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**ON THE BALL!** the annual Oakville international soccer tournament wrapped up with the championship games on Monday. See upcoming edition for tournament wrap-up. These photos feature action from Saturday's preliminary round. In the left photo, the Oakville Strikers (white jerseys) played the Burlington Lightning in the U-11 division. In the right photo, the Oakville Gunners hosted one of the farthest flung teams, Lac St. Louis from Quebec, in the U-13 division.



## Pair are provincial champions

In sports you never take anything for granted, just ask the Toronto Argos.

But there was definitely no surprise at the gold medal brought home from the recent provincial rhythmic gymnastics championships by Oakville's Kirby Palkovic and her good friend and partner Karah Klodt of Burlington.

The pair, who were competing in

the 9/10-year-old duet category, also won the gold medal in the provincial qualifier and in all the tune-up meets they competed in.

Palkovic, a 10-year-old, Grade 4 student at River Oaks Public School, also added to her hardware in the individual category.

She won the bronze overall with a

silver in her free routine and a bronze for her hoop routine.

It was a step onto the podium for Palkovic who was fourth overall at the provincial qualifier.

The Oakville resident, who trains 13 hours a week, will move up an age category next year and is working hard to become a national level athlete.



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Oakville's Kirby Palkovic and Burlington's Karah Klodt (right photo) dominated their rhythmic gymnastic pairs competition. Palkovic (left photo) also made the podium in the individual competition.

## 'Horns improve to 5-0, host Tri-City this Saturday, 6 p.m. at Bronte Field

The Oakville Longhorns are after their 11th straight National Football Conference title and fourth straight Canadian Senior Men's Football championship.

And one thing, for sure, is that the two teams with the poorest records in the NFC weren't going to stop them — even on their own home turf.

Thus, last Friday, the 'Horns defeat-

ed Markham Raiders 51-0. The result extended both teams records to five straight wins/losses, respectively.

The previous week, the Horns had defeated the winless Sudbury Spartans

55-0.

That's 106-0 in two successive weeks over the league's bottom feeders. The scary thought is that this week the Horns are at home against one of

the league's new franchises, Tri-City Outlaws.

Tri-City sports a 3-2 record. Game time is Saturday, 6 p.m. at Bronte Athletic Field.

## Buzz open series with first ever playoff win

The Oakville Buzz's first ever post season game was a memorable one as they kicked off a best of five series in Barrie on Sunday with an 11-9 win.

Jason LeGree played a great game in net and the defence in front of him was awesome.

Oakville was up 3-1 after the first period, but down 6-5 going into the third period.



The Buzz had a great third period and an empty net goal with two seconds remaining

sealed their win.

Buzz goals were scored by were scored by Morgan Thenhaus (3), Brendan Thenhaus (2), Steph LeBlanc (2), Trevor Colm, Joel Leveille, David Brock and Josh Smyth.

### UPCOMING

The Buzz hosted their first ever home playoff game on Monday night at Maplegrove.

Because of Canada Day on Tuesday, that game went beyond this week's Wednesday deadline.

The Buzz play game three Thursday night in Barrie.

If necessary, game four would be back in Oakville on Saturday night, 8 p.m., at Maplegrove and game five would be back in Barrie on Sunday.

## National team makes first ever appearance in Oakville on Sunday

Oakville's Double Blue Basketball is back with much more than their annual Can/Am challenge this weekend.

They have scored a remarkable coup in attracting Canada's national team for a game against an American NCAA all-star team, tentatively slated for this Sunday at 6 p.m.

It's the first ever appearance by Canada's national team in Oakville.

All action takes place at Sheridan I.T.'s JM Porter gym.

The touring American all-star team will also play a local all-star team, playing under the Oakville Maddawgs banner. Those two games will be held on Saturday at 3:30 p.m. and Tuesday at noon, the latter one serving as a lunchtime matinee for Double Blue's

summer camp kids.

The Maddawgs will be led by former Sheridan Bruins all-time college great Shane Bascoe and he'll be joined by a host of former NCAA division I and CIS all-stars.

Double Blue and the Maddawgs program is led by Oakville's Dave Ferencina, the head coach of the Iroquois Ridge High School team.

He said the team rosters will be released today (Wednesday).

The annual Can-Am challenge between the Maddawgs and an NCAA all-star team was kicked off in 2000. The NCAA won both games last year.

For information call: Dave Ferencina, president and head coach at (905) 844-4166 or email: dferencina@cogeco.ca.

## Sheridan grad on national junior team staff

Oakville resident Joe Coccimiglio, the head athletic trainer for the Toronto St. Michael's Majors, has been selected as a therapist for the 2004 Canadian junior world squad.

The announcement was made by Hockey Canada and the Canadian Hockey League.

Coccimiglio, who graduated from Sheridan College's athletic therapy program after a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics at McMaster University, has spent the past five seasons with the Majors.

This will be Coccimiglio's second international position. Previously, Coccimiglio served as head athletic trainer for Team Ontario, which won a bronze medal, at the 2000 World Under-17 Challenge.

The Sault Ste. Marie native has also served as an assistant trainer at training camps for the 2000 senior men's national team and for the 1999 under-18 national team. Also in 1999, the Majors' head athletic trainer handled duties at the preparation camp for the Canadian world junior squad.

Mario Durocher, head coach of the QMJHL's Lewiston MAINEiacs (formerly the Sherbrooke Castors), has been named head coach of Canada's national junior team.

The 2004 World Junior Hockey Championship will be held over the Christmas Holidays in Helsinki and Hameenlinna, Finland.

**Joe Coccimiglio, St. Michael's Majors head athletic trainer, will help out Canada's world junior team this winter.**

