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Blue Fins score big at Oakville winter meet

The cold winds of January clearly didn't chill the enthusiasm of the Halton Hills Blue Fins competitive swim club. In January, 11 young boys and girls competed in the Oakville Winter Invitational, which by all accounts was a success for all participants.

In the finals were Chris Henderson (boys 11 and 12 years) with his third place finish in the 50 metre freestyle, and fourth in the 100 metre backstroke. Alex Main (boys 13 and 14 years) was also a big winner, placing third in 400 metre individual medley and fourth in both the 100 metre and 200 metre freestyle races. In the same age group, Andrew Hodgson

came in eighth place in the 100 metre breaststroke, with Patrick Potosky scoring a sixth place spot in the 100 metre backstroke.

In boys 15 years and over, Dan Hardstaff added another club record to his list of successes with his 200 metre freestyle swim, while Christine Lent, girls 15 years and over, recorded a fifth place finish in the 200 metre backstroke.

Jordan Scarlett, Scott Wilson, Aaron Scarlett, Kate Chapman, and Bonnie Sparling also had stellar performances, with many of the Blue Fins coming away from the meet with personal best times.



BREAKAWAY: The Mighty Ducks and Panthers faced off Saturday in Georgetown Minor Hockey Senior Tyke action. Superior Ducks goaltending saw the Ducks build up a 2-0 lead halfway through the game. (Jamie Harrison photo)

Charleys continues to dominate in Halton Darts League action

BY ALEX TOUGH

Special to The Gemini

Charleys now have a 20 point lead over Legion One, at the top of the Halton League and are hot favourites for the league play championship. Brackys Brew Crew slipped into third place a further eight points adrift and just two points ahead of fellow bar squad Grillers. Royal Pizza Two, Brackys Fat Bunch and Legion Two round out the top half of the standings. McGibbon Two, Pattys One, Brackys Tapsters, Legion Three, Pattys Two, Royal One and McGibbon One are at the bottom of the standings.

As Charleys leads the way in team play, so, too, does Dave Scutt of McGibbon Two lead the way in individual honours. Twelve maximums (180s) attests to the 'big man's' ability to bring in the big score. He has 19 singles wins, same as Walt Anderson (Bracks Grillers), however Terry Hancock has 20 wins in this category.

The leading womens player is Julie McCorry a comfortable 32 points ahead of Caroline and Denise Vallance, both from Brackys Tapsters. Caroline Vallance is the only women's player to strike a 180 to date.

In Industrial League action there were a couple of surprises. Chuckers defeated Dreamers in the first round and Nimrods defeated Gasketman in the third round. Chuckers were the only team to win all three, with Panthers and Independents losing all three of their matches. Overall Dreamers have a 15-3 record, Gaskets are 14-4, Guzzlers are 13-5 with Chuckers 12-6.

Jim Franks (Independents) with 120 and Mike Vernon (Woodchokers) closed 130, on a final dart bull (50). Brad Ambiance fired a 180, his second of the year.

Playoff action keeps Novice Raiders busy

The Minor Novice Raiders finished the week with two Tri-County playoff wins, but ran into a tough opponent in dropping a 2-1 decision to Orangeville in second round OMHA play-downs.

The Raiders relied on a strong second period in defeating the Brampton Maroons in Tri-County play. After a scoreless first period, Peter Bailey and Chris Darling showed their speed and agility to pop back to back breakaway goals. Mike LaRose, Cory McLaughlin and Jeff Bayley counted assists. Raymond

Martin netted the third of the period assisted by LaRose and Peter Bailey. Brampton fought back in the third to come within a goal of the Raiders before Brett Reynolds notched the game winner, with Jeff Bayley as the set up man.

LaRose put the game out of reach, with a blistering wrist shot from the right side. Martin drew the assist on the insurance marker.

The Raiders beat Burlington with a strong defense and superb goaltending in last weeks on Tri-County action.

The Raiders won 6-2, Martin adding two goals and an assist. Bayley also scored twice, with Darling and Bailey adding singles.

LaRose added three assists and was a persistent forechecker.

Also drwing assists were Cory McLaughlin (2), Brett Reynolds (2), Michael Clost and Bailey.

The Raiders lost their first game of their best of five series against Orangeville in a tight 2-1 tilt. The Raiders' Darling scored first, assisted by Bayley and LaRose.

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