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Good timing by this Springer

Ashley Quinn saved her best for last. The 10-year-old gymnast enjoyed a recent gold strike rivaling those of North America's early prospectors. Representing the Milton Springers, she captured a handful of first-place finishes in Guelph at the third and final Central Region Provincial Qualifying Meet.



Ashley Quinn

Her gold medal haul in the Novice 1 division featured triumphs in all four events — bars, beam, floor routine and vault — as well as in the all-around standing.

This secured her a berth at next month's All-Ontario championship, where she'll be ranked second in a highly competitive field.

Hindered by a recent injury, Novice 1 participant Kristen Deumer was unable to complete her floor routine but did pull off a fifth-place showing on vault.

Christina Shipowick also took fifth on vault while adding sixth-place honors in beam and floor.

Amy Williams reached the podium with a bronze medal performance on floor in the Novice 1B class. A fourth on vault and fifth on bars earned her fourth place overall.

Eleven-year-old Valerie Massel made two trips to the podium herself — with third-place efforts on bars and beam. She placed fourth overall in the Pre-Junior 1A loop.

Members of the junior team rallied together and pulled off their best showing of the season.

Leading the charge with silver medal finishes on beam and bars was 13-year-old Alicia Robinson — who took fourth overall and earned alternate status for the provincials.

Alexis Stoffels, 12, beat all challengers in Junior 1B beam. She added to this victory with a silver on floor and sixth on bars for fourth in the all-around.

Age-class teammate Christine Chadwick turned in a no-fall effort on beam for the silver medal. Her bar routine, second best as well, brought her back to the podium.

Vicki Chliszczyk also earned alternate status for the provincials with a seventh-place overall finish in the Open 2 category.

She did so on the strength of fourth-place efforts on bars and floor.

On the Invitational Team circuit meanwhile, 10-year-old Natasha Brancier gained top honours in the all-around Cadette A division at the recent Winterfest Meet in Georgetown.

She received top marks for dynamic vaulting, silver in beam, bronze on floor and fourth on bars.

Peewees out of the playoffs

The AAA minor peewees' offence took a premature spring break recently in South Central Region playoff action.

Halton managed just seven goals in four round-robin games and as a result failed to qualify for the OMHA finals.

Their only non-loss of the postseason came in a 3-3 draw with Brampton — thanks largely to Danny Powers' two-goal output.

The Hurricanes opened playoff action against Brampton and were blanked 3-0.

Faring no better against the OMHA-bound Grey Bruce Highlanders, Halton dropped 5-3 and 3-1 decisions.

Goals came from Powers, Brett Robinson, Marcus Goencz and Kyle Quincey.

Ian Boileau and Rory Johnston combined for a respectable 3.50 goals-against average through the playoffs.

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The basic registration fee for 1998/99 is \$270 for first time players. Please provide a birth certificate.

For players born in 1992 & 1993, the fee is \$195.

Families with 3 or more players receive a \$100 discount.

Returning players who register on March 28 will pay \$245.

Subsequent registration dates are June 20 and August 8. There will be no early bird discount available on those dates.