

Up and over



Matt Schumacker (35) of Christ the King's Jaguars lets go a running hook shot during a Halton Secondary School Athletic Association midget boys' basketball contest last week against Burlington's Assumption in Georgetown. The guest Crusaders scored a 38-24 victory. The 0-4 Jags finished off their regular season with games against Corpus Christi and Nelson in Burlington Wednesday.

Photo by Eamonn Maher

Rebels rule the pool

Swimmers from Georgetown District High School have now won a dozen consecutive Halton team championships, turning in one of their most dominating performances yet at last week's 2011 meet at the University of Guelph.

The Rebels captured eight of nine possible team titles at the Halton meet, and even the category they didn't win—the new Para division for swimmers with intellectual or physical disabilities—has been a successful part of this year's program, said GDHS head coach Krista Nicholls.

Several students were multiple gold medalists in Guelph and approximately 60 of the team's 77 members are posting times that would qualify them for the provincial championships March 1-2 at the Etobicoke Olympium.

Qualifying for the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations meet will take place at the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference championships to be held Monday, again in Guelph.

The Rebels have won the last two OFSAA overall team titles and appear destined for another based on results so far. Georgetown accumulated a highest-ever point total of 1,265 in winning the Halton crown, almost double that of second-place Oakville-Trafalgar with 629.5.

Nadiya Safanova and Cameron Elgie earned five gold medals each for GDHS, and other multiple-event winners included Trevor Burwell, Rachel Truscott, Sarah Reid, Sam Bellman, Nikolay Videnov, Calum Smith, Aaron Brautigam, Lauren Brewster, Robyn Rousseau, Stefan Sicard, Chris Bellman, Daniel Ardron, Kristen Davison, Megan Ardron, Nicole Sherratt, Charlie Wright, Ryan Mersiadis-Carrier and Corey LeBlanc.

As well, 11 of the 12 Rebel relay teams qualified for GHAC.

The 19-year-old LeBlanc, who won two individual events and a 400m freestyle relay gold with Burwell, Brautigamin and Elgie in Guelph—along with Grade 9 student Mirren Smith—are swim team members in the new Life



Grade 9 Georgetown Rebel swimmer Nikolay Videnov wore his school colours proudly during the Halton Secondary School Athletic Association championship meet last week in Guelph. Not only was the aspiring artist a force in the pool by winning the junior boys' 50m breaststroke race and another gold in the 200m medley relay, but he was a hit with teammates who sported his tattoo-like designs drawn with washable markers.

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Skills program at GDHS, while 16-year-old Kate Girard, in the Centre program, picked up a third-place result at the Halton meet.

"They've added a whole new dimension to our team," added Nicholls, who has taken over the head coaching duties as Jon Newcombe is on a sabbatical in New Zealand.

"Our student coaches, Amber Cubitt and Emily Bourque, work with Kate and Mirren and they have their own lane in practice. Corey is a member of the Blue Fins (local swim club) and is a strong freestyler. Our kids get crazy and cheer them on. It's been great to see how much they've improved in such a short time."

Highlights for Christ the King Secondary School swimmers included a third-place individual finish for Samantha Ceci in the girls' 100m butterfly.

Ceci also teamed up with fellow Jaguars Lexie Kroezen, Emily Hansen and Avery Jans to place runner-up in the girls' 400m freestyle relay.

Champion 'Dogs will hit road early

The Founders Cup-champion Halton Hills Bulldogs begin defence of their Canadian Jr. B lacrosse title with four straight road games to start the 2011 season.

The Bulldogs travel to Kahnawake and Akwesasne on the opening weekend of the regular campaign for games on April 23-24.

A rematch of the 2010 Ontario Lacrosse Association East Conference final series follows April 28 in Bowmanville when the Dogs visit the Green Gaels of Clarington.

The home opener for the Bulldogs is set for Thursday, May 5 when the Oakville Buzz—making its return to the OLA's East Conference—comes to the Alcott Arena.

For the full season schedule, visit the website www.haltonhillsbulldogs.com.

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A couple of Halton Hills Minor Lacrosse Association products were selected in the recent OLA Jr. A league midget draft.

Defender Jamie Batten of Caledon, who

scored a goal in the one game he played with the Jr. B Bulldogs last season, was taken in the first round, ninth overall, by the Burlington Chiefs.

Georgetown's Derrick Thomas went to the Orangeville Northmen as the fourth pick in the second round.

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The Halton Hills Minor Lacrosse Association has some registration dates upcoming for the 2011 box and field seasons.

Sign-ups will be held Saturday, Feb. 12 & 26 at the Acton Arena from noon to 4 p.m. and on Saturday, Feb. 19 at Mold-Masters SportsPlex in Georgetown from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The cost for box divisions is \$100 for the peanut age group (born 2007-08) and \$200 for the paperweight to intermediate teams.

Field lacrosse (tyke to midget) is \$175.

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