



CAMPING OUT: Four local minor hockey graduates who have moved on to elite levels served as instructors for the third-annual Pasma Hockey Development camp held at the Mold-Masters SportsPlex. The first week of the camp finished up Friday with Dallas Stars' number-one draft pick Jason Dickinson, OHL Saginaw Spirit sniper Connor Brown, Owen Sound Attack superb sophomore netminder Michael McNiven and soon-to-be Sacred Heart University defender Liam Clare taking time out from their busy summer schedules to help out in the camp, which is run by National Hockey League senior director of hockey operations Rod Pasma and his wife Janelle. The camp continues this week. Pictured above, front, from left, are: Nolan Murphy, Ryan Jackson, Cameron Cassels and Josh Frost. Back row: Michael McNiven, Connor Brown, Liam Clare and Jason Dickinson.

Photo by Eamonn Maher

New North Halton club caps off inaugural season

The North Halton Track & Field Club recently wrapped up its inaugural season as an organization and welcomed more than 50 new young athletes along the way.

The team competed in five Minor Track Association of Ontario meets this spring and summer, including the recent provincial championships in Oshawa, in which the NHTFC placed 29th overall out of 47 clubs.

Head coach Jeff Miller said he was thrilled with the progress of the athletes, many of whom were introduced to new track & field disciplines that they hadn't participated in with their school programs.

The NHTFC played host to its own meet last Sunday at Acton High School, where 50 local club members competed in select events.

Miller added that the club is starting up its cross-country running season next month and anyone interested can sign up by visiting bit.ly/nhtrack2015

Top-10 finishes for NHTFC athletes at the provincial championships in Oshawa included: Avery Lake - 1st mite girls' shot put (5.50m), 6th long jump (2.92m), 10th

400m (1:34.50); Kael Lake - 6th tyke boys' shot put (6.91m); Harrison Szanto - 6th tyke boys' high jump (1.01m); Stefana Suta - 7th tyke girls' 200m (32.31); Brynn Miller - 9th atom girls' shot put (6.82m); Liam Miller - 8th tyke boys' shot put (6.84m), 10th 400m (1:23.70); Taryn Bird - 10th senior girls' 200m hurdles (39.90); Jordan Bird - 10th tyke boys' 100m (16.46).



Liam Miller of the North Halton Track & Field Club gets ready for takeoff during the long jump last Sunday at Acton High School. Submitted photo

Kickboxing Austins victorious at CiraFit's Honour & Glory II

Competitors from the host CiraFit Training Centre in Georgetown won two out of three bouts Saturday night in the second-annual Muay Thai kickboxing event at the Mold-Masters SportsPlex.

Honour & Glory II drew about 750 spectators for the World Amateur Muay Thai Association of Canada sanctioned card, which featured 15 fights.

Sixteen-year-old Austin Skelhorn of CiraFit overwhelmed Cambridge's Harjab Singh with a flurry of blows immediately after the touching of gloves and the bout was halted just over a minute into the opening round in a battle of 155-pounders.

Georgetown's Austin Large, 20, prevailed over Tyler Foster of Cambridge in a unani-

mous decision in the 135-pound division, while CiraFit teammate Zach Vandervelde lost his 125-pound category bout against Stoney Creek's Benny Otoru.

Milton's Craig Gadd won over Ali Yousef of Stoney Creek to earn the WAMTAC Ontario Heavyweight Title in front of about 750 spectators in the Alcott Arena.

In an earlier bout, Melaine Logan of Milton lost in a unanimous decision to Aisha Muslim of Revolution MMA in Toronto in a women's contest. The much-anticipated WAMTAC Welterweight Title clash between Amin Almelik and Cambridge's Daniel Kechago was declared a non-title bout after Kechago was unable to make the pre-fight weight limit of 145 lbs.



From left, WAMTAC referee and former world women's champion Laura Vuculescu raises the arm of Georgetown's Austin Skelhorn in victory after the 16-year-old CiraFit team member defeated Cambridge's Harjab Singh in the first round of their bout at the Honour & Glory II kickboxing event. Also in the photo are (second from right) Usman Benza of Etobicoke-based Benza Sports, one of Honour & Glory II's major sponsors, along with meet organizer and Skelhorn's Kru (instructor) Mike Large. Photo by Eamonn Maher

Raiders open training camp

Training camp gets underway this week for the Georgetown Jr. A Raiders at the Mold-Masters SportsPlex with the start of the Ontario Junior Hockey League season a little more than two weeks away.

The Raiders begin a busy exhibition schedule at home this Thursday against the Oakville Blades at 3:30 p.m. at the Alcott Arena.

On Saturday, Sept. 5, the Blades will also serve as the opposition for Georgetown's regular-season opener in a 7:30 p.m. puck drop.

Raiders' head coach & GM Greg Walters had several graduating players to replace over the spring and summer following last

season's sooner-than-expected playoff exit at the hands of the Toronto Jr. Canadiens in a second-round sweep.

Among the off-season acquisitions were local resident Daniel Hardie, a 17-year-old winger from the Halton AAA Hurricanes, along with forwards Jordan Crocker and Lucas Goodman from the Brampton Jr. B Bombers.

The Raiders also have pre-season contests in Oakville Friday, Aug. 28, split-squad games on Saturday, Aug. 29 at home against Mississauga and away to Milton, finishing up with a trip to Mississauga's Iceland Arena on Wednesday, Sept. 2 to take on the Chargers.

