

Local track athletes qualify for OFSAA

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Four Brampton high school athletes earned two individual gold medals each at the South Regional Track and Field Championships on Wednesday and Thursday in St. Catharines.

They led the way among qualifiers for the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSAA) championship which runs tomorrow to Saturday in Windsor.

Bramalea's Alecia Stewart earned two golds and a third so has qualified for OFSAA in three events. The top four in each event earn the right to advance to the provincial finals.

Stewart won the senior women's 110 metre hurdles and the long jump. She added a third in the senior high jump. In the hurdles Bianca Archibald Stirling from St. Marguerite d'Youville was fourth.

Turner Fenton had two double gold winners. That included Kate Van Buskirk, who took both the senior women's 1,500m and the 3,000m. In the 3,000m, Brittany Webster from Mayfield finished fourth and also qualified for OFSAA.

Andre James, also of Turner Fenton, earned double gold by taking both the senior men's 400m and the 110m hurdles.

Rhonda-Kaye Trusty, from St. Marguerite d'Youville, took the senior women's 100m and also won the senior women's 200m. In the 100m Brampton took the top two spots with Tanya Vintimilla, from St. Augustine, finishing second. Vintimilla added a fourth in the 200m so she has also qualified for OFSAA in that event.

Lindsay Furtado, from St. Edmund Campion, ran off with the junior women's 3000m. Natalie Daley from Turner Fenton also had a strong run to finish third, improving her previous best time by about 40 seconds.

Furtado also earned the right to advance in the junior 1,500m as she finished third.

Justin Duncan from Heart Lake won the senior men's 800m and was third in the senior men's 400m.

Joseph Ndububa from St. Augustine finished first in the midget boys high jump. St. Augustine also got a winning performance from Ikenna Obonna in the senior men's triple jump. He was also fourth in the long jump.

O'Shaine Wallace from Brampton Centennial leaped to first in the junior men's long jump. Courtney Stephens from Turner Fenton took fourth and also has qualified for OFSAA.

Wallace was also third in the junior men's 100m.

St. Thomas Aquinas got a gold as Steve Turner raced to the top spot in the senior men's 100m. Jerome Johnson from St. Augustine was fourth in the 100m final.

St. Edmund Campion qualified its 4 x 100m midget women's relay team of Jalessa Campbell, Renee Denis, Jessica Shaw and Jenn Seedu. Mayfield finished second in that same race with its foursome of Sophie Gartner-Manzon, Alexandria Anderson, Ritchie Hodge and Jeanette Goode earning a trip to OFSAA.

Brampton had the top two finishers in the midget men's 4 x 100m relay with the Fletcher's Meadow team of Tunde Adeshighin, Julien Lathan, Mario Slack and David Grant winning. Campion was second with its team of Lawrence Adjei-Okyere, Ryan Jones, Jermaine Dias and Shane Felix.

Brampton schools also took the top two spots in the senior men's 4 x 100m relay. The Centennial quartet of Ferron Burke, Wallace, Shantino Wilson and Michael McKoy was first.

Right behind in second was St. Augustine with Ryan Estridge, Julius Letts, Jerome Johnson and Antonio Scott.

In the women's 4 x 100m senior relay St. Augustine was second with Sherri Pierce, Vintimilla, Olivia Hanson and Shantelle Williams earning the silver.

The Campion junior women's 4 x 100m relay team of Kayrn Hanson, Melissa Stephenson, Anna-Kay Steele and Carissa Henry was third.

Harold Brathwaite's Tabatha Lynde wound up second in the junior women's triple jump.

Turner Fenton's Spencer McGillicuddy earned second the midget men's 3,000m.

Campion's Emmanuel Kamara finished second in the junior men's 100m hurdles.

Andre McDowell, from St. Augustine, took third in the midget men's 100m and was fourth in the 200m.

Heart Lake's Jon Berki was also a double qualifier with a third in the junior men's discus and fourth in the shot put.

Deanna Zidar, from Cardinal Leger, earned two OFSAA spots with a third in the midget women's 1,500m and in the 3,000m.

St. Augustine's Amy Richard had a pair of fourths, in the senior women's shot put and the discus.

Tristan Bristo, from St. Augustine, took third in midget men's triple jump.

Jeanine Richards, from Notre Dame, finished third in midget women's shot put with Christine Hyde of St. Augustine winding up fourth.

Heart Lake's Danny Palmer advanced with a fourth in the midget men's discus.

Hanson, of Campion, wound up fourth in the junior women's 100m. Steele of Campion was fourth in the junior women's long jump.

Geraldine Spencer, from Central Peel, took fourth in the junior women's 800m.