



## Rebels rally to defeat Jaguars

Georgetown Rebels' point guard Scott Chapman pulls down a rebound during the late stages of their 49-42 victory over the host Christ the King Jaguars Tuesday evening in a Halton Secondary School Athletic Association Tier I senior boys' basketball matchup. The Jags played an excellent first half, grabbing a 21-16 lead at the intermission, and the game was tied at 41 with just over two minutes to play before the 3-1 Rebels took control and went on to a 49-42 victory. Chapman led GDHS with 16 points and Owen Martel adding 10 more, including a thunderous fourth-quarter dunk. Joe Wallace countered with 18 points for 0-4 CTK. Pictured at right is Rebel Ibrahim Hassan. *Photo by Eamonn Maher*

## Egg Nog Jog set for Sunday

The 32nd-annual Egg Nog Jog is set to hit the roads of Terra Cotta this Sunday and the popular 10.8-km run had its field of 600 capped more than a month ago.

Duncan Mounsey, co-chair of the race alongside Mauro Uliano, said that interest in the Georgetown Runners-organized Egg Nog Jog seems to grow each year, although there are no plans to accommodate more entries due to logistics.

"The big limitation for us at the Terra Cotta Conservation Area is the parking," said Mounsey. "There are people who want to take this to the next level, but that would require more administration, more parking, a bigger tent and a lot of other things. We've already got a large volunteer base with about 60 volunteers

on race day and from our standpoint it's already quite an undertaking."

Because the race covers territory in three different municipalities, the Peel Regional Police began providing a presence two years ago for safety concerns.

The event gets underway with a mass start at 10:30 a.m. and runners range in age from 15 to 82-year-old Manuel Teodoro of London.

The race attracts many elite athletes who like to finish off their competitive year with a tough test on the brutally hilly course, followed by some vegetable soup, egg nog or chocolate milk donated by Saputo/Neilson's.

Some of the proceeds from this year's Egg Nog Jog are earmarked for a number of local charities.

## Jr. hockey player hospitalized after being hit in throat with puck

Burlington Cougar and local resident Ben Morris suffers fractured larynx

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A Georgetown resident is in a Toronto hospital with serious injuries to his throat area after being struck by a wrist shot during an Ontario Junior Hockey League game in Burlington against the Orangeville Flyers on Friday night.

Ben Morris, a 17-year-old rookie centre with the Burlington Cougars, suffered a fractured larynx in the first-period incident and was breathing with the help of a ventilator in stable condition at St. Michael's Hospital.

Doctors were said to be waiting for the swelling in his throat area to subside before surgery can be performed.

No update was available on Morris's condition on Wednesday afternoon.

"He was taking a faceoff and kind of got knocked back to a seated position and was getting up when their player took the shot from the top of the faceoff circle and it hit (Morris) directly, where the collarbone meets the neck," said Cougars' general manager Rob Radford.

"All of our guys wear neck guards and they're excellent, but I think in this particular case, with the weight and the strength of the puck... Neck guards are more for cut injuries and I think there was very little that could have been done differently by the player."

Morris, described by Radford as a good two-way player who always tried to block shots, was checked by the team's trainer and sat out the remainder of the opening period.

He actually returned to play for a brief time in the second period before leaving the game again after having difficulty breathing.

Radford said that Morris was then taken to a hospital in Brampton by his father Gerry and later transported to St. Michael's Hospital.

Ironically, the Cougars' GM suffered the same injury as a goaltender in 1997 when he was knocked unconscious by a slap shot.



**Burlington Cougar Ben Morris is under sedation at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto three days after being struck in the throat area during a game.** Photo by Brian Watts OJHL Images

"I can identify with him and the uncomfortable nature of the injury," Radford said.

"I had to learn how to talk again and we can only hope it doesn't go to that extreme with Ben."

There has been an outpouring of support on social media for the Georgetown Minor Hockey Association product, who currently attends the Blyth Academy school in Burlington.

The Cougars are scheduled to visit Georgetown Saturday evening to play the Raiders.

"Ben's a hardworking kid, one of those players you get a good game from every night," Radford noted.

"Hopefully by Saturday we'll be hearing good things about where he is at. It's pretty intimidating right now and we're saying our prayers for him. He's got a lot of people thinking and caring for him and it's really nice to see."

The 6-foot, 170-pound Morris had four goals and seven assists in 32 games with the last-place Cougars, who are the youngest team in the OJHL.

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