

ATHLETES of the Week

CHRIST THE KING  Kelsey Milne	ACTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL  Angelo Meogrossi	GEORGETOWN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL  Matt Weber
 Seth Laidlaw	 Baillie Marshall	 Todd Bannerman

Acton High School Athletes of the Week are Baillie Marshall and Angelo Meogrossi. Marshall, who plays defense on the Bearcats girls varsity soccer team, was selected for her great defense in a game against Milton District, helping bring home a 2-1 win. Meogrossi, a member of the Bearcats track and field team, was chosen for his first place finish in the midget shot putt competition and fourth in the discus, at the GHAC competition in Hamilton.

Georgetown District High School Athletes of the Week are boys' doubles tennis partners Todd Bannerman and Matt Weber. The Grade 10 students captured the Halton Secondary School Athletics Association championship in Burlington by defeating an Oakville-Trafalgar duo in the final and will compete in the OFSAA Festival next week in Toronto. The Rebel tandem also won the Halton title last year as juniors.

Christ the King Athletes of the Week are Kelsey Milne and Seth Laidlaw. Milne, a Grade 10 scrum half for the Jaguar girls' rugby squad, was team MVP in CtK's season-ending 12-7 playoff loss to M.M. Robinson. Laidlaw starred for the Jags' Halton champion field lacrosse team this season from the attackman's spot, providing an insurance marker in their 7-5 win over Burlington's Notre Dame to secure a berth in the provincial finals.

Christ the King's Seth Laidlaw (left) celebrates his goal late in the Halton field lacrosse final on Wednesday with older brother Peter as the Jaguars defeated guest Notre Dame 7-5 to avenge a loss to the Fighting Irish in the 2007 championship game. The Jaguars qualified for next week's OFSAA Festival in Peterborough thanks to the victory. Eight teams are entered in the two-day tournament. A Grade 9 student, diminutive Seth Laidlaw starts as an attacker for the Jags, while Peter had two key setups for goals that broke up a close contest in the second half.

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High school roundup

Jags avenge crushing defeat

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In a rematch of last year's first-ever Halton Secondary School Athletic Association field lacrosse final on Wednesday, Georgetown's Christ the King Jaguars had some unfinished business to resolve with their opponents from Notre Dame in Burlington.

The Jaguars thought they had the 2007 title all wrapped up after leading throughout the game, but gave up a last-second goal and lost 8-7 to Notre Dame, missing out on a trip to the provincial finals.

The circumstances this time around were reminiscent of last year, with CtK hosting the Halton final and also taking an early 3-0 lead. Mike Sgarbossa had a hat trick in the opening 10 minutes for the Jags, but as was the case in the inaugural match, the Fighting Irish roared back to tie the score.

This time, however, the home side would prevail, using markers by Steve Silas, Sgarbossa, J.J. Laforet and Seth Laidlaw to post a 7-5 triumph.

Goaltender Ryan Kelly stopped a couple of break-aways for the champs and also helped his squad maintain ball possession for a large part of the second half.

"We were up 3-0 and the guys started to get a little overconfident again," said CtK coach Chad Piovesan. "We tried to slow down the game and Notre Dame came back and tied it. Fortunately (Notre Dame) kept calling time outs at opportune times for us, so we got to settle everybody down. You could tell that we still had some jitters after what happened last year a little

bit. But the thing today was that even if Notre Dame shut down our top players, we just had too much depth for them to handle."

The Jags now move on to the eight-team OFSAA AAA/AAAA Festival, to be held next Wednesday and Thursday in Peterborough.

Rugby

In just their second year back in the Halton league, the Georgetown junior rebels claimed the Tier II division championship on Wednesday with a 36-12 victory over Hamilton Cathedral in Burlington to complete their undefeated season.

Man of the match Aaron Francis scored three tries for the 9-0 Rebels, with Devon Pellerant, John MacDonald and Nolan Atkinson also getting in for major scores. Kyle Speers added three converts and a penalty kick.

Soccer

Christ the King's senior boys will try to make their first-ever trip to the OFSAA AAAA championships with a win at the Golden Horseshoe final on Monday in Hamilton, but their next opponent looks to be quite formidable.

The Cardinal Newman Express has gone undefeated this season and clinched their 20th Steel City Catholic title on Wednesday with a 4-1 win over St. Thomas More, setting up their showdown with CtK.

The Jaguars secured top spot in the Halton Division

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