

Aqua Ducks put Acton on swim map in Ottawa

The Acton Aqua Ducks swim club competed recently at the Ontario Division III team championships in Ottawa.

The club sent 11 swimmers with a goal of how many swims they could get in 16th place or better. Eight of the 11 succeeded 26 times and the other three — Joel MacDonald, Sylvia Bragg-Smith and Stacey Moore — all swam personal best times for the season.

The following are the results: In the 10 and under Girls, Jaime MacDonald won a bronze medal in the 100-metre Back-stroke;

finished 10th in the 50m; 11th in the 200m Free-style; 11th in the 100m and 13th in the 50m.

Nick Pliotas finished 11th and 14th, respectively, in the 10 and under Boys 100m Breast-stroke and 100m Free-style.

In the 11-12-year-old category, Roshini Kassie placed 11th in the 100m Free-style; 13th in the 200m and 15th in the 50m.

Cracking the top 15, Mike Lenizky hit the finish 14th in the 13-14 Boys 200m Back-stroke.

Sarah Vingoe finished 12th in the 13-14 100m Breast-stroke. In the 13-14 Girls Breast-stroke,

Julie Pliotas finished fourth in the 200m and ninth in the 100m.

Gareth Lichty swam five events, finishing in the top 13 in all. In the 50m Back-stroke, he placed fifth; seventh in the 200m Intermediate Medley; 10th in 100m Breast-stroke; 10th in 100m Free-style and 13th in the 50m.

Kara MacDonald also participated in five events and finished in the top 13. She finished the 50m Free-style in sixth; seventh in the 100m; 13th in the 200; ninth in the 200m Back-stroke and 10th in the 100m.

Stangs swim to third

BY JAMIE BIRRELL
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The McKenzie-Smith swim team completed another great season with a meet on April 22. The Stangs finished third overall, beaten by a strong second-place team from Q.E. Park and a very strong first-place Centennial team.

In the Girls 100-metre Individual Medley, Kristin Finley placed sixth, while Amy Yeatman, Emma Douglas, Jennifer Roberts and Finley took third in the Girls 100m Free-style relay.

The team of Melissa Goy, Melissa Young, Kelly Soutiere and Kristie Goy finished the day sixth in the same event.

Finley added a fifth-place finish in the 10-11-year-old category of the 50m Free-style and a second

in the 50m Breast-stroke.

Melissa Goy counted a first-place finish in the Girls Open 50m Butterfly. Lucie Langer copped second, while Shalyn Swan and Julie Hewitt finished fourth and fifth, respectively.

Kelly Turkosz was sixth in the Girls Open 50m Butterfly and fourth in the 100m Back-stroke.

Soutiere capped her day with a fifth in the Girls 100m Back-stroke. Jennifer Rigney swam to a third and Jennifer Elliott a sixth.

Rigney added a fifth in the Girls 12 and over 50m Breast-stroke and the Girls 100m Open Breast-stroke. Elliott won the latter event.

Shamus McGuire grabbed a first with a solid showing in the Boys 10-11 category of the 50m Free-style event. He slipped to sixth in the 50m Breast-stroke.

It seemed Mike Morrow never left the water as he finished in the top six in four 12 and over events. He came in sixth in the 50m Free-style, 50m Back-stroke and 50m Breast-stroke. His best showing was a fourth in the 25m Butterfly.

McKenzie-Smith had representatives finish fourth, fifth and sixth in the Open Boys 50m Butterfly. They were Craig Worsfold, Adam Youngblut and Ronny McCaslin.

Worsfield completed the Boys 100m Back-stroke in fifth. Ken Stanley was right behind in sixth.

And Philip Eddolls and Ken Stanley finished 4-5 in the Open Boys 100m Breast-stroke.

Mustang girls finish third

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Last Tuesday, the McKenzie-Smith Girls' Volleyball team travelled to Georgetown to compete in the Centennial tournament.

The Mustangs played two games against Sam Sherratt and won both. They played two more games against Stewarttown, but didn't have as much luck as their first two, losing both.

Before semi-final action the locals played two games against Maple Hurst. They finished 1-1 and entered the semi-finals.

The game, played against W.I. Dick, was close but the Mustangs couldn't win.

The Mustangs finished a respectable third out of eight teams.

McKenzie-Smith's heavy hitter was Stephenie McKay.

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The "new" play-off picture

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman came up with another idea that I like. To make a long story short, in each conference, eight teams will make the playoffs. The two division champs will automatically be placed one and two and the next highest point totals will be third and they will play the team with sixth highest point total. The fourth place team will play the fifth place team. Got it?

This is the way it should be. Remember the year that the Leafs made the playoffs with 57 points in the Norris while teams with 70 points in the Patrick Division missed the playoffs? Now it has gone back to the old system, like it was when I coached, with one notable difference. When I coached, the first played the 16th, second played the 15th, and so on. That was even better.

Last year the New York Rangers got the biggest shaft of all. They worked hard all last year to finish first overall in the NHL and what was their reward? Not much! They put out hard every game all year and in the first round of playoffs, instead of facing the weakest team, they met the tough New Jersey Devils and went through a seven game war. They just got by the first round and who's waiting for them — the Stanley Cup Champions, Pittsburgh Penguins. They had another war with Mario and the boys and they were gone after the second round.

I know that there will be complaints about the realignment. Detroit and Toronto are the only two teams who are in the eastern time zone in the Western Conference. They will be playing teams that are one, two or three hours different. This can hurt their TV audience because many games will not start until 11 pm. But I understand that the Western Conference teams will start as many games as they can at five or six o'clock when they host Toronto or Detroit in order to help with their television broadcasts.

Gary, I like it!

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