

SPORTS & LEISURE

Jags fall in gridiron final Montag seeks Vanier Cup upset

Despite having two of their running backs rush for over 100 yards on the day, Christ the King's Jaguars came up just short against the T.A. Blakelock Tigers Tuesday morning.

The Tigers prevailed 18-14 in the Halton Secondary School Athletic Association Tier II junior football title game at McMaster University in Hamilton even though Jaguars Eric Putnins and Tanner Gaskill-Cadwallader had standout performances out of the backfield.

Putnins had 17 rushes for 123 yards, while Gaskill-Cadwallader gained 104 yards on 25 carries. Matt McKenna put CtK up 6-0 on a first-quarter one-yard TD run, but three lost fumbles halted promising Jaguar drives and Blakelock took an 18-6 lead into the final quarter.

CtK's Brad Ranson cut the lead to 18-12 on a quarterback keeper with two minutes remaining in regulation and Gaskill-Cadwallader added a two-point convert. An onside kick failed, however, and Blakelock was able to run out the clock for the victory.

The Tigers defeated Christ the King 14-6 in their regular-season meeting and then had all of their wins taken away after it was discovered that they'd used an ineligible player.

Blakelock proceeded to win three straight road games in the playoffs to capture the Halton title, while the Jags came



CtK's Tanner Gaskill-Cadwallader tries to elude a Blakelock tackler. Photo by Eric Riehl away with a loss in the Tier II final for the second year in a row.

Volleyball

The Georgetown Rebels did in fact qualify for this week's OFSAA senior boys' AAAA championship tournament in Hamilton, contrary to what was reported in Tuesday's *Independent & Free Press*.

Even though the Rebels lost to Cardinal Newman in last week's Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference final, two teams from GHAC received berths for the provincials, which will be held today (Thursday) and Friday. Georgetown is the 15th seed out of 16 teams.

Hall of Famer Townsley dies at 81

Halton Hills Sports Hall of Fame 2010 inductee, Harold Townsley, of Acton died Tuesday at the age of 81.

After a successful playing career on the ice and ball diamond, Townsley spent the next five decades imparting his knowledge and skills to the youth of Acton, entering the Sports Hall of Fame as a builder.

The Stratford native shone as a left-winger on the Acton Jr. D teams of the late 1940s and played professionally for the Washington Lions of the Eastern Hockey League before the team folded in 1952. Townsley starred and



HAROLD TOWNSLEY

was captain for Acton Intermediate Tan-ners' hockey teams as well as being a baseball catcher for the Acton Merchants in the Halton County loop.

A firefighter and later the Acton Arena manager, 'Sonny' was a coach and manager on youth teams in almost every age group in Acton and Erin until 2005, also serving as a referee and executive member, earning Acton's Citizen of the Year Award in 2000.

Visitation will take place today (Thursday) from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at the MacKinnon Family Funeral Home, with the funeral to be held Friday at 2 p.m. at Trinity United Church in Acton.

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Having never won the Vanier Cup, the McMaster Marauders would be considered the overwhelming underdog this Friday night when they take on the might Laval Rouge et Or in Vancouver for the Canadian university football championship.

Georgetown's Elliott Montag, the Marauders' all-star centre, is confident his squad can pull off the upset, but is also respectful of the Rouge et Or's track record, which includes six Vanier Cups in the past dozen years. Both teams have lost just once this season.

Fourth-ranked McMaster will somehow need to find holes in top-seeded Laval's defence, which allowed an average of just 53.7 yards per game this fall, while the Marauders gained at least 200 yards an outing on the ground.

Mac will also have to avoid a tentative start, which occurred in last week's Uteck Bowl in Moncton when the Acadia Axemen jumped out to an early lead before the Ma-

rauders settled in and went on to an easy 45-21 victory.

"A quick start is essential this Friday because we can't afford to have a team like Laval get up on us early. They are too good," said the 6-foot-2, 280-pound Montag.

"We're practising at B.C. Place this week to help get used to the size and turf. When it's filled with fans it's gonna be loud and filled with distractions, but we are just going to have to focus on the task at hand and execute."

The Marauders did face Laval in the pre-season in Quebec, practising against them before dropping a 24-10 decision in an exhibition contest.

"It's a huge advantage having played them in pre-season, as we know what their players are like and that we can play with them," added Montag, a Christ the King graduate.

"They have a great front seven with a former Metras winner as their DE and a Quebec league all-star at DT, but our O-line is ready for them with several all-stars of our own."

Georgetown skaters hold test day



The following members of the Georgetown Skating Club passed their respective skill requirements at a recent test day at the Alcott Arena:

- Dutch Waltz— Sierra McEwen
- Canasta— Logan Darby
- Baby Blues— Natalie Gago
- Swing Dance— Caroline Kennel,
- Key-Ara Northey, Abbie Williams,
- Kyrsten Praught
- Fiesta Tango— Justine Brooks
- European Dance— Jade Martin
- Preliminary Skills— Natalie Gago, Jaidyn McFadden
- Preliminary Freeskate — Madelyn Gander
- Junior Bronze Freeskate— Teana Graziani

Kyrsten Praught performs the Swing Dance with coach David Matueszswska during the Georgetown Skating Club's recent test day at the Alcott Arena.

Photo by Eamonn Maher

STAYING HOME THIS WEEKEND?... SHOP LOCAL

Shopping local saves you money. Out of town shops have done a good job of convincing us all that sole traders = expensive, but the evidence just isn't there to back this up. If you add in travel, parking costs, fees to transport larger items home and your time, the overall cost is often much higher. SHOP LOCAL, SHOP HALTON HILLS!



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