

## SPORTS

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**FANCY STICKWORK:** Assistant captain Jordan Cullum of Halton/Peel Cruisers Sports for the Physically Disabled shows his stickhandling prowess during an exhibition sledge hockey game against the Windsor Ice Bullets Saturday afternoon at Milton Sports Centre. The game — which Cruisers Sports won 8-4 — was part of an afternoon double-header to introduce fans and players to sledge hockey. Members of the local midget house-league Stars and Blues took to the sledges afterwards.

## Homer reigns supreme at Ontario Cup

The Springers' golden girl strikes again.

For the third time this season, Emily Homer has captured overall gold — doing so this time around at the recent Ontario Cup event in St. Catharines.

Highlighting the weekend with a first-place finish on bars, the Milton gymnast placed top three in all four events en route to her overall victory among 70 competitors in the Level 5, 12-year-old division.

An all-around winner at the first and final provincial qualifiers, she took silver on floor, while her beam and vault performances were both good enough for bronze.

This marked an impressive tune-up to next weekend's Ontario championships in Windsor, where Homer is a bonafide contender for an overall medal.

Nearly joining her on the all-around Ontario Cup podium at her own event in Orangeville was clubmate Sydney Townsend. On the strength of silver-medal efforts on bars and floor, the nine-year-old placed fourth in the Level 7 ranks.

She finished fourth on beam and fifth on vault.

Also part of the Level 5 Ontario Cup in St. Catharines, 13-year-old Amanda Forsstrom was 10th overall — thanks to a fourth on bars and seventh on vault.

Heather Sadler, 13, and Victoria Peetoom, 10, each placed 14th in the all-around standings in Orangeville, while 30th overall in St. Catharines was nine-year-old Anje Samstag-Schnock. All three secured at least one top-10 showing.

## Moffat claims national gold

*Just third E.C. Drury wrestler to win Canadian juvenile title*

High-stakes gold had eluded Duncan Moffat long enough.

Having had to settle for the less favourable shades of medals at a number of prominent events over the past two years, the 17-year-old E.C. Drury wrestler finally reached the top of the podium.

He did so earlier this month in Fredericton, New Brunswick — becoming just the school's third-ever national juvenile champion.

"I think I went in under the radar," said Moffat, who claimed silver at provincials and bronze at OFSAA last month. "After I won I couldn't stop smiling. I was calling my whole family within five minutes of getting off the mat. It didn't seem real to me."

Persevering through some tough draws throughout the tournament, the 58-kilogram wrestler punctuated his gold-medal run with a measure of revenge. Up against London's Richard Balfour — who'd denied him Ontario gold — Moffat rallied from a first-round loss via clinch to win 1-0, 2-0.

His trademark impressive defence served him well out east.

He scored three straight wins en route to the finals, including one over highly-touted Tom Ostapowich of Regina.

Said Moffat, "I just went out there calm and had no real expectations. I just wrestled my way, was strong defensively and shut everyone down."

The juvenile championship triumph solidifies Moffat as a top contender for this year's Canada Summer Games, with Drury set to host the trials May 9 and 10.



Duncan Moffat

While still feeling the effects of a recent shoulder injury, E.C. co-captain still managed to reach the semifinals in the 54 kg. ranks — where a foot injury and subsequent two-round loss to eventual champion Nolan Denham of London ended his medal hopes.

The former OFSAA gold medalist soldiered on, but dropped his next two matches — both by one-point decisions — to end up sixth.

He turned back his first two opponents of the weekend, highlighting this early success with a huge five-point suplex in a quarterfinal victory over Sarnia's Trevor Huckle.



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