

Dickinson comes clean for Storm

One of the Ontario Hockey League's top rookie scorers is about to get a new streamlined look heading into the playoffs.

Georgetown's Jason Dickinson has volunteered to get his head shaved clean this Saturday as part of the Guelph Storm's Cuts for Cancer fundraising campaign.

The 16-year-old forward got off to a bit of a slow start this season with seven points in his first 28 games, but the 2011 second-round draft pick has collected 25 points in the past 29 starts to sit tied for fourth in OHL rookie scoring with 10 goals and 22 assists in 56 games.

Dickinson also had the shootout winner last Sunday in a 4-3 victory over the Ottawa 67's.

To donate to Dickinson's fundraising campaign, visit the website www.cutsforcancer-guelph.ca.



Bearcats win GHAC crown

Classified as a single-A team, the Acton Bearcats not only upset Burlington's Lester B. Pearson in the Halton Secondary School Athletic Association's A/AA championship game, but they went on to beat Hamilton's ACMT for the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference title in five thrilling sets to earn a berth in this week's 20-team Ontario A championship tournament in Toronto. The Bearcats went 2-2 in the preliminary round at OFSAA and were just short of making the championship quarterfinals, although they did advance to the consolation semifinals before bowing out to Quinte Christian. Team members (front, from left) are: Cassie Weston, Jade Kovacevic. Middle row: Sara MacFarlane, Natalie Shortt, Siobhan Evans. Back row: Coach D'Arcy Williams, Lucinda Kollenhoven, Laura Brooks, Abbie Jolly, Jenn Doraty, Alli Baker, coaches Preston Becker, Angie Kennedy. In girls' hockey action Tuesday, the Bearcats were blanked 3-0 by Assumption in the HSSAA Tier 2B championship game.

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Acton skater, partner place 12th in Belarus

Hayleigh Bell punctuated a successful season with a huge exclamation mark.

The 15-year-old Acton figure skater did so with pairs partner Alistair Sylvester (of Stratford) this past week at the world junior championships in Minsk, Belarus—delivering a trio of personal best performances in their first taste of international competition.

With just three weeks to prepare—after being unexpected invitees— and

skating in front of roughly 7,000 spectators, the duo kicked things off with an impressive 81.82-point showing en route to a fourth-place finish (out of 15 teams) in the qualifying long program.

From there the national novice pairs champions took 12th of out 20 entries in the short program—earning 42.01 points—to once again advance to the final long program. With a new season best performance, highlighted

by a couple of clean triple throws, Bell and Sylvester amassed 84.72 points to place ninth in the long program and grab a 12th-place finish overall (126.73).

Training out of Barrie for the past two years now, the duo won Canadians in mid-January by nearly 13 points, adding to a resumé that already included Central Ontario Sectional, Eastern/Western Challenge and Canada Winter Games gold.

Football association in need of officials

Despite being the largest body of its kind in Canada, the Lakeshore Football Officials' Association is still looking for more potential amateur football officials.

The sport is rapidly expanding in Ontario, and with it the need for more qualified officials. Members of the LFOA officiate high school football in the regions of Peel, Halton, Niagara and all minor football in Mississauga, the regions of Halton, Niagara and minor football in Flamborough.

The LFOA was established in 1963 and the mission of the organization is to promote football officiating and to develop football officials so that they can contribute to the overall improvement of the game.

The LFOA, with 130 active officials, is the largest football officials association in Canada.

It offers Football Canada Certification Programs, rules and positioning clinics and a personal mentoring program to assist in the development of all officials.

Those who advance may have the opportunity to officiate in such leagues as the Ontario Varsity Football League, the Ontario Football Conference, the Northern Football Conference, the OUA and the CFL.

The LFOA currently has seven members working in the Canadian Football League, 10 members with Canadian Interuniversity Sport as OUA officials and two members who are supervisors in the OUA.

In 2011, three LFOA officials worked the Grey Cup, another was the referee in the Vanier Cup and one was the line umpire for the Uteck Bowl in Moncton.

The LFOA has many former CFL and CIS officials who assist in the development programs that are offered.

Individuals, male and female, 16 years of age and older who wish to become Lakeshore Football officials may contact the recruiting co-ordinator at lfoa_recruiter@hotmail.com.

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