

# Local skiers win Canada Winter Games gold

Oakville skiers Brianna Macdonald and Robert Anderson each won gold medals during the first week of competition at the Canada Winter Games in Victoria, B.C.

Macdonald dominated the women's alpine giant slalom, winning by nearly four seconds. The victory came a day after she earned silver in the super-G.

"I was going really fast and I felt myself increasing speed on every single section of the course," said the 15-year-old. "I came down to the bottom and I was ahead of everyone by a lot, so I was really happy."

Anderson's victory came in the men's freestyle dual moguls, where he bested Quebec's Alexandre Lavoie 19-16 in the final. Anderson, 17, added a 10th-place



Brianna Macdonald won the women's alpine giant slalom at the Canada Winter Games. | photo by Giles Palmer — Courtesy of Canada Winter Games

finish in single moguls.

Oakville's William Kornya also earned a skiing medal, collecting bronze in the men's alpine super-G. Griffin Copp, also of Oakville, was fourth in the event.

In women's hockey, Oakville's Lindsay Agnew, Madison Field, Sarah McDonnell and Kristin O'Neill were forced to settle for silver after a 2-1 overtime loss to Quebec in the championship game. O'Neill forced OT by tying the game with 3:20 remaining in regulation time, but Quebec scored a power-play marker 9:18 into the extra session to win its first-ever Canada Winter Games women's hockey title.

The Games will continue until March 1.

# Curler claims eighth U.S. title

Since her first USA Curling Nationals in 1991, Erika Brown has changed roles, teammates, even the country where she lives.

The only thing that hasn't changed is her ability to win.

The Oakville resident won her eighth national title Saturday in Kalamazoo, Mich., holding off a late charge by former teammate Patti Lank to win 7-6. Brown now ranks second to Allison Pottinger (10) in U.S. women's titles.

The victory came 20 years after Brown's first national women's title in 1995, the first of her only back-to-back wins. She added championships in 1999, 2002 and 2004 (all three as vice with Lank as skip).



Erika Brown

Brown ended her longest stretch without a championship — six years — when she took the 2010 title, also held in Kalamazoo. She last won in 2013 in Green Bay, Wis., a two-and-half hour drive from her hometown of Madison, Wis.

Despite the victory, Brown's rink will not get the opportunity to represent the U.S. at the world championships. The American representative was determined by points earned throughout the season with Aileen Sormunen, who took the bronze at nationals, finishing atop the order of merit.

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## Garth Webb's basketball program making quick strides

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(nine). Webb withstood a game-opening 17-6 run by the Trailblazers and took its first lead of the game with a minute to go in the first half. Neither team led by more than three points again until midway through the fourth quarter.

Webb coach Tim Faulhafer la-

mented his team's inability to make a run when Jurkovic went to the bench with foul trouble early in the third quarter, but was thrilled with the Chargers' season overall. Webb is in just its third year of existence and made the junior Tier 2 playoffs last season for the first time.

"We're growing a program,"

Faulhafer said. "Our kids come looking to play basketball, and we get in the gym and work hard."

"I'd like to be known as a basketball school. It's close to my heart. But I'm just happy to take the kids who come to the school and help them enjoy basketball."

— Jon Kuiperij

## Midget Titans extend two Holy Trinity boys' basketball streaks

Andrew Deligero and his teammates made sure that two Holy Trinity Titans streaks lived on.

Deligero scored 18 points on his birthday as the Titans won their fourth straight Halton midget boys' basketball title with a 37-28 win over Milton's Craig Kielburger Spartans Tuesday at Sheridan College.

Trinity's win also extended the Titans' streak of having at least one regional boys' basketball champion to nine seasons. Holy Trinity's four-year run as junior Tier 1 champs ended this year, while the school's

senior team claimed Tier 1 crowns in 2012 and 2013.

"The whole load of our school was on this. We had to focus even more because we wanted to bring this back to HT and get at least one championship," said

Deligero, who turned 15 Tuesday.

The Titans trailed Kielburger by as many as 12 points in the first half and did not pull away until Sukhman Jagpal hit a three-pointer with two minutes remaining in the fourth quarter, giving Trinity a 34-28 lead.

Jagpal scored six points, Keontay Willis added five and Cameron Marley scored four. Michael Nkongold (15) and Justin Knight (nine) were the top scorers for Kielburger.



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