

## Local gymnast takes sixth at first qualifying meet



Local gymnast Ashley Johnson represented Halton Hills well during Halton's first qualifying meet in Burlington, taking sixth place overall finish. Six Halton Hills Gymnasts competed in Burlington, on December 1st, in their first of

three qualifying meets for the provincial championships in the spring.

Ashley Johnson, Daniela Soria, Tracy Weyermars, Ainslee Emerson and Krista Meads competed in the Pre-Argo category and captured the team championship. Jennifer Robertson was not able to compete due to illness.

Ashley Johnson emerged as the top local gymnast with a first in bars (9.35) and a third in floor (9.20). These scores combined with her scores in vault and beam gave her a sixth place showing overall. Daniela Soria had a second place showing in bars (9.30). Other excellent scores were achieved by Tracy in bars (9.00) and Ainslee in bars (8.90) and floor (8.90) and Krista in bars (8.70).

Kristin Boyle competed in the Argo B category. Kristin achieved a third place medal in the vault with a score of 8.75. This combined with her scores in beam, bars and floor gave her an eleventh place showing overall.

Each of the gymnasts trains 16 hours a week under the coaching of Paula Geniole. They will now be preparing for their second qualifying meet in February.

## Hurricane Peewees reach semis in Buffalo tourney

The Leaver Hurricane Peewees won three straight games in the popular Buffalo Wheatfield Tournament to reach the semifinals with the Mississauga Reps, Amherst and Barrie teams.

Due to the luck of the draw, their first two games were against league rivals. On November 29, the Hurricanes played their first game against the Oakville Rangers. Halton scored first on a pretty goal by Todd Miller. Justin Davis minutes later finished off a Peter Mashinter pass to make it 2-0. Mashinter closed off the period on a hard wrist shot from a Jon Atley rebound to give Halton a 3-0 lead. The Hurricanes took an even greater lead when Davis made it 4-0.

Jamie Walker, with a minute left in the second, took passes from Miller and Darin Finlayson, scooted behind the net and deposited a wraparound. On a power play Mashinter, with his second, whacked in a rebound from Davis and Curtis Carr to take an insurmountable 6-0 edge before Oakville scored its only goal. Halton kept up the pressure, however, and defenceman Richard Trotter fired a blistering slap shot from Carr which clanged off the post to close off a 7-1 victory.

In the afternoon, Halton played regular rival Brampton and won a hard fought contest. Justin Davis scored on a solo effort minutes into the game to give Halton the lead. A minute later Todd Miller stole the puck from a Brampton defenceman and flipped it over the net minder's shoulder to go up 2-0. Brampton scored seconds later. Davis with his second from Mashinter and Finlayson gave Halton a 3-1 lead early in the second period. Davis completed his hat trick later in the period to give Hurricanes a 4-1 lead.

Steven Roy flicked a neat pass from Garry McNiven into the net near the end of the period to make it 5-1. Brampton scored 2 goals in the third to tighten the score but to no avail.

Saturday's game against the New York State champion Buffalo Regals, was one of the most exciting games of the year. The Regals had to win it since a tie was insufficient on a points for/against basis. In the first two periods the Regals outplayed

the locals, scored two goals, and held the lead until five minutes in the game before the Hurricanes came storming back. Doug Janjevich took a pass from Finlayson and Roy, skated across the goal mouth and whipped a wrist shot under the goalie.

A mere 30 seconds later Finlayson one-handed a Miller rebound past a sprawling Regal goalie to tie up the game. The crowd went wild in the last minute as the Regals pulled their goalie and hammered pucks at an unbeatable Jeff Langille. An empty net goal by Davis with 10 seconds remaining put the Hurricanes into the semifinal.

The Sunday semifinal game was anticlimatic as the eventual tournament winners, the Mississauga Reps, beat the Hurricanes 3-0 to advance to the championship final. Two of their 3 goals were scored on power plays. Overall, it was an excellent performance for the 13 year old Peewees, as they added more lustre to the Halton Hurricane reputation.

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## Senior men's basketball rebs lose home opener

### REBEL REPORT

By STEVEN LeBLANC  
The Herald

Despite a strong effort during their home opener last Wednesday, the senior men's basketball Rebels were overpowered and outgunned by the Oakville Trafalgar Red Devils 71-50.

If Georgetown plans to avenge their defeat the next time the two squads meet on the court, they will have to do two things - one, shut down offensive star Andy Robertson, and two, know where Red Devil playmaker Ryan Taylor is at all times.

Oakville Trafalgar took the early lead in last Wednesday's games with some strong offensive passing, particularly by playmaker Ryan Taylor. The Red Devils were particularly effective with their rebounds. The Rebels couldn't seem to make their way into the key in the first quarter.

Georgetown came back in the second quarter with some successful drives to the net but during shots inside the key, weren't able to capitalize on their offensive rebound.

ds the way O.T. was. The score at the half was 40-25 for the Red Devils.

Oakville Trafalgar kept up their strong offence in the second half, led by Andy Robertson, who scored 25 points in the game. The Rebels were more intense in the second half, breaking up Red Devil drives to the net and coming out on top during several fights for possession.

However, the Red Devils pulled ahead in the fourth quarter with three layups by Robertson and great passing by Taylor. Georgetown was simply unable to mount any type of comeback and took the loss.

High scorers for the Rebels were John Cruise with 22 points, Adam Poyntz, 11 points, and netting 10 points was John Jickling.

The Rebels next game is tomorrow (Thursday) at St. Thomas Aquinas and their next home game is Dec. 17 vs. White Oaks.

## A day at the rink



(Left picture), Georgetown hockey youths Joshua Hunt (left) and Travis Bisschop cheer on their big brother Jason and Ryan during the older brothers' Novice game Saturday. (Both are members of Klinsmen No. 5). Despite a strong effort, the team was



edged out 4-3 by Team 7. (Right picture); Select player Matt Tales gets help with his skates from father Dave Tales before the team's contest against Subway. (Herald Photos)

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