## Eagles pound Brebeuf in GHAC boys' hockey final

The Abbey Park Eagles won the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference boys' hockey title with a 8-1 rout of the St. Jean de Brebeuf Braves Wednesday in Hamilton.

Abbey Park and Brebeuf will both compete in the Ontario Federation of School Athletic

Associations AAA/AAAA championships March 18-21 in Oakville.

The Eagles won their first Halton Tier 1 title in 10 years last Friday when they defeated the Holy Trinity Titans 3-1 at Sixteen Mile Sports Complex.

## Red Devils fourth at volleyball provincials

Injuries to three players and the rep team commitments of another derailed the Oakville Trafalgar Red Devils' championship hopes at the AAAA girls' volleyball tournament in Barrie.

The Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference champs defeated three of their first four opponents at OFSAA before being swept in both the semifinal and bronze-medal games, settling for fourth place and antique bronze. Those final two matches were played without Sidney Newton, who Red Devils coach Abdel Samiky calls the team's "strongest player", as she had to attend a tournament with her rep club. OT was also crippled by injuries to Samantha Creighton, Julia Kreps and Jennifer Morratus.

"Next year, I'll have extra players, take more precautions. There are things you can't

predict. Some of our players who had injuries played the weekend before in the (United States with their rep team), and drove from the States to Barrie," said Samiky, adding he understands players' priorities lie with their rep teams. "I took only 12 players this year. Sixteen would be more helpful, with more than one setter and more than one libero."

OT's playoff losses were to Bishop Allen (16-25, 16-25, 10-25) in the semifinals and to Sinclair (20-25, 18-25, 8-25) in the bronze-medal game. Bishop Allen went on to defeat Glebe in five sets in the gold-medal contest.

In pool play, OT defeated St. Jean de Brebeuf (25-21, 25-17) and Eastview (25-23, 16-25, 15-12), and lost to Oliver Mowat (24-26, 17-25). The Red Devils downed Michael Power (25-18, 21-25, 25-21, 25-16) in the quarter-finals.



The Oakville Thunder 16-under white team won four of five matches to earn the championship at the recent Snowflake Showdown volleyball tournament in Buffalo. | **photo submitted**

## 16U Oakville Thunder rolls at Buffalo tournament

The Oakville Thunder 16-under white team defeated a Niagara Frontier squad 25-18, 25-17 in the championship game of the recent Snowflake Showdown volleyball tournament at Buffalo's Niagara Court Centre.

Oakville's win avenged a 21-25, 21-25 loss in pool play to Niagara Frontier, the Thunder's only loss at the tournament. The Thunder defeated teams from Rochester, Niagara,

Waterdown and Bloomfield, NY., in its other games.

Members of the Thunder are Simon Hardenne, Mikaila Patrick, Lauren Duffy, Hazel Brown, Megan Munro, Kaleigh Jeffrey, Kerry MacGregor, Mimi Cepic, Linnea Campbell, Teaghan Hignett, Valeria Granda, Cameron Merrigan and Julia Scott. Coaches are Brooke Ruschinsky, Cindy Merrigan and Pam Bovey.

## Little League organizers preparing for 2014 season

This winter's seemingly never-ending snow and cold temperatures aren't stopping organizers of Oakville Little League from preparing for the 2014 youth baseball season.

More than 100 teams across nine divisions are expected to participate in the upcoming campaign.

"We're obviously very pleased with the participation numbers we have seen so far and expect to see another strong and exciting year," said OLL president John Sweeney. "We are also pleased that so many more children and families are receiving the benefits of participation in Little League baseball."

In addition to its house league program, OLL also offers an all-star program at the minor (10-under), major (12U), intermediate (13U), junior (14U), senior (16U) and

Big League (18U) levels. All-star teams will attempt to qualify for the 2014 Little League World Series by participating in playdowns that progress through the district, provincial and national levels.

Every all-star player must also participate in OLL's house league program.

OLL's park on Cornwall Road will be buzzing this summer as the league hosts the district house league tournament, the minor and major all-star tournaments, the Whitecaps T-ball tournament and the Adam Fedoruk memorial competition.

For more information on Oakville Little League, visit [www.ollb.org](http://www.ollb.org) or visit the league's fieldhouse at 425 Cornwall Rd. The office is open Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-noon.



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