

Leckie to swim for Denver Pioneers

Freestyle swim specialist Aysia Leckie is headed for the Rockies after verbally committing to attend the University of Denver on a scholarship.



AYSIA LECKIE

The Grade 12 Georgetown District High School student and former Halton Hills Blue Fin set personal-best times in each of the 50, 100m and 200m distances earlier this year.

Her current 50m and 200m freestyle times would measure up to A final results registered by NCAA swimmers at last year's Summit League Championships in Indianapolis, which was won by Denver.

The University of Denver was the right choice for me. The campus atmosphere and the team dynamic made me feel comfortable and energized, said Leckie.

I know the coaches and the supports available at DU are going to push me to excel in my swimming and academic career. I can't wait to join the Pioneers!

Leckie trains in the pool 18 hours a week and adds four more hours of dryland strength training under the tutelage of Oakville Aquatic Club head coach Sean Baker.

She will major in business and health sciences at Denver.

Georgetown skaters provincial champs

Local residents Jackson Ellis, Audrey Carle and Catherine Carle, who compete for the Milton Skating Club, each were crowned provincial champions in their respective categories at a Skate Ontario meet in Barrie.

Ten-year-old Audrey won the Pre-Novice Ladies under-16 event with a personal best score of 83.21 in her first year in the category. She is currently ranked 16th in Canada in a field of more than 500.

Catherine Carle earned the provincial title in Novice Ladies under-17 with a personal best of 126.48 points, edging her Milton Skating Club teammate silver-medalist by more than 24 points. It was the first time she auditioned her double axel triple toe loop combination in competition and earned 7.32 points on the difficult element.

Ellis bettered the Pre-Novice Men under-16 silver-medalist by more than 13 points with an impressive personal best of 80.47 points, earning him the provincial gold.



JACKSON ELLIS, CATHERINE CARLE, AUDREY CARLE

The 12-year-old Ellis is currently ranked fifth in Canada and is guaranteed a spot in the upcoming Skate Canada Challenge along with teammate Catherine Carle.

From Nov. 3-6, Milton will host the Central Ontario Sectionals, where hopefuls will compete for a spot to join them at the Skate Canada Challenge held in Montreal in December.



TEAM OF THE WEEK: The Halton Hills Bulldogs edged Huntsville 7-6 in the championship game to capture the Ontario Minor Field Lacrosse Associations Fall League under-13 boys A Division title earlier this month in Oshawa. The Bulldogs rolled through the round-robin portion of the tournament, defeating Toronto Beaches 10-5, Huntsville 11-5, Peterborough 9-3 and Kitchener 9-5, setting up the final between the top two teams. Team members are: Matthew Fairhead, Harrison Kligmon, Caiden Merritt, Alex Cuesta, Lucas Denning, Jeremy Fancett, Ty Jesso, Ethan Keating, Matthew Nunnaro, Andrew Stotz, Evan Aikins, Logan Duke, Cody Merritt, Liam Morrow, Matthew Sutton, Roy Jack Wilson. Coaches: Craig Sutton, Tim Jesso and Jason Fancett. Absent from photo: Remy O Quinn-Castro. The under-19 boys Bulldogs will be in Oshawa this weekend for the league championship playdowns and tuned up for the finale with an 11-7 victory over Barrie and a 10-5 triumph against Peterborough in the last week.

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