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Jags, Rebels hot on the ice

Georgetown is turning out to be a hotbed for high school boys' hockey in 2011 in Halton region.

Christ the King's Jaguars captured their first-ever Halton Secondary School Athletic Association Tier I title last week, defeating Oakville's Iroquois Ridge 5-3 in the final in front of several hundred spectators at the Alcott Arena.

And the Georgetown Rebels were looking to claim the Halton Tier II crown Monday afternoon in Oakville against Loyola in a matchup of teams that finished the regular season record at 7-2-1.

With just one loss this winter, the Jags will likely host Hamilton-Wentworth-champion Bishop Ryan this Wednesday at 1:45 p.m. at the Alcott Arena for the Golden Horseshoe championship and a berth in the OFSAA AAAA tournament March 22-25 in Toronto.

It would be the second year in a row that the Jags made it to the provincial finals in just the fifth season of the hockey team's existence. They made the quarterfinals in St. Catharines last year before bowing out.

"We're a pretty young team— four of our defencemen are Grade 11s and 15 of the 19 players are first-year guys, so it's nice to be able to transition like that and get good results," said CtK head coach Scott Van de Valk.

In last Wednesday's Halton championship game, the Jags were tied with Iroquois Ridge at three early in the third period before Justin Kaye scored his second goal of the game on a shorthanded breakaway for the winner in a 5-3 victory. Tyler Topham, Cody Gresswell and captain Dylan Hannan also tallied, with Cam Jenkins earning the W in goal.

The Rebels were denied a Halton title four years ago when they lost in overtime in the final to Nelson.

Scoring for GDHS Thursday in its 6-4 win over Thomas Aquinas in the Halton semifinal were Stephen Damphousse (2), Brandon Allison (2), Conor McGucken and Andrew Smith, while goaltender Bradon Bodiam continues to stand out.

Georgetown's girls were eliminated from the senior Tier II playoffs after a 2-1 loss to unbeaten St. Thomas Aquinas Friday.

VOLLEYBALL: The unbeaten Georgetown Rebels are seeded number one in the province heading into today's (Tuesday) preliminary-round matches at the OFSAA AAAA senior girls' championships in Newmarket.

Coach Kyle Stewart's side, which lost in last year's provincial final to Kitchener's Forest Heights, will face Grand River, London's Mother Teresa and Michael Power of Toronto in the opening round today, with the quarterfinals set for Wednesday morning.

GDHS's seniors swept away Hamilton's St. Thomas More last Wednesday in three straight sets to take the GHAC title, although both teams still qualified for OFSAA.



Charlie Wright (top photo) helped Georgetown District High School's senior girls' medley relay team finish fifth at last week's OFSAA championships in Etobicoke. Photo by Eamonn Maher

Rebel swimmers tops in province— again

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It's going to be difficult for the Georgetown Rebels to top their latest dominant display in the pool after last week's provincial high school swim championships in Etobicoke.

The Rebels captured the overall team championship banner for the third consecutive year at the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations' meet at the Olympium, finishing an amazing 612 points ahead of the second-place Riverside Rebels of Windsor.

In 2009, GDHS took top spot by 176 points and increased that total to 207 in 2010 before last week's onslaught, as most of the school's 43 OFSAA qualifiers contributed point to finish first in both the girls' and boys' categories.

The girls last won the team title in 1989 and it's been 27 years since the Rebels claimed all three of the overall, girls' and boys' championship banners.

"We knew we were strong going into the meet because we were favoured in all categories, but I didn't think we'd win by that wide of a margin," said Rebel head coach Krista Nicholls.

"It'll be tough to repeat that next year. We're losing about 20 Grade 12s, but it's a good omen that our



Christ the King's Samantha Ceci placed 22nd in the girls' 100m butterfly. Photo by Eamonn Maher

junior boys' and girls' teams did really well and they should be able to step up and be competitive as seniors."

Three Rebel swimmers pulled off double gold medal showings. Corey LeBlanc won the 50m and 100m freestyle races for the PARA Multi-Disability category, with Cameron Elgie earning gold in the senior boys' 200m free and as a member of the freestyle relay team alongside Sam Bellman, Brandon Star and Chris Bellman. Elgie also took silver in the 100m free.

Grade 10 student Nadiya Safanova was also a triple medal recipient, finishing first in the 100m freestyle and the junior girls' medley relay with Lauren Brewster, Sarah Reid and Rachel Truscott.

Safanova placed third in the

50m butterfly, as did Reid in the 50m breaststroke and Brewster in the 50m backstroke.

Brewster collected a third medal on the bronze junior girls' freestyle relay team with Truscott, Robyn Rousseau and Nicole Sherratt.

Georgetown's Daniel Ardron, Nikolay Videnov, Stefan Sicard and Ryan Mersiadis-Carter combined to claim silver medals in the junior boys' medley relay, with Ardron and Mersiadis-Carter getting bronzes alongside Tanner Leckie and Bryan Bartle in the freestyle relay.

Michael Niemeier, Matt Oles, Brandon Star and Chris Bellman were third in the senior boys' medley relay and Sicard had a bronze in the 100m IM.

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