



Caledon Sports



Caledon high school sports teams impressive at ROPSSAA and OFSAA

HS Sports Central
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Whether it's on the slopes, courts or rinks, Town of Caledon high school teams have been excelling recently in their respective sports.

Mayfield Secondary School, Humberview Secondary School and Robert F. Hall Secondary School have all been in action, as some teams have performed at different Region of Peel Secondary School Athletic Association (ROPSSAA) and Ontario Federation of Secondary Athletic Associations (OFSAA) tournaments.

Mayfield Mavericks

The Mavericks have had the busiest athletes of the three schools with teams playing in several tournaments.

The varsity girls' hockey tier 1 ROPSSAA finals were Wednesday, as the girls took on Loyola SS at Iceland Arena in Mississauga. The ladies (7-1-2) defeated Turner Fenton SS 3-1 in the semi-finals Feb. 27 to advance to the finals.

The senior boys' hockey tier 1 ROPSSAA finals were also Wednesday, as they faced Our Lady of Mount Carmel SS at the Power Aid Centre in Brampton. Results

were unknown of both games as of press time. In the semi-finals Mayfield (15-2-1) defeated St. Aloysius Gonzaga SS, 3-2, in an intense shootout. Chad Cummings notched the winner for the Mavs and Jared Lockhurst played brilliantly in net, as he has all season (five shutouts in his 15 games).

The tall junior girls volleyball team (8-0) captured the single tier ROPSSAA championship, as they were able to stop Phillip Pocock Catholic SS's attack, by defeating them two games to none (25-17, 25-18) at Lorne Park SS Feb. 22. There is no junior girls OFSAA tournament. The girls also won both Peel tournaments they attended this year, which were at Brampton Centennial and Mayfield.

Winning ways continue for the senior girls' team as well, as they won their fourth straight single tier ROPSSAA title outmatching John Fraser SS. They will now be making their fourth trip to OFSAA, this week at Centennial College as well as a high school in that area. They are ranked seventh out of 16 teams at OFSAA. This powerhouse senior

volleyball team went undefeated during season play (8-0) and won tournaments at Michael Power CI and St. Marguerite d'Youville SS.

The Mayfield alpine ski team traveled to Blue Mountain to compete in the 2008 OFSAA championship Feb. 25 and 26. The team competed well over these two days of racing, resulting in the level 2 girls' team of Ashley Burnie, Nicole Lively, Kate Wortley and Erin Rinaldi earning two medals; a bronze in the giant slalom and a silver in the slalom.

The level 2 boys' team of Matthew Burnie, Matthew Wortley, Nick Schwass and Gavin Pearson also didn't disappoint by placing eighth in the giant slalom.

On the individual side, Burnie's solid performance on the hill resulted in a fourth place finish (time of 81:05) in the slalom and fifth (90:88) in the giant slalom.

Both girls' and boys' level 2 teams also finished first overall at the ROPSSAA Championship Feb. 13 to earn a spot at OFSAA.

Mayfield also had teams represented at the OFSAA Nordic Championships in



The Humberview Huskies Nordic ski team at the OFSAA Nordic Championships in North Bay. The Championships were Feb. 27-29.

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North Bay Feb. 27-29. The Mavs team had 37 athletes compete as the team finished second overall in the province.

Humberview Huskies

Humberview's Nordic ski team also participated at OFSAA, where they finished seventh overall in the long course event. On a very treacherous and icy relay race course, the Huskies managed their best OFSAA relay finish in Humberview Nordic history by placing in fourth. The team says goodbye to graduating skiers of Mary Qiu and Candace Ball, who finished their high school Nordic skiing careers on a high.

Humberview's senior boys' hockey team lost 4-0 against St. Paul Catholic HS in the ROPSSAA tier 2 quarter finals last Thursday (Feb. 28). The boys had a strong season with an 11-4-1 record.

The boys will be playing a charity game against the OPP at the Albion-Bolton Arena March 25.

Robert F. Hall Wolfpack

The Hall varsity girls tier 2-hockey team (4-1) faced off against St. Francis Xavier SS Wednesday at Iceland. Results not known

at press time.

Also the Wolfpack's junior girls' volleyball squad (4-2) lost in the ROPSSAA single tier finals game against Loyola, two games to one (25-18 win, 25-23 loss and 18-16 loss) last Wednesday (Feb. 27).

The team hopes for the best next season as has several players are moving up to the senior ranks, which are Lisa Furbacher, Katie Doherty, Milena D'Agostino, Brittni Tee, Carla Correa, Laura Proctor, Alyssa Kelly and Veronica Aldrey.

Caledon midget AE Hawks sweep Stars in first round

The Caledon Hawks midget AE team swept the Amherstburg Stars, their first round opponents, in the OMHA playdowns

The Hawks took the series in three straight.

They used a combination of overall team speed, a stingy defense, air-tight goaltending and timely scoring to overwhelm the Stars, and now must wait to learn who their opponents will be for the next round.

Hawks 5, Stars 4 (in overtime)

The Hawks jumped to a 3-0 lead with a pair of goals from Alex Butts, a single from Matt DiBartolomeo and assists from Chris Mete (a pair) and Tyler Dingli. The Stars kept battling back though, and after a Gabe Donovan goal, from Jacob Franko and Josh Turner,

they tied the game to force overtime. The Hawks dominated the extra period, and DiBartolomeo scored the winner with help from Dingli and Alex Fantin. Goalie TJ Leach was sharp in the Hawks' net for the win.

Hawks 7, Stars 1

The Stars started the game with great intensity, and outshot the Hawks over the first five minutes. They had many quality scoring chances. Conner Gough was huge in the Hawks' net and his outstanding saves seemed to break the Stars' spirit.

With mission accomplished, taking at least one road victory, the Hawks became relentless and began to overwhelm the Stars. At this point, the rout was on. Franco D'Acri fired two of

his patented D'Acri cannons for goals - both were assisted by Franko and Mete. DiBartolomeo, from Brandon Jessop and Franko, made the score 3-0. Donovan, from Jessop and Turner, scored before the Stars broke Gough's shutout bid. Matthew Speck and Mete both scored third period power-play goals, with help from DiBartolomeo, Nicholas Brouillette, and Jessop. The final Hawks' goal was a short-handed number, with Turner breaking up the Stars' play and sending Donovan in on a breakaway.

Hawks 6, Stars 3

The third match of the series was at the Hawks' home arena in Caledon East.

It appeared as though most of Caledon came out to see their Hawks in action,

and these Hawks did not disappoint their many fans.

DiBartolomeo scored three goals and added two assists in this series clincher. D'Acri launched another of his rockets for a goal and Mete scored early in the third to make the score 5-3. Turner launched a rocket of his own to finish the scoring at 6-3. Garnering assists on the goals were Mario Lattav (with three), Donovan (with a pair), Turner, Butts, Franko and Jessop. Nicholas Stabile had a strong series patrolling the blue line for the Hawks, and goalie Leach was razor sharp in net once again.

Congratulations to the coaching staff of Emilio D'Acri, Richard Butts, Tom Dingli, and Nicki D'Acri for a job well done.



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