



Georgetown's Sebastian Beckett (second from right) celebrates victory at the recent FISU World University League (Basketball) Championships in China as the McGill Redmen defeated a team from Bourdeaux, France 17-9 in the final to cap off a perfect week. Also in the photo are (from left) coach Kyle Desmarais, Dele Ogundokun, Michael Peterkin, Francois Bourque. Photo by Li Meng

## Beckett, Redmen earn world 3-on-3 hoops title

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As the defending Quebec league champions, the McGill University men's basketball team is used to adapting its strategy for different styles of play, having made it to this past spring's national championships, while also facing several top NCAA schools over the years in exhibition matchups.

But for fourth-year centre Sebastian Beckett of Georgetown, suiting up for McGill and Canada at the recent FISU 3-on-3 World University League Championships in Xiamen, China was an eye-opener due to the aggressiveness and speed of the opposing teams.

The Redmen prevailed, however, despite being seeded last amongst the 16 teams which included Indiana University of the U.S. defeating the University of Bordeaux from France 17-9 in the gold-medal contest to cap off a perfect week.

It surprised us because we were told beforehand it was going to be a lot more physical than we're used to, but wow, it was like an all-out war, the

21-year-old recalled. We were shell-shocked in the opening game. (The officials) don't call much over there, which kind of played into our hands, and it was a lot faster. Just a different game.

Played on a half court with a 12-second shot clock, each team has just four players. The 6-foot-6, 250-pound Beckett said all of his Redmen teammates wanted to participate in the tourney and experience a few days in China, with the coaching staff selecting four veteran players for the opportunity.

McGill went 6-0 en route to the title and Beckett, a GDHS grad, had 22 points in total in what were lacrosse-like final scores. He averaged 6.9 minutes, 2.6 points and 2.1 rebounds per game last year with the Redmen.

Longtime GDHS head coach Steve Pettit said that to his recollection, it's the first time that a Rebel has represented Canada in international basketball competition and it wasn't just a one-shot deal. Beckett and his teammates will be jetting off to the Middle Eastern country of Qatar for the FIBA 3x3 All Stars event Nov. 18.

## Local runners shine at GHAC meet

Several high-school runners from Christ the King and Georgetown District earned invitations to this Saturday's provincial championships in Port Hope thanks to their efforts at the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference meet this past Friday in Milton.

CtK's Jaguars won the overall title while GDHS took first place in both the GHAC senior girls and senior boys team categories at the Hilton Falls Conservation Area.

The top two teams and first five individual finishers in each age group qualified for OFSAA.

Stefanie Parsons of CtK won the 5-km senior girls race by 16 seconds over the runner-up, with Georgetown's Meghan Sippel finishing third, boosting the Rebels to the team victory, just a few points ahead of the Jags.

Also counting points towards the total for Georgetown's senior girls were Savanna Kent-Korell (8th), Allison Sippel (9th), Kayla Higgins (25th) and Emma Crosbie (28th).

For CtK, Payton Truysens (17th), Kyra Scott (21st), Rachel Carson (22nd) and Sydney Ireland (23rd) are also OFSAA-bound.

On the boys' side, Georgetown's seniors had five top-20 finishers to book their trip to Port Hope, headed up by Ivan Zdane (7th), Riley Stringer (11th), Jackson Gates (14th), Kyle MacDonald (17th) and Sean Vander Glas (19th).

Contributing points the runner-up Jaguars in the senior boys race were Cam Cherwaiko (12th), Justin Lavictoire (24th), Mitchell Shorgan (25) and Andrew Whelan (32nd).

CtK's Brandon Ponomarew earned his second straight individual GHAC title Friday for the 6-km distance and helped propel the Jaguars to the junior boys team title, along with Johnny Boulanger (7th), Daniel Nascimento (9th) Jacob White (10th) and Derek Urie (15th).

In the midget girls 3-km GHAC race, the Jaguars finished second as a team thanks to finishes by Autumn Klimsiak (12th), Heather Scott (18th), Sophie Walker (25th), Elizabeth McKechnie (36th).

**SENIOR REBELS HOST ASSUMPTION:** The Georgetown Rebels reward for a turnaround 4-1-1 regular season is a home date with the defending Halton Tier I high school football champions in the playoff quarterfinals.

A resounding 36-7 win over Burlington's Frank Hayden Huskies late last week vaulted the Rebels into the top tier of the HSSAA post-season and a matchup at Kiwanis Field this Friday against the Assumption Crusaders.

Kickoff is set for 3:45 p.m.

The 3-2-1 Crusaders were missing several players due to suspensions and injuries when they rallied with two late touchdowns a couple of weeks ago to salvage a 28-28



Christ the King Secondary School's Stefanie Parsons won the senior girls race by a comfortable margin at last week's GHAC cross-country championships in Milton and is one of several local qualifiers for the OFSAA meet Nov. 5 in Port Hope. Photo by Graham Paine Metroland West Media

overtime tie here, but will face the best Rebel squad the school has fielded in several years, knocking off teams from Oakville and Burlington along the way.

It's been a great year in general for us, said Rebels head coach John Leckie.

Assumption historically is a great program. They're a bit down this year after winning it all, but the fact we can come out and tie them is a confidence boost for us. When I was playing here nine years ago, we couldn't have competed with them.

Georgetown's lone loss of the year came against unbeaten Corpus Christi, a 25-6 result on Sept. 23.

In the rout of 3-3 Hayden, Alex Leduc led the offence with four touchdowns and Mitchel Spence added the other major as the Rebels took control of the game early on.

Christ the King's seniors, with a 1-5 record, qualified for the Tier II playdowns and will visit Frank Hayden Friday at 3:30 p.m. In junior action, the Rebels and Jags, both with 1-5 records, will meet up Friday in the Tier II quarterfinals at Kiwanis Field at 2 p.m.

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