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Brittany Hole demonstrates the form that helped her and teammates (from left) Megan Webster, Kaylyn Pshyk, coach Wendy Parent, Chelsea Parent and Erika Heissler win the national Youth Bowling Council championship in Regina Monday. The team won 17 of 21 games to claim the Canadian championship. Photo by Herb Garbutt

Bantam girls squad captures national youth bowling crown

The start may not have been what they wanted but the finish was everything they wished for.

After losing the first two games, the Georgetown Bowl bantam girls won 17 of 19 games to claim the Youth Bowling Council national championship in Regina Monday. Kaylyn Pshyk, Brittany Hole, Chelsea Parent, Erika Heissler and Megan Webster put an emphatic stamp on their victory by closing with the two highest scores of the tournament—a 970 that clinched the title followed by a 1,061 that left little doubt as to which was the best team.

"They all bowled great," said coach Wendy Parent. "It was a true team effort. When one was up another was down and when one was down the other was up."

Georgetown took control with a three-game sweep of British Columbia, which led 12-11 until that point. Georgetown evened things up with a convincing 820-719 victory in the first game and moved in front by taking the second game by 64 pins.

British Columbia looked as though it would pull even in the final game but Georgetown rallied in the final frame to pull out an 858-849 win and carry a 14-12 lead into its last match against Northern Ontario. Georgetown needed just two wins to clinch first and took the opening game

by 124 pins. A dominating 236-pin win in the second game sealed their status as national champions.

"I knew when we went we had a good shot," Parent said. "B.C. had the best scores going in but I knew they had it in them. They really gelled as a team."

The coach's faith never wavered even when Newfoundland, which won the bronze, took the first two games in Georgetown's opening match.

"Early in the match it's all very overwhelming being at nationals. It took them a couple of games to settle into the competition."

Georgetown turned in scores of 765 and 747 in those first two games but would only dip under the 800-mark one more time in the final 19 games. The team finished with the tournament's highest average, 853.

Pshyk's 195.36 was the tournament's best individual average while Parent's 189.81 was second and Hole's 179.95 was fourth. Webster and Heissler also delivered clutch performances. Webster bowled a 210 in the title clinching game and followed it up with a 204 in the final game. Heissler delivered a 195 in the second game against British Columbia and a 232 in the team's last game.

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer

Palichuk shines at Elite meet

Stephanie Palichuk earned four medals at the Elite Ontario Gymnastics Championships Sunday in Mississauga.

Palichuk finished second all-around in a field of 43 gymnasts in the Open 2 Division with a total score of 36.775. That earned her a spot at this weekend's Eastern Canadian Championships in Halifax.

The 15-year-old who trains at Mississauga's Futures Gymnastics Club also earned medals in two events, taking first on beam with a score of 9.30 and earned a mark of 9.575 to place second on bars. The fourth medal came from helping Metro West win the team event.

Palichuk won the all-around in



STEPHANIE PALICHUK

the final regional qualifier to secure a spot on the Metro West team.

Weekend event draws 55 teams

Hawks to host seventh annual tourney

The Halton Hills Hawks earned two medals last year but the gold eluded them. This year, the hosts of one of Canada's largest girls softball tournaments hope to change that.

Fifty-five teams will compete in this weekend's seventh annual Halton Hills Hawks/ReMax Girls Softball Tournament, including five local entries. The tournament begins at 6:30 p.m. today (Friday) with 11 games at the Georgetown Fairgrounds, Georgetown South Community Park, Glen Williams, Hornby and Eaton Park. Titles will be contested in nine divisions with players ranging in age from eight to 18 with playoff games being played on Sunday.

Game times for Halton Hills teams are:

Mite

Friday: 6:30 p.m. vs. Brampton;

Saturday: 9:45 a.m. vs. Mississauga North; 3 p.m. vs. Oakville; Sunday 8 a.m. vs. Guelph (all games Fairgrounds Dump)

Squirt

Friday: 6:30 p.m. vs. Brampton (Eaton); Saturday: 9:45 p.m. vs. Leaside (FG-SC); 1:15 p.m. vs. Cambridge (FG-SC).

Novice

Friday: 8:15 a.m. vs. Stratford (FG-B); Saturday: 1:15 p.m. vs. Mississauga South-West (GS-3); 6:30 p.m. vs. St. Catherines (FG-Brn)

Bantam

Friday: 6:30 p.m. vs. London; Saturday: 9:45 a.m. vs. Chatham (GS3); 6 p.m. vs. Waterloo (FG-B).

Midget

Friday: 6:30 p.m. vs. Mississauga North (GW-1); Saturday 8 a.m. vs. Guelph (FG-C); Saturday 11:30 a.m. vs. Newmarket (GW-1).

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