



A \$15,000 grant from the provincial government was presented to the Milton Speedskating Club last week at the Milton Sports Centre. In the photo (from left) are: Halton MPP Ted Chudleigh along with Georgetown speedskaters Matthew Carr, Charlotte Geng, Abigail McEachran, Sam McEachran, Kelsey Carr and club president Tony Geng.

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Cash boost for speedskaters

The sport of speedskating in the North Halton region received a boost earlier this month when the Ontario Trillium Foundation presented the four-year-old organization with a \$15,000 grant.

Several of the Milton Speedskating Club members are from the Halton Hills area and membership has doubled in size in each of the last three years since its founding. The club plans to purchase 35 pairs of long-bladed new generation skates with the grant money in order to accommodate the expected growth in membership.

"So far, we've had to rely a lot on hand-me-

down equipment from other more established clubs, which we are grateful for of course, but it will be really nice for North Halton kids to have access to new state of the art speed skates," said club president Tony Geng.

"We are looking forward to see a lot of new personal bests and club records set this coming season."

The volunteer-run club introduces youths to the sport with a four-week Learn to Speedskate programs, as well as weekly lessons for intermediate and advanced skaters.

For more info visit the website www.milton-speedskatingclub.com.

ATHLETES *of the Week*

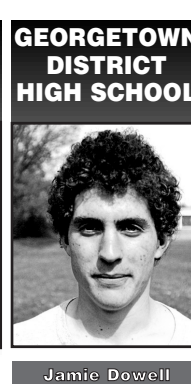
Acton District High School Athletes of the Week are Ashley Burke and Cole Nutbeem, back catchers for their respective Bearcat ball teams. Burke, a Grade 11 student, went 2-for-3 at the plate for Acton's girls' softball team last week in a loss to Iroquois Ridge. Nutbeem, also in Grade 11, collected a base hit and had a strong game behind the plate as the boys' baseball squad faced Milton in the season opener.



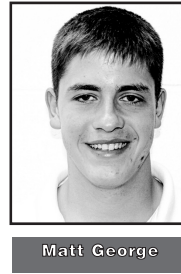
CHRIST THE KING
Lindsay Tadic



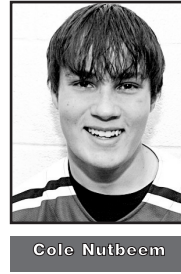
ACTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL
Ashley Burke



GEORGETOWN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL
Jamie Dowell



Matt George



Cole Nutbeem



Megan Breen

Georgetown District High School Athletes of the Week are Megan Breen and Jamie Dowell. Breen, a first-year senior, had a strong game in midfield for the Rebels' soccer side in a 2-1 victory over Robert Bateman. Grade 9 student Dowell is a scrum half for the undefeated junior boys' rugby side and chipped in five converts in a 45-7 thrashing of Milton.

Christ the King Athletes of the Week are Lindsay Tadic and Matt George. Tadic, a Grade 10 catcher for the Jaguar softball team, threw out two baserunners, scored twice and hit a triple in a 12-2 win over Georgetown. Grade 11 goalkeeper George posted the shutout as Ctk's seniors downed Notre Dame 1-0 to remain undefeated at 5-0-1 in Halton soccer action.

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