

Four Impact teams medal at OVA championships

Four Georgetown Impact Volleyball Club teams earned medals at the recent Ontario Volleyball Association finals and one is headed for the national championships next week in B.C.

Ranked second in the 24-team Division I girls' draw going into the provincial tourney at RIM Park in Waterloo, the under-18 Impact advanced to the semifinals despite a straight-set loss to the top-seeded and eventual-champion Durham Attack Black in the power pools segment of the schedule.

In the semis, Georgetown faced the Scarborough Titans and lost in the tie-breaking set 15-8, resulting in a matchup with the Maverick Shotguns of Ottawa in a bronze-medal matchup.

The Impact rolled to a 25-16, 15-25, 15-10 victory and will be Ontario's third-seeded entry for the 96-team Canadian Open tournament in Abbotsford, B.C. May 14-16.

Hillary Banks, playing in the libero position, was named to the tournament all-star team at the Provincial Championships for the under-18 girls' division.

Impact team members are: Sarah

Chapin, Sarah Traynor, Lindsay McCabe, Tory McCracken, Arissa Fogolin, Alicia Combe, Nicole Arthurs, Banks, coaches Patty Hall, Kevin Hughes.

Georgetown's under-14 girls' Impact was the only team to go undefeated through the round-robin and playoff qualifying matches at the provincials in Waterloo with an 18-0 record, setting up a clash with rival Durham Attack for the Division I championship.

The Impact took the first set 25-16, then dropped the second 25-22 and lost in the tiebreaker 15-9.

Team members are: Elizabeth Deakin-Poot, Jillian Ivany, Bailey Davis, Sarah Kimber, Olivia Keast, Jessica Gormley, Rachel Gorjup, Emily Skilling, Jacqueline Tanguay, assistant coach Chantelle Tanguay, coach Tim Davis.

Also at the provincials, the Impact under-16 girls competed in the under-17 age group and collected bronze medals for placing third Tier I Division II, good for 11th overall, while Georgetown's under-17s scored gold for winning Division III in Tier 1, finishing 25th.



Mitch Racinsky of the Georgetown Rebels attempts to punch his way in for a try Monday against the Abbey Park Eagles in the late stages of their Halton high school senior boys' rugby match at GDHS. Teammate Jason Henschel did score a try shortly after, but the Rebels lost 29-17.

Photo by Eamonn Maher

Tough lessons for Rebels

By **EAMONN MAHER**
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Moving up to the top tier of senior high school rugby in Halton region was bound to come with some growing pains and the Georgetown Rebels are trying to keep pace with the big boys.

The Rebels slipped to 0-3 on the season after a 29-17 defeat to the visiting Abbey Park Eagles Monday, but first-year GDHS coach Garth Serjeantson

feels the team is making strides to becoming more competitive in the four-team Tier I loop, that also includes powerhouse Oakville-Trafalgar and Burlington's Nelson.

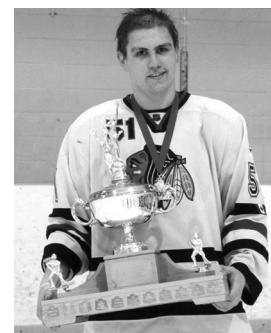
"I thought we were the better team for a lot of the game today and that's the best we've played," said Serjeantson, a community coach who plays for the North Halton Highlanders' men's club team.

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Breakout season sparks Sting to take a chance on D'Oliveira

The second time around turned out to be the charm for Georgetown's Alex D'Oliveira as the 17-year-old defenceman was drafted by the Ontario Hockey League's Sarnia Sting on the weekend.

The 6-foot-1, 210-pound Georgetown District High School student was passed over last year in his first draft-eligible season largely due to injuries, but a breakout campaign with the Mississauga midget AAA Reps drew the interest of OHL clubs and post-sec-



ALEX D'OLIVEIRA

ondary schools.

D'Oliveira was taken in the 11th round, 202nd overall, and was one of just a handful of 1993-born players chosen in the OHL's Priority Selection, which is conducted on-line.

He played a prominent role in helping the Reps earn an OHF title last month and the team went on to finish second at the Telus Cup in Quebec, the best-ever finish for an Ontario qualifier in over 30 years at the national championships.

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