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Qualify at GHAC track and field event

Several local athletes move closer to OFSAA

Several high school athletes from Halton Hills are a step closer to qualifying for the provincial track and field championships next week after their efforts at the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Association meet in Hamilton last week.

Georgetown District High School will send 19 students to the South Regional as the Rebels turned in one of their stronger performances in years, finishing third out of 21 Halton schools participating. The GHAC event was held at the same location, Mohawk Park, as the South Regional meet will take place this Thursday and Friday.

Georgetown's girls finished first overall in the GHAC team standings thanks to a number of first-place finishes. The top five athletes in each event moved on to the South Regionals.

Alex Jarvis won the midget girls' 3,000m race and was runner-up in the 1,500m, while teammate Emily Driedger was the fastest finisher in the open girls' 1,500m steeplechase. She was also second in both the junior girls' 800m and 1,500m.

Jasmine Olah was first in senior girls' shot put and second in the discus.

Rebel Brandon Elliott registered victories in the junior boys' 200m and 400m races and Adam Schmidt had a leap of 11.20m to win the midget boys' triple jump. Aaron Hnatiw prevailed in the senior boys' high jump and added a fourth in the 110m hurdles.

For Georgetown's Christ the King, Cameron Damota was a double winner, finishing first in the senior boys' 110m and 400m hurdles, while also racing for the Jaguar 4x100m and 4x400m relay teams that qualified for the South Regionals.

CtK's Brittney Mortimer recorded a toss of 30.05m to take top spot in the senior girls' discus.

Acton's contingent also did well in the field events, headed up by midget boy Angelo Meogrossi, who was first in shot put and fourth in the discus. Senior Daniel Kearns

won the shot put and was third for the discus event.

Other GDHS South Regional qualifiers included: Maddy Bannock (2nd midget girls' long jump & triple jump, 3rd midget girls' 200m); Chelsea Jensen (2nd senior girls' javelin, 4th senior girls' discus); Alex Gysel (3rd midget boys' 100m hurdles); Leighanne Nielsen (3rd junior girls' 80m hurdles); Lauren Sokolowski (3rd junior girls' 300m hurdles, 4th 80m hurdles); Andra Wingfield (4th midget girls' long jump); Tory McCracken (4th junior girls' triple jump); Zachary Borotsik (4th midget boys' high jump); Sarah Chapin (4th junior girls' shot put); Jennifer Pettit (5th junior girls' 80m & 300m hurdles); midget girls' 4x100m relay (3rd— Andra Wingfield, Alex Jarvis, Aubryanna Petrick, Maddy Bannock); junior girls' 4x100m relay (3rd— Jennifer Pettit, Tory McCracken, Kaitlyn DeJesus, Leighanne Nielsen); open girls' 4x400m relay (5th— Alex Jarvis, Leighanne Nielsen, Lauren Sokolowski, Emily Driedger).

Christ the King: Alicia Kucinic (2nd midget girls' discus); Andrea Legere (2nd senior girls' 400m); Daniel Bar (2nd midget boys' 300m hurdles); Jillian Borsuk (3rd midget girls' 300m hurdles); Marc Drake (3rd senior boys' long jump & javelin, 4th high jump); Megan Hynes (2nd senior girls' long jump, 4th high jump, 100m hurdles); Samantha Green (3rd midget girls' triple jump); Sean Bowen (5th senior boys' 800m); Reiner Schmidt (5th 400m hurdles).

Acton: Ashley Macpherson (3rd senior girls' triple jump); Kalsey Smith (4th junior girls' discus); Matt Hartnagle (4th senior boys' discus); Cameron Shortt (4th senior boys' 3,000m); Kaylee Kearns (5th junior girls' 100m).

This year's OFSAA championships will also be held at Mohawk Park in Hamilton June 5-7 and the top four finishers in each event at this year's South Regionals will qualify.



Getting their kicks

League action in the Georgetown Soccer Club got under way with its Opening Day festivities Saturday at the Croatian Centre and a full slate of games, including this under-7 girls' matchup, which resulted in a 6-5 win for Johnson Associates Halton over East End Car Wash. Pictured above (from left) are East End's Hayley Armstrong and Maya Steckly, along with Julia Eng, Emma Coulter and Kaeleigh Jack of Johnson Associates. Sarah Thomsen had four goals for East End.

Photo by Calvin Dyke

'Dogs go two-for-three on weekend

Getting off to an impressive 9-2-0 start in the Ontario Lacrosse Association Jr. B's regular season hasn't exactly provided as much of a comfort zone as one would assume near the top of the standings for the Halton Hills Bulldogs.

Three weekend games in less than 48 hours produced a couple of wins and a loss for the 'Dogs, who continue to chase the 9-1-0 Green Gaels of Clarington for top spot in the 13-team Eastern Conference.

Yet, Halton Hills doesn't have much breathing room thanks to its rivals in the South East Division and the remaining nine games of the season could do much to alter the order of the league's front-runners.

The Bulldogs dropped just their second game of 2008 in Oakville Friday night to the Buzz 11-8, despite leading 5-3 early in the second period.

A pair of four-goal rallies propelled Oakville to the victory, including an offensive surge in

the final frame with the score even at seven.

Chad Cummings (2), Evan Whillans, Michael Licata, Kody Lyons, Kyle Davis, Pat Saunders and Peter Laidlaw had the visiting goals Friday.

The Bulldogs crushed 2-9-0 Gloucester 15-5 at the Alcott Arena Saturday, building an 8-1 lead after 20 minutes. Saunders (3), Peter Laidlaw (3), Whillans (2), Licata (2), Chris Haynes (2), Nic Grasby, Davis and Lyons found the mark, with Grasby adding eight assists.

A trip to Huntsville Sunday afternoon resulted in a 9-4 triumph as Davis struck for a hat trick. Grasby (2), Licata, Lyons, Cummings and Peter Laidlaw rounded out the scoring.

In their remaining nine games, the Bulldogs face 9-2-0 Mimico and 7-2-0 Oakville three times each, including a home date with the Buzz Thursday at 8 p.m. The 'Dogs also visit the 1-12-0 Mississauga Tomahawks in Clarkson on Friday night.

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