

Nunes secures yet another Ontario gymnastics medal

Pre-teen claims bronze in Division 4

Keanu Nunes' provincial medal streak goes on.

Despite facing gymnasts up to three years his senior at the Ontario championships at Mississauga's Hershey Centre, the just-turned 12-year-old Miltonian made his fourth straight trip to the podium, securing overall bronze in the Level 4 11-to-15-year-old boys division.

Making the third-place finish all the more impressive is the fact that the Mississauga Team Futures competitor missed two months of the season with a broken ankle.

Gradually improving since his return, the local pre-teen delivered some season-high efforts at provincials, but unfortunately couldn't quite upstage silver medalist Alex Danahy of Oakville, who also stepped things up to a little over half-

point ahead.

"I thought I did well, but am happy the provincials are over," said Nunes, referring to his toughest season to date.

A model of consistency in Mississauga, the perennial contender medaled in all but one event — with his best performance in parallel bars, which was good enough for silver.

He took third in four other events, including vault and floor — where he made the most progress this season.

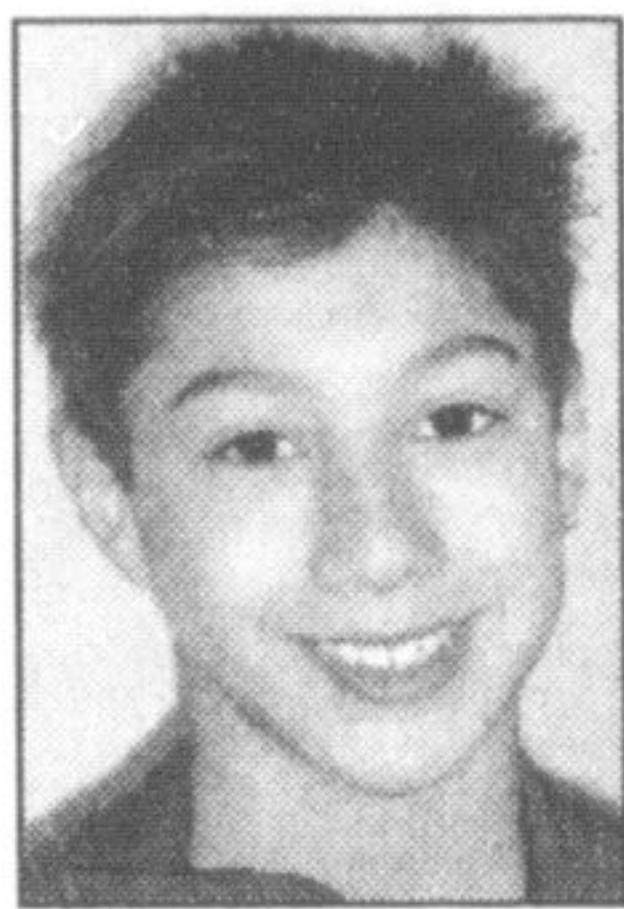
Said Nunes, "I was able to do the full twist on vault, which was something I'd been working hard on."

The Ontario bronze medalist now returns to the Eastern Canadian championships early next month in Montreal, where for the first time this season he'll compete in the 11-to-13-year-old division.

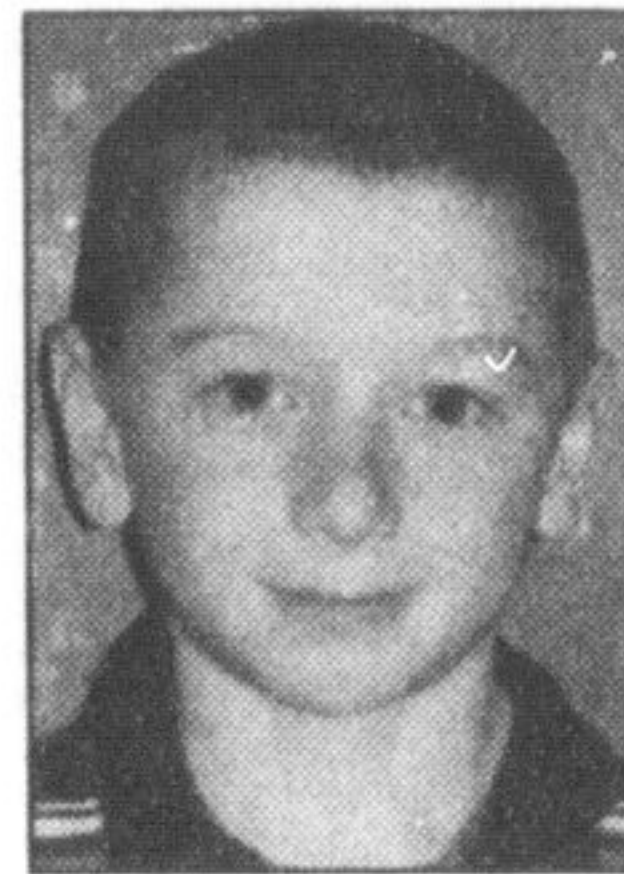
Club-mate Jonathan Scripnick fared well in his provincial debut, placing fifth overall in the eight-year-old boys class.

Persevering through ill-timed illness, the recently-turned nine-year-old finished fourth on parallel bars, fifth on high bar and pommel horse, sixth on rings, sixth on floor and eighth on vault.

That concludes a solid season for the youngster, who highlighted his provincial qualifying campaign with all-around silver at meet two in Windsor.



Keanu Nunes



Jonathan Scripnick

Dudley Hewitt games on COGECO

Tier 2 Jr. A hockey fans don't have to travel to Newmarket to catch the action at this year's all-Ontario Dudley Hewitt Cup.

With the neighbouring Oakville Blades in the hunt for a provincial title — and subsequent berth to this year's national Royal Bank Cup — many north Halton sports enthusiasts will have added cause to follow the four-team tournament.

With that in mind, TV COGECO will carry all of Oakville's games, beginning with this after-

noon's (Tuesday) clash with the Dryden IceDogs of the Superior league. Both today and tomorrow's games — the latter against the Northern loop's Sudbury Junior Wolves — begin at 2:30 p.m. and will be shown live, as will the semifinal and final, slated for Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 8 p.m. respectively.

The only game that will be a tape delay airing is the Blades' Thursday night tilt with the host Newmarket Hurricanes, starting at 9 p.m.

Great team effort for triumphant Dawgs

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Danielle Vis secured the Olympia Sports Camp MVP award, while reliable rebounding and key baskets by Rachel Hollywood and Lintack twins Corinne and Amy Lintack aided the Madd Dawgs' provincial tear.

Samuels led the scoring in all but one game in Niagara Falls.

Supporting cast members Sara Blay, Rachel Germain, Gabbi Bouchard and Tessie Ecclestone all showed strongly as well, especially on defence.

This marked the third straight provincial triumph for

five of the 11 Madd Dawgs.

Meanwhile, Milton's major bantam girls suffered an early exit at the Division 1 OBAs in Ottawa — losing two close games, including a two-point decision to eventual champion Hamilton Transway.

Catholic b-ball teams denied regional bronze

St. Peter's boys and Holy Rosary girls both beaten by Sacred Heart

A bid for Halton Catholic basketball bronze fell short for a pair of local teams Thursday afternoon at Burlington's Notre Dame Secondary School.

Both the St. Peter's boys and Holy Rosary girls were denied a regional medal by Sacred Heart of Burlington, each beaten by eight points.

Able to avert the disastrous start they suffered in semifinal play two days earlier, St. Peter's jumped out to an 8-0 lead and showed a fair amount of intensity the entire way in its 43-35 defeat.

But in the end the Panthers just couldn't neutralize Sacred Heart's hard-charging point guard, who was highly effective at driving to the net and producing in close.

Closing out a rock-solid playoff run, co-captains Mikey Borlongan and Josh Berza each hit double digits — with 14 and 10 points respectively.

Daymon Oliveros delivered some impressive defence, while rounding out the starting five were Luke Brandreth and Connor Prince, who helped St. Peter's reach Halton's final four for the first time in nearly a decade.

Adding a regional medal to their haul just wasn't in the cards for Holy Rosary either.

The four-time north Halton champs were consistent throughout the eventual 32-24 loss to Sacred Heart, recording six points in each quarter.

With co-captain and offensive cornerstone Rose Serafini still hobbled by a leg injury sustained in quarterfinal play, Marie Maranan stepped up and led the Hawks with a dozen points.

Soldiering on, Serafini chipped in four points and aided a credible defensive campaign, while four other players reached the score-sheet, including two-way standout Katie Croft.

This marked Holy Rosary's second trip to the regional medal round in three years.

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