

High school roundup

Playoffs dominate week's action

Playoffs are in full swing for girls' volleyball, boys' basketball and hockey this week as the Halton Secondary School Athletic Association's winter schedule winds down.

The Halton regional finals for girls' volleyball will take place Thursday at Sheridan College in Oakville and Halton Hills is guaranteed to have one team represented because the Georgetown Rebels hosted the Acton Bearcats yesterday (Tuesday) afternoon in one of the semifinal matches.

Both teams finished the regular season at 7-1, with the Rebels earning first place and home-court honours for winning the head-to-head matchup between the two.

The Bearcats, who have already earned a berth in the Golden Horseshoe A qualifier for the Ontario Federation of Schools Athletic Association tournament next Tuesday, defeated St. Thomas Aquinas 25-11, 25-18 in their playoff opener last week, while Georgetown swept aside Oakville's White Oaks.

Oakville-Trafalgar faced Assumption of Burlington in the other senior semifinal yesterday.

In junior action, Georgetown completed its regular season at 9-0 but actually finished as the second seed in its division because Assumption didn't lose a set all year, meaning that the Rebels had to travel to St. Thomas Aquinas yesterday for their semifinal match, hoping to earn a berth in Thursday's Halton championship at Sheridan College.

Basketball

The 7-4 Acton senior Bearcats thumped visiting White Oaks 58-26 in their playoff opener last Thursday, setting up a final-four showdown with 8-3 Milton District, which

was held yesterday.

Despite losing seven-foot centre Adam Grove, who moved on to Sheridan College this semester, the senior Bearcats received a 10-point, 17-assist effort from T.J. Fry in dismantling White Oaks. Victor Thompson added 10 points and Josh Essiembre seven more.

The Halton finals are set for today (Wednesday) at Sheridan College.

Georgetown's seniors were eliminated by St. Thomas Aquinas last week 47-41 in their second-round playoff encounter, despite 17 points from Millar Galbraith. The Rebels were within three points in the final minute but their opponents clinched the game on free throws.

Hockey

Boys' post-season play got under way yesterday, with Georgetown hosting Aldershot and Christ the King facing Burlington Central in the round of 16.

Winners of those games move on to the two-game quarterfinal series, which begin Thursday.

On the girls' side, Christ the King placed fourth in the Division I standings and will host Loyola today (Wednesday) in the quarterfinals.

Acton's Bearcats were edged 5-4 by Iroquois Ridge 5-4 last Thursday and are still trying to clinch a berth's in next week's Division II playoff draw. Jenn Essiembre (2), Kaitlin Chadwick and Lauren Vermeulen had the Acton goals.

Georgetown's 3-4-2 Rebels needed a win or a draw against 6-2-1 T.A. Blakelock yesterday in the regular-season finale in order to lock up a playoff spot in Division I.

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