

## Balogh, Gergely win three for Blue Fins

Wes Balogh and Kristen Gergely of the Halton Hills Blue Fins each won three events at the Orangeville Otters entry-level swim meet.

Balogh took top spot in the 11-and-over boys 50m freestyle, 50m backstroke and 100m individual medley. He was also second in the 50m breaststroke.

Gergely took first in the 8-and-under girls 25m and 50m freestyle and the 25m butterfly while placing second in 25m backstroke and 25m breaststroke.

Blue Fins' swimmers Kaitlyn Knox, Shane MacInnis each turned in four top-two finishes.

Knox won both the 9-10 girls 25m freestyle and the 25m butterfly. She also placed second in the 25m backstroke and 25m breaststroke.

MacInnis won the 9-10 boys 25m butterfly and placed second in the 50m freestyle, 25m backstroke and 25m breaststroke.

Charlie Wright won the 9-10 girls breaststroke and also placed third in the 25m butterfly while Sam Bellman won the 9-10 boys 25m freestyle and was third in the 25m backstroke.

Loren O'Brien-Egesborg won the 8-and-under girls 25m breaststroke and was also third in the 25m freestyle and 25m butterfly.

Other top finishers included:

**8-and-under Girls:** Kristen Davison (second, 25m fly; third, 25m back).

**8-and-under Boys:** Aaron Brautigam (second, 25m fly); Greg Robinson (third, 25m back); Kyle MacInnis (third, 25m fly).

**9-10 Boys:** Trevor Burwell (second, 25m fly,

25m free); Austin Roberts (third, 25m fly).

**11-and-over Boys:** Billy Pavlopoulos (second, 50m back, 100m IM; third, 50m freestyle, 50m breast); J.D. Shippel (third, 100m IM).

## Atom AE's stun Caledon

Andrew Smith had three goals as the Georgetown Major Atom AE Raiders won 5-4 to hand Caledon its first loss of the season. Georgetown shares the lead in the Tri-County standings with Caledon, both at 10-1-1.

**Georgetown 5, Caledon 4:** Andrew Smith (3G); Taylor Sipos (G, 2A); Andrew Moffatt (G); Mark Crandall (3A); Connor Sprayson, Matt Cameron (A); Spenser Kardash (W).

**Georgetown 8, Ancaster 2:** Sprayson (2G, 2A); Moffatt, Kyle Burns (2G); Smith (1G, 1A); Sipos (G); Tyler Peterson, Jake Nash (3A); Corey Hayward, Simon Ramsey, Shaun Riedstra (A); Dustin Crowley (W).

**Georgetown 2, Flamborough 1:** Peterson, Smith (G); Moffatt, Crandall (A); Kardash (W).

**Georgetown 16, Milton 0:** Crandall (5G, 3A); Burns, Sipos (3G, 3A); Hayward (3G, 1A); Warren Brayne (1G, 1A); Michael Evans (1G, 4A); Smith (6A); Nash (2A); Ramsey, Matt Muirhead (A); Kardash (SO).

**Georgetown 9, Flamborough 0:** Moffatt (3G); Hayward (2G, 1A); Smith (2G); Evans (1G, 1A); Burns (G); Riedstra (3A); Sipos, Ramsey, Cameron, Crandall (1A); Crowley (SO).

## Rebels enjoy breakthrough year

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understand the game better. And they got used to winning close games. In the past the girls got a little nervous and timid in those situations."

The Rebels went on to finish the regular season with an 8-2 record. In the Halton playoffs, they received a first-round bye for the first time since (as near as anyone can figure) the mid-80s.

In their first playoff game, Holy Trinity erased Georgetown leads of nine and seven points to take the lead into the fourth quarter. But the Rebels held them to just five points in the final quarter to win 39-34. The Rebels' Halton playoffs came to an end with a 55-34 loss to Lord Elgin, despite a 24-point game by Adrienne Thompson that Elgin's coach said was the best he'd seen from an opposing player all season.

Friday, the Rebels got a second chance in the GHAC AAAA playoffs. With a packed gym cheering them on the Rebels were edged 37-34 by M.M. Robinson, a team that clobbered Georgetown by 42 points last season.

"It was an amazing atmos-

phere," Gray said. "It was a great day for basketball."

Gray and Untinen hope this season's success will help spark interest in basketball among junior-aged and elementary school girls. The Rebels had four players play club basketball in Erin—Thompson, Keisha Powell and Jodey and Cristy Nurse. But they also want to attract players like Kate Campbell, the Rebels' fifth starter. Campbell, like many local athletes, had always concentrated on volleyball until picking up basketball in Grade 11. She has since become a key defensive player who is usually assigned to the opposing team's top player.

"We've got fantastic athletes," Gray said, "we just want to give them another sport to excel at. We can be strong in volleyball and in basketball."

And even though the senior team will lose much of its core players this year, there is still hope for next season. The Rebels' junior squad, under the guidance of Manny Saitis, also made strides, going from one win a season ago to a 6-4 record and a playoff berth this year.

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer

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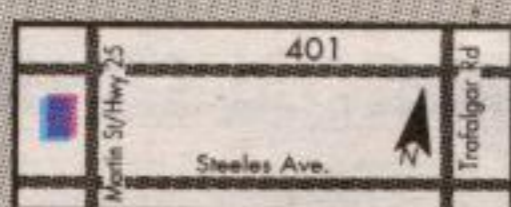
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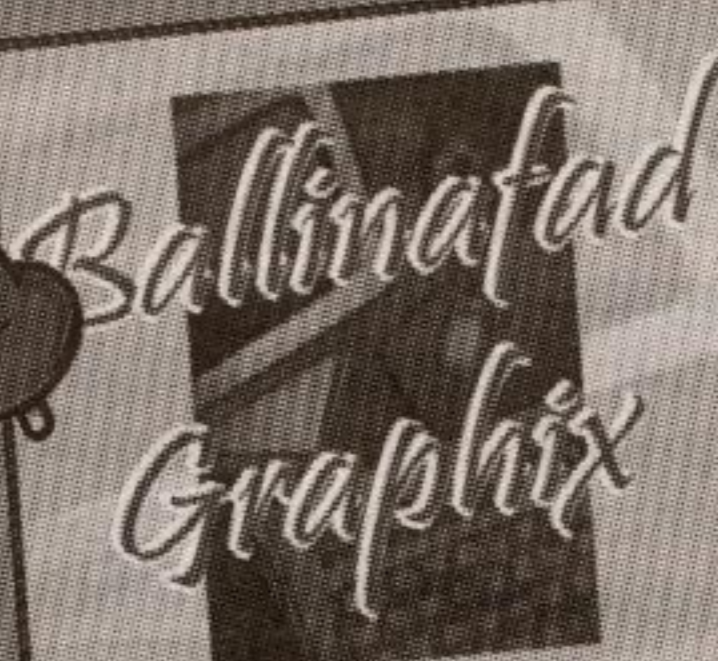
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