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THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

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A step ahead

Bishop Reding's Colleen Thompson (centre) battles past a St. Thomas Aquinas defender as another looks on in senior girls soccer play Monday. Reding dropped a 5-1 decision for their first loss of the season.

Dynamos are triple threat at nationals

E.C. Drury High's Dynamo Wrestling Club affiliate enjoyed a hefty hardware haul at the Canada East Championships in Moncton, New Brunswick.

Establishing a triple threat were Gary Ferrier, Mike Devries and Shea Deli — all from Sam Sherratt Public School — who all secured medals at the recent weekend showcase.

Ferrier led the way by successfully defending his kids class title. Following up on a golden performance at last month's provincials, the 12-year-old grappler pinned a pair of New Brunswick opponents before blanking Ontario's Bruce Zuber 10-0 in the finals.

DeVries right in there

He's now undefeated in two full seasons, quite a feat for someone who has only been wrestling for three years.

Capturing his third medal in as many years, 14-year-old Devries just missed a championship three-peat in bantam competition — losing 7-4 to Matt Baily of Newfoundland in the gold clash.

En route to the title match and subsequent silver showing, he collected pin fall victories over challengers from Ontario and New Brunswick. The Dynamos' captain needed a mere 30 seconds to win round one in what was perhaps the club's single most impressive effort.

Making his national debut a memorable one, Deli also claimed silver with a remarkable run in his kids class weight group. The 12-year-old — who just finished his second year in the sport — was edged out of gold by Ontario's Justin Friske.

Before that he managed consecutive pin falls, including one against a New Brunswick contender who pushed him to the limit.

The local trio won't have to go too far to defend their medals next spring, as E.C. Drury High has won the right to host the 2000 Canada East Championships.

Springers end season with a bang

Milton Springers Gymnastic Club's pre-competitive team finished up another successful season with a strong showing at their recent Springer Challenge '99.

Jade Ryan, nine, dominated the Tiny A class with gold medal performances on both bars and beam plus silver showings on floor and vault. She took top spot overall.

Age class teammate Christine Nellis grabbed silver on bars while her efforts on beam and floor were good enough for bronze. She took third spot in the overall standings.

Eight-year-old Julie Gagnon put on a lively performance in her floor exercise to garner the gold medal in the 8B loop.

Her bar routine was rewarded with the bronze while she finished fourth on vault and sixth on beam to take third in the all-around.

Julie also received a special judge award

for most dynamic vault.

Teammate Alina Ferguson managed to snare the honour of best interpretation of music on floor — a discipline in which she struck silver.

Competing for the first time in the Tiny C age group were Springers' "Ability Unlimited" team gymnasts Talissa Champoux and Jennifer Gadd. Talissa reached the podium with a bronze on vault while Jennifer earned fourth place for a strong beam routine.

Doucette gets gold

Megan Doucette — also competing for the first time — was fourth on beam, fifth on vault and sixth overall.

Thirteen-year-old Kathryn Devries put forth an excellent performance on floor and was awarded with the gold medal in the Tyro C category.

She also finished fourth on bars and fifth

on vault.

Additionally, both Diane Best and Amanda Nelles showed routines on a demonstration basis in preparation for next year's Springer Challenge.

Before that the girls performed at the Orangeville Twisters Gymnastics Club. Leading the way were division teammates Gagnon and Stevie Koot — who combined for four medals, taking third and fifth place respectively in the overall standings.

DARE golf drive is on in June

It's time to tee-off for a charity that works to keep kids away from drugs.

Halton Regional Police's DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program will host its third annual charity golf tournament on Thursday, June 24 at Tyandaga Golf Club in Burlington.

A golf and dinner package — complete with prizes

— costs \$95 per person or \$380 per foursome. The event, which also includes a putting contest and auction, begins with a shotgun start at 1 p.m.

Those interested in obtaining a registration form or in finding out more details can do so by calling 878-5511 or by visiting the local police station on Childs Drive.

Charity tourney at Granite Ridge

Halton Women's Place holds its seventh annual charity golf tournament on Friday, June 18 at Granite Ridge Golf Course in Milton.

The cost for the scramble format afternoon event is \$150

per person. Included are green fees, lunch and dinner plus prizes.

To register, or for more information, call Halton Women's Place at 332-1200, ext. 221 or 241.



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