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## Acton Skating Club celebrates 50th

Riley Reppar (left) and Tori Glogowski performed a Grease medley for a pair of shows lat the Acton Arena as the Acton Skating Club marked its 50th year of operation with its annual Skating Carnival. Tori understudied for her sister Lexi, who was injured and couldn't skate but can be seen polishing the motorcycle in the background. A 50th anniversary alumni reception took place in the Community Room between Submitted photo

## Oehrlein's ruler of the rings

Georgetown's Ryan Oeh- for finals on parallel bars, rlein had his best showing to date wearing Canadian colours at last week's Pacific Rim Gymnastics Championships in Richmond, B.C., earning a gold medal in the junior men's rings final.

The 15-year-old member of Milton's Gold Medal Gymnastics recorded a score of 13.900 in the last eight, edging China's Jingyaun Zou's 13.750 for top spot on the podium.

Oehrlein placed eighth in the all-around category against some of the best gymnasts in the world for his age group, by also making the finals in parallel bars, high bar and floor exercise.

"This is such a big step in my gymnastics career," said Oehrlein, who also qualified high bar and floor.

"It's the biggest competition I've been to in my life and I won gold on rings which was my goal. That gives me so much more confidence and another huge accomplishment under my belt."

Oehrlein also collected a bronze medal in the team event as a member of the Canadian men's contingent, made up of three juniors and three seniors, who knocked medal favourite China off the podium.

"Our goal for the team was was a big surprise to finish Grace Click Photography third," Oehrlein added.

"We thought the Chinese were going to finish first but things happen. We all trained



RYAN OEHRLEIN to finish in the top six, so this Photo courtesy Grace Chiu of

so hard for this competition and it all came together in the end. It was great."

## Lariviere set to launch with Louisiana at Monroe

By EAMONN MAHER

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The words coming out of University of Louisiana at Monroe women's soccer coach Roberto Mazza's mouth during Tanya Lariviere's visit to the school were like music to her ears.

Mazza, a Windsor, Ont. native, is in his third year as the team's touchline boss and has done a lot of recruiting north of the border this past winter as Georgetown's Lariviere and five other Canadians are set to join the Warhawks on the pitch starting this fall.

Mazza's challenge to the new recruits was to start a foundation for a squad that hasn't finished with a better-than .500 record since 2004 in the Sun Belt Conference. Lariviere, a tireless central midfielder with adept playmaking abilities, said she likes to take charge of a game.

"I liked that he was looking for certain people in leadership roles and that caught my attention because I've always been a leader on the field," said the 5-foot-3 Lariviere, a communications major who signed a letter of intent with ULM in February.



**TANYA LARIVIERE** 

"The school has also had a lot of academic awards and for the soccer part, the coach's vision for the program appealed to me because he's in the rebuilding process with the team and I really liked his spiel about how he was going to accomplish

An Ontario scholar at Christ the King Secondary School, Lariviere played all of her youth soccer in Erin Mills until joining the Brams United under-17 Angels last season, a team that has sent several players on to scholarships in the U.S. and Canada.

The 17-year-old Lariviere won't get much of a summer holiday as she's signed up for a class that starts July 2 and will begin strength training, as well as trying to get used to the heat in the Gulf of Mexico region.

Her older sister Nathalee played on a soccer scholarship for Jacksonville State University and is now a graduate assistant coach at the University of Charleston in West Viriginia.

"(Nathalee) played in Alabama, so the hot weather was tough to get used to at the start," she added.

"But she told me I'll just have to adapt and it shouldn't take long."



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