

SPORTS

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'They're my trademark and my lucky charm and I get lots of comments about it.'

— Mackenzie Cameron... see below



Mackenzie Cameron of Christ the King led for much of Saturday's OFSAA junior girls' 3,000m race in Mississauga before settling on a bronze medal.
Photo by Brendan Cleary

Bronze for Cameron at OFSAA

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It's hard to miss the colourful, non-matching stockings worn by Christ the King student Mackenzie Cameron, especially when she was in the lead for most of Saturday's junior girls' 3,000-metre race at the provincial high school track & field championships in Mississauga.

The Grade 10 student set a blistering pace under the scorching sun and although she was passed by a couple of competitors before the bell lap, Cameron was nonetheless pleased to be toting her bronze medal around afterward.

The Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations' official who provided commentary of the race misidentified another runner for Cameron for a few laps until being corrected.

"That happened to me last year too," laughed Cameron, who also has her fingernails painted red and blue with the words Run Courage written on them to go with her rainbow leg-wear and pink shorts.

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Cameron also placed sixth in Friday's junior girls' 1,500m

event and felt she was in good position to run away with the gold in her specialty race, the 3,000m. She headed up the lead pack, which grew to as many as 13 runners at one point.

"It started off really well and I wanted to be out front," said Cameron, who trains with Guelph's Speed River club. "I love running in packs. I couldn't tell how big it was but I could feel the energy behind me."

Grade 12 CtK student Aleks Rapp placed fourth in the OFSAA senior boys' discus and was ninth in the shot put.

Other local athletes who attended the three-day OFSAA meet at St. Marcellinus S.S. included Acton's Chante Burnett, who was 14th in the junior girls' 100m. Matt Knebel placed 14th in the senior boys' 800m and GDHS's Meghan Sippel finished 16th in the midget girls' 3,000m.

SLO-PITCH: After winning many Halton Secondary School Athletic Association girls' fast-pitch titles over the years, the Georgetown Rebels earned their first-ever slo-pitch championship Tuesday with a 14-3 trouncing of Milton's Bishop Reding.

The Rebels lost just once all season and went undefeated through the playoffs.

FIELD LACROSSE: A

2-1 record in the preliminary round wasn't good enough to propel CtK's boys into the play-off bracket at the OFSAA AAA/AAAA championships last week in Brampton.

The Jags edged Father Leo Austin 6-5 and beat Michael Power-St. Joseph 9-2 to start the tourney, but a 16-6 loss to number one seed and eventual gold medalist Assumption College of Brantford relegated CtK to the consolation side.

They then lost 6-3 to Upper Canada College and 8-6 to Denis Morris of St. Catharines in the seventh-place game.

TENNIS: A couple of local doubles' teams qualified for the OFSAA finals at the Rexall Centre in Toronto last week and had decent showings.

The GDHS mixed doubles' tandem of Alyson Kennedy and Bryn de Chastelain went undefeated at the Golden Horseshoe qualifier in Burlington to earn a berth at OFSAA, where they posted a record of 3-2 before bowing out.

CtK's girls' doubles' duo of Emily Swica and Karli Fiaes, who captured the GHAC title late last month, went 2-1 at OFSAA before being eliminated in the consolation quarterfinals in a tiebreaker.

McNiven going camping

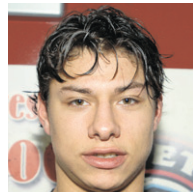
Georgetown's Michael McNiven has been invited to attend Hockey Canada's Program of Excellence Goal-tending Camp in Calgary this weekend following a stellar rookie campaign with his hometown Jr. A Raiders.

The 16-year-old Owen Sound Attack draft pick was one of 16 of the best under-17 goalies in the country selected for the camp, to be held at Canada Olympic Park.

Participants in the camp will be evaluated for possible

selection for the Team Canada entry in the World Under-17 Hockey Challenge.

The 6-foot-2, 180-pound McNiven posted a 21-10-0



MICHAEL MCNIVEN

OJHL 1st Team All-Prospect honours.

record with the Raiders last season with a 2.60 goals-against-average and a .916 save percentage, earning



McVeigh masterful on mat

Georgetown's Aidan McVeigh captured the Canada East Wrestling Festival championship in New Brunswick for his age group for the second year in a row, going undefeated again to win the Kids (grades 5-6) division. McVeigh, a grade 5 Holy Cross student, won all three of his matches to take top spot and his first bout turned out to be the toughest as he trailed 7-4 with just a minute remaining, but he pinned his opponent for the victory. A member of the Mississauga-based Akhara of Champions Wrestling Club, McVeigh's second match was stopped in the second round after he'd built up a 10-point advantage and he then defeated Quebec's Samuel LeBlanc by pinfall after only 20 seconds in the final.

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