

# Trio of skaters qualifies for elite meet

Oakville Speed Skating Club's Sean McAuff, Ryan McAnuff and Samuel Chin-Cheong have all qualified to compete in the first meet of the Quebec elite racing circuit season next week in Sherbrooke, Que.

The local trio earned spots in the elite series — which features some of the best skaters from across eastern Canada — with strong performances at a Quebec espoir series meet last weekend in Riviere du Loup, Que.

This year marks the first time OSSC has sent three skaters to compete in a Quebec elite series meet.

The Oakville club also sent 12 skaters to a pre-season provincial series meet and 25 more to a western regional meet last weekend. Both competitions were held in Kitchener-Waterloo.

Oakville's top performers at the provincial series meet were Alex Giannotti, who earned bronze, and Megan Keenan, who finished sixth.

OSSC had 10 medallists at the regional meet, including Emma Borca (gold); Daniel Giannotti, Izabella Zakatsiolo, Charlie Cotton, Hudson Strople and Liz Lee (silver); and Cyprien Petiteville, Helios He, Connor Waters and Noah Waters (bronze). Lee DeLuca added a top-six finish.

## Blades split weekend pair

The Oakville Blades bounced back from a last-minute loss the previous night to blank the North York Rangers 5-0 Sunday in Ontario Junior Hockey League action.

Brendan McGlynn made 27 saves to record the shutout for the visiting Blades, who got goals

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from Ian Blacker, Ryan Foss, Josh Kosack, Tyler Rollo and Oliver Benwell. Foss and Blacker's markers were the first goals of their junior careers.

Saturday, Kosack scored with less than three minutes to go in regulation time to pull the Blades into a 2-2 tie with the Orangeville Flyers. However, Orangeville scored with 39 seconds left in the third to down the Blades 3-2 at Sixteen Mile Sports Complex.

Rollo scored Oakville's other goal Saturday and Michael Botiz made 37 saves in a losing cause.

The Blades will host a pair of games this weekend. The Mississauga Chargers visit Oakville tomorrow (Friday) while the Blades and North York meet again Saturday. Both games are 7:30 p.m. starts at Sixteen Mile.

## PWHL Hornets defeat Barrie

Jessica Maggioni scored twice and added an assist to pace the Oakville Hornets to a 5-2 win over the Barrie Sharks Tuesday in Provincial Women's Hockey League play at Joshua's Creek Arenas.

Brooke Jovanovich, Kayla Fillier and Jaime Bourbonnais also tallied for the Hornets, and Sarah Fillier recorded two assists. Hornets goaltender Daniela Paniccia made 13 saves while her counterpart, Alyssa Moyer, had to contend with a 35-shot Oakville barrage.

The Hornets (6-1) will play two home games this weekend at Joshua's Creek, welcoming the Nepean Wildcats for an 8:30 p.m. start tomorrow (Friday) and entertaining the Ottawa Lady Senators Saturday at 4:30 p.m.



Legend

Glen Abbey Concept Master Plan September 2015

\*Pending further market study, approximately 70,000-90,000 sf of new office and 70,000-80,000 sf of retail opportunities are proposed.



The concept master plan of proposed residential development on the grounds of Glen Abbey Golf Club. | image courtesy Allan Elgar

# Land has been estate, monastery, two golf courses

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nity Association, the grounds of Glen Abbey Golf club were initially a 350-acre country estate owned by Toronto mining executive Andre Dorfman, who built a stone mansion that became known as Golf House. The Toronto and Hamilton Diocese of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) purchased the estate from Dorfman in 1953 and used it as a monastery and retreat for 10 years, then sold it to Clearstream Developments. Clearstream purchased the property in order to build a golf course, which was named Upper Canada Country Club.

Melander, who moved from Copenhagen to Oakville in 1959 at the age of seven, recalled playing golf on Glen Abbey's grounds before the current course was even developed.

"They absolutely leveled it," he said. "I would say the closest thing (between the two courses) is that the 16th green now is where the 17th green was on the old course.

"(Upper Canada Country Club) had four holes down in the valley... The 10th hole, you teed off the hill for a short par-4, then there was a par-5, then you

didn't go any further. You came back on a par-4 and then went back up the hill," he added, noting the old course did not extend north to Upper Middle Road.

If Glen Abbey Golf Club were to be developed, it would join Richview Golf & Country Club (formerly located west of Bronte Road, north of Upper Middle Road), The Family Golf Learning Centre (east of Joshua's Creek Drive, south of Upper Middle Road), Saw-Whet Golf Course (east of Bronte Road, south of Upper Middle Road) and White Oaks Golf Club (Joshua's Creek Valley, north of Dundas Street) on the list of Oakville golf facilities that have given way to development since 2000.

There has also been recent uncertainty about the future of Deerfield Golf Club (between Bronte Road and Third Line, north of North Service Road). Infrastructure Ontario, which Deerfield leases its land from, proposed to develop 60 townhouses along the service road before withdrawing its bid last fall following opposition from Oakville mayor Rob Burton and several councillors. Oakville Golf Club — a private nine-hole facility on Sixth Line — is the other remaining golf course in Oakville south of Dundas Street. Oakville Executive Golf Club, a 27-hole executive-length public course, is located north of Dundas Street on Fourth Line.

Melander lamented what the loss of the Canadian Open would mean to the town of Oakville.

"I think they'd be losing one of Canada's greatest sporting events. The Canadian Open is a huge economic boost to this town, all the restaurants and the hotels and the recognition," he said.

"I've travelled all over the world playing golf, and everyone knows Glen Abbey. It's very famous worldwide. And now (it might be) gone."

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