

Four locals off to OFSAA

Four Georgetown-based high-school athletes will vie for a spot on the podium this weekend at the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations track & field championship after earning berths at the South Region qualifying meet last week in St. Catharines.

Christ the King's Jaguars had a couple of double OFSAA qualifiers emerge from the regional meet.

Long-distance runner Mackenzie Cameron finished first in the midget girls' 3,000 metres, a whopping 51 seconds ahead of her CtK teammate Nicole Waddick, who was runner-up, in a time of 11 minutes flat.

The top four placings in each category at the regional qualifier advanced to OFSAA, which runs from Thursday to Saturday in Oshawa.

Cameron also finished third in the midget girls' 1,500m race to qualify for OFSAA.

CtK's Aleks Rapp earned a silver medal in the midget boys' shot put and figures to be in contention at the junior level this year after winning the St. Catharines qualifier with a toss measuring 14.41 metres. Rapp placed third in the discus last week to earn another provincial berth.

Georgetown District High School's Lauren Rock was third in the junior girls' triple jump to qualify.

TENNIS: Christ the King

sent three doubles teams to the OFSAA tourney at the Rexall Centre in Toronto after those duos claimed both the Halton and Golden Horseshoe titles to earn spots at the provincials.

Zach Bugden and Josh Bugden (boys' doubles), Karli Fiaes and Emily Swica (girls' doubles) along with Emma O'Toole and Jordan Baechler (mixed doubles) represented the Jaguars at OFSAA and all three teams won their opening match, then lost the next one in the double-elimination tourney.

The boys' and girls' teams lost their third match, while the Bugdens won theirs before getting eliminated in round four.

LACROSSE: One of the top four seeds heading into the 16-team OFSAA AAA/AAAA Field Lacrosse Festival in Oshawa, CtK's boys' squad went 2-1 in the preliminary round and didn't advance to the semifinals.

The Jags beat Huntsville 10-2 in the preliminary round opener, then lost to Donald A. Wilson of Whitby 7-6 before beating Denis Morris of St. Catharines 10-3, relegating CtK to the consolation playdowns. They lost the seventh-place game to Courtice's Holy Trinity 8-6.

CtK's girls finished eighth at the Trillium Cup in Welland, which is considered the unofficial provincial championship, in just the second year for the Jags' field team.



Heave-ho!

Braden Collier of Centennial Middle School launches the shot put during the Chargers' annual track & field meet held recently at Kiwanis Field at Georgetown District High School. More than 300 Centennial students took part in the competition and the top two finishers in each category qualified for the regional meet, which was held last week in Burlington. Colin Cepecauer won the junior shot put division at the Centennial meet.

Photo by Eamonn Maher

Boy's death gets Cherry choked up

Hockey Night In Canada's Don Cherry became quite emotional at the end of his Coach's Corner segment in the first intermission of Saturday's National Hockey League playoff game while paying tribute to a four-year-old Georgetown boy who passed away last month.

A tearful Cherry told the story of Colby Hancock, who died suddenly late last month after attending a playoff game in Ottawa between his favourite team, the Pittsburgh Penguins, and the host Senators.

Pictures of Colby, who was also a lacrosse fanatic, were shown, including one of himself with Penguins' superstar Sidney Crosby.

"God love you, God love you, and I have to say this, he's a good Canadian boy, 'Gentle Jesus, make Mark stay close beside you, all the way,'" Cherry said.

The youtube link can be viewed at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=IBSOawRvAlQ

Unbeaten Bulldogs to face arch-rivals in Jr. B showdown Saturday

The Halton Hills Bulldogs head into this Saturday's clash with their chief rivals, the Green Gaels of Clarington, with the only undefeated record in the Ontario Jr. B Lacrosse League's East Conference.

After a pair of wins over the weekend against opponents from eastern Ontario, the Bulldogs improved to 11-0 on the season, while the perennial powerhouse Gaels suffered their first loss, an 8-6 defeat to the host Akwesasne Indians.

The 11-1 Green Gaels eliminated Halton Hills in the second round of last year's playoffs and the teams have met in the post-season five consecutive times.

Their first of two regular-season meetings takes place Saturday at the Alcott Arena beginning at 8 p.m., with the rematch set for June 20 in Bowmanville.

Last Saturday, the 'Dogs trailed the visiting Nepean Knights 6-5 entering the third period before rallying for an 11-8 victory, led by Luke Laidlaw's four-goal per-

formance. Connor Brown (3), Dustin Hanzelka (2) and Seth Laidlaw (2) also scored for the home side.

On Sunday, 20-year-old Virginia native Tyler Aunon returned to the Bulldogs' lineup with a flourish, scoring three times and setting up six others in a 15-9 win over the Gloucester Griffins.

Brown (5), Seth Laidlaw (4), Adam MacKinnon, Mitchell Christopher and Daryl Hanzelka added to the onslaught.

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