

# SPORTS & LEISURE

## Rebels rule pool... again

For the fifth year in a row, the Georgetown Rebels were the dominant team at the provincial high school swimming championships in Etobicoke, winning the overall title in unprecedented fashion.

No school had ever won five team title banners before at the two-day Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations championship meet, held at the Etobicoke Olympium, until the Rebels achieved the feat last week.

GDHS won the overall, junior girls, junior boys, senior girls and senior boys overall points championships by wide margins in each category.

Although many public high schools didn't take part in the meet due to the teacher boycott of extracurricular activities, the usual private and separate school powers were in attendance. Approximately 900 swimmers took part this year, whereas at past meets, upwards of 1,500 athletes competed, with the Rebels being the largest contingent this time around with more than 50 team members qualifying for OFSAA.

Kelly Smith (50m freestyle) and Nathaniel Sutherland (50m butterfly) earned individual gold medals on day one, with the junior girls' medley relay (Saepom

Cho, Moira Ijzerman, Lauren Rock, Taylor Matthews) and the senior girls' medley relay (Lauren Brewster, Sarah Reid, Aurora Zuraw and Nicole Sherratt) also winning their races.

On day two, the junior girls' freestyle relay team (Saepom Cho, Taylor Matthews, Tori Gibson, Kelly Smith) scored the lone gold medals for GDHS on the day, but there were many trips to the podium for Rebel swimmers.

Silver medals included: Junior boys' medley relay (Justin Lochert, Robert Oles, Nathaniel Sutherland, Shane Brockbank); senior boys' medley relay (Daniel Ardron, Nikolay Videnov, Tanner Leckie, Ryan Mersiadis-Carrier); Nicole Sherratt, 200m free, 100m free; Aurora Zuraw, 100m free; Lauren Brewster, 100m back; Kelly Smith, 50m back; Justin Lochert, 50m back.

Bronze medalists included: Arielle Mersiadis-Carrier, 50m free; Ryan Mersiadis-Carrier, 50m free; Tanner Leckie, 200m free, 100m IM; Nikolay Videnov, 100m breast; senior girls' freestyle relay (Sam Burwell, Meghan de Chastelain, Olivia Fong, Arielle Mersiadis-Carrier).

Christ the King's Clancy Harris swam to a bronze medal in the junior girls' 100m freestyle.



Tanner Leckie of the Georgetown Rebels was a triple medalist at last week's Ontario high school swim championships in Etobicoke as his school dominated in the team standings once again this year.

Photo by Eamonn Maher

**WRESTLING** The Rebels had a few top-six results at last week's OFSAA championships at the Sleeman Centre in Guelph, including a silver medal by Deanna Fidlin.

Fidlin was runner-up in the girls' 41-kg. weight division, while teammate Anja Vesterback just missed out on a medal in the 57.5-kg. category, placing fourth.

Alex Mackenzie was sixth in the boys' 57.5-kg. class, as was Davis Rapagna at 64 kg., also earning the most sportsmanlike athlete award at the meet.



Georgetown Rebel Deanna Fidlin prepares to take down an OFSAA opponent. Submitted photo

## Minor bantams must wait

The Georgetown Pepsi Raiders will have a few days to get ready for their Ontario Minor Hockey Association minor bantam AA championship series against the Kingston Area Canadians.

The best-of-5 series is expected to start on the weekend of March 23-24 at the In-vista Centre near Kingston. The Raiders defeated Oakville's Minor Oaks 3-2 in the semifinals, while Kingston skated past Aurora 4-2 in game five on Sunday.

Last Thursday, Georgetown's Sunny Acre Farms Raiders lost 5-3 to the host Brampton 45's in the fifth-and-deciding game of their OMHA midget AA semifinal series. Todd Ratchford, Ben Nicolucci and Jesse Gunn scored third-period goals for the Raiders.

## Raiders bounce Pats; now face Buzzers

The Georgetown Raiders and St. Michael's Buzzers were set to open up their best-of-7 Ontario Junior Hockey League South West Conference semifinal series last night (Monday) at venerable St. Michael's College Arena in Toronto.

Even though the Raiders finished three points ahead of the Buzzers in the final regular-season standings, St. Mike's holds home-ice advantage after winning the OJHL's South Division. Game two of the series is slated for the Alcott Arena in Georgetown Wednesday at 8 p.m.

The Raiders eliminated the Toronto Lakeshore Patriots in the opening round of playoffs with a 3-2 overtime victory Friday night at the MasterCard Centre,

with local resident Robbie Murden's second goal of the evening finishing off his former team. The last three games of the series were decided in overtime.

"We feel fortunate to get out of this series, to be honest," said Raiders' coach & GM Greg Walters after Friday's win.

"I thought that (Toronto Lakeshore) was one of the top three teams in our conference and a lot of other teams were happy to see us play each other in the first round. It just worked out in our favour. We still haven't played our best hockey yet and we'll have to in order to beat a tough team like St. Mike's."

Georgetown and St. Michael's have not met in the post-season since their

memorable clashes in 2005 to determine the Dudley Hewitt Cup Central Canadian champion, where the Raiders defeated the Buzzers to qualify for the Royal Bank Cup in Saskatchewan.

The Buzzers won't have their OJHL first-team all-star defender Patrick McCarron in the lineup for the first two games of the conference semifinal series due to a checking-from-behind major incurred in the Buzzers' series-clinching game six win over the Toronto Jr. Canadiens in the opening round.

St. Mike's won the regular-season series against the Raiders 3-2, with Georgetown taking the last two meetings on home ice.

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Wednesday, March 13, 2013 - 8:00 pm  
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GAME OF THE WEEK