Optimist Club meet results

Elementary school athletes from the area had a new course to tackle this year for the annual Optimist Club of Halton Hills crosscountry meet, held last week over two days at the Gellert Community Centre.

More than 700 athletes from age eight-13 took part in the event, which is normally held at Cedarvale but construction Park forced a change of venues for 2017. Stewarttown Middle School's Stingers earned four of the 12 team titles at the meet while Halton Hills Christian School won three of the divisions. Individual winners from the meet included:

Eight-year-old girls

1. Kira Watkins,

George Kennedy;

2. Madison Thoy, Silver Creek;

3. Mackenzie Gigun, Ethel Gardiner.

Eight-year-old boys

1. Ryan Bechard, Park;

James Buchan, Halton Hills Christian

School: 3. Lincoln Branidis, Ethel

Gardiner.

Nine-year-old girls

 Grace Van Den Hoek, HHCS:

Claire Sergeant, Harrison; 3. Sara Hillock, Joseph Gib-

Nine-year-old boys

Quinn Oliver,



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Easton Gougeon of Silver Creek Public School crosses the line first in the 12-year-old boys' race during the Optimist Club of Halton Hills cross-country meet last Thursday at the Gellert Community Centre. Race volunteer Tim Davis congratulates Gougeon.

10-year-old girls

1. Keira Savin, Ecole Sacre Coeur:

2. Parker Kennel, Limehouse;

3. Georgia Spooner, George Kennedy.

10-year-old boys

1. Nolan Keeler, HHCS:

Sarin Hygren, Limehouse;

3. Graham McDonald, Ethel Gardiner.

11-year-old girls

Centennial;

2. Matthew Moir, Stewartton;

Nathan Goodhope,

Gardiner.

12-year-old girls

1. Taylor Bouchard, Stewarttown;

2. Robin Ingles, Ethel Gardiner;

3. Madelyn Vandermeer,

12-year-old boys

 Easton Gougeon, Silver Creek:

2. Joey Melo, Stewarttown; 3. Colten Mannings, HHCS.

13-year-old girls

 Olivia Meldrum, HHCS; 2. Stella Snow, Centennial;

Emilia Braam, HHCS.

13-year-old boys

1. Sean Cromack, HHCS;

Nolan Smith, Silver Creek;

Jack Hunter-Buffington, Stewarttown.

Team awards:

Eight-year-old girls -

Silver Creek

Eight-year-old boys - HHCS Nine-year-old girls - HHCS Nine-year-old boys

Ethel Gardiner

10-year-old girls

George Kennedy

10-year-old boys

Limehouse

11-year-old girls -

Centennial

11-year-old boys

Stewarttown

12-year-old girls

McNiven set to join Brampton Beast

Local native Michael McNiven will begin his professional hockey career close to home.

The 20-year-old netminder was assigned to the ECHL's Brampton Beast on Tuesday after attending the training camps of the NHL's Montreal Canadiens and the AHL's Laval Rock-

Named the Canadian Hockey League's Goaltender of the Year after a brilliant campaign with the Ontario Hockey League's Owen Sound Attack last season, the six-foot-one, 200-pound McNiven didn't appear in any exhibition games with Montreal.

The Beast's home opener is on Sunday, Oct. 15 at 2 p.m. against the Manchester Monarchs.

Another Georgetown resident who is a prospect for an NHL club, 22-yearold forward Jason Dickinson, was one of the final three training camp cuts made by the Dallas Stars and was loaned to their AHL affiliate in Texas on Monday.

Georgetown's MacKenzie Entwistle, a third-round draft pick of the Arizona Coyotes this past summer injured his ribs during of training camp and missed the start of the regular season for the OHL's Hamilton & Bulldogs.

The 18-year-old forward is expected back in the lineup by mid-October.



