

Duo lead Springers with overall silver

Sadler, Jones-Tyrell impressive at latest provincial qualifier

Enjoying a hefty haul during their second provincial qualifying meet in St. Catharines late last month, the Milton Springers Gymnastics Club grabbed every colour in the medal rainbow.

A few times over, in fact. Leading the way was veteran provincial competitor Heather Sadler, who took second overall at the Level 8 14-year-old ranks. That was due to her golden performances on bars and vault. She rounded the weekend out with a fifth on beam and seventh on floor.

Nine-year-old Keiara Jones-Tyrell also came away with all-around silver, doing so at Level 6. The young gymnast took top spot on vault, third on bars and floor and fourth on beam.

Level 5's Mary Rodenburg was the club's other all-around medalist, capturing bronze among the 10-year-olds. Fueling her top-three finish was a first on vault. She also took second on beam and fourth on floor.

Level 7 event specialist Jen Garvie, 17, enjoyed another dual-medal showing —

claiming silver on both the vault and floor. Thirteen-year-old Emily Homer secured the other Springer medal, taking bronze on floor in the Level 7 class.

Comprising the rest of the club's largest provincial-level contingent in recent memory are Tendai Dodo (Level 6, 11-year-old), Alyssa Cox (Level 5, nine-year-old), Alanna Sinclair (Level 5, nine-year-old), Meaghan O'Donnell (Level 5, nine-year-old), Mackenzie Kerfoot (Level 5, nine-year-old) and Jessica Keegan (Level 5, nine-year-old).

The next provincial qualifying meet is slated for February 20 and 21 in Oshawa.

Sandro claims 3rd

David Sandro led a seven-member Gold Medal Gymnastics contingent at the first men's provincial qualifier in Mississauga recently, delivering a medal sweep in the Level 2 Under 10 ranks.

The young competitor's best efforts were reserved for the horizontal bar, on which he struck gold. He secured silver on pommel and claimed bronze on both floor and the parallel bars. These collective efforts were enough to put Sandro third in the overall standings.

National Open gymnast Marc de Lestard took sixth overall, thanks in large part to a silver-medal performance on rings.

Matthew Meneses, Lucas Schinkel and Joshua Hynes placed eighth, ninth and 10th overall respectively in the Level 2, 10-year-old class. Schinkel was the club's other individual event medalist, coming away with a bronze on the parallel bars.

Mitchell Holloway finished eighth in the all-around among Level 1, Under-10 gymnasts, while Zachary Brautigam was 14th in the Level 4, 13-and-under ranks.

This followed a strong showing for a trio of Gold Medal competitors at the second women's provincial qualifier in Oshawa. Leading the way was Taylor Belcher, who highlighted her campaign in the Level 5, 14-and-under division with a bronze on vault. She also took fourth on bars and sixth on the beam en route to an overall placing of seventh.

Minor bantams stretch playoff win streak to 5 games

With a balanced attack and topnotch goaltending by Nicholas Hoffman, Milton's AA minor bantams kicked off the Tri County playoffs on a winning note.

A breakaway tally by captain Ben Preisner midway through the third period proved to be the difference, as the Winterhawks edged host Stoney Creek 4-3 February 7.



This marked their fifth straight win after back-to-back losses took them out of the OMHA quarterfinal picture.

Setting up Preisner's winner with a great stretch pass was Drake Bailey. He and Jordan Harris finished the night with two assists each, while Michael Bergman, Andrew Dodson and Brett Everson were the other scorers.

Hoffman turned back several quality scoring opportunities against a strong-shooting Stoney Creek team, which drew within a goal in the last minute but couldn't pot the equalizer.

The Winterhawks' next scheduled Tri County game is Saturday in Guelph. They return to Milton Sports Centre next Tuesday, Feb. 23 for an 8 p.m. start against Stoney Creek.

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