

## SPORTSTIME

### SATURDAY

**Field Hockey:** OUA women's league, Guelph Gryphons vs. McGill at Lampport Stadium, Toronto, 10:15 a.m.

**Baseball:** OUA semifinals, Guelph Gryphons at Toronto, 1 p.m.

**Rugby:** OUA women's league, Guelph Gryphons at Western, 1 p.m.

**Football:** OUA, Guelph Gryphons at McMaster, 2 p.m.

**Rugby:** OUA men's league, Guelph Gryphons at Waterloo, 3 p.m.

**Hockey:** Georgian/Mid-Ontario Junior C, Fergus Devils at Alliston, 7 p.m.

**Hockey:** OHL, Guelph Storm at Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.

**Hockey:** Mid-Western Junior B, Guelph Dominators vs. Orangeville, Victoria Road arena, 7:30 p.m.

**Hockey:** Georgian/Mid-Ontario Junior C, Erin Shamrocks vs. Hanover, Center 2000, 7:30 p.m.

**Hockey:** Western Junior C, Mount Forest Patriots vs. Kincardine, Mount Forest arena, 8:30 p.m.

**Hockey:** Western Ontario senior A, Elora Rocks at Listowel, 8:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY

**Lacrosse:** OUA women's league, Guelph Gryphons vs. Toronto, U of G field, 10 a.m.; McMaster vs. Laurier, U of G field, 12 p.m.; Guelph Gryphons vs. Laurier, U of G field, 2 p.m.; McMaster vs. Toronto, U of G field, 4 p.m.

**Running:** Turkey Trail Trot five-kilometre trail run, Margaret Greene Park, 11 a.m.

**Baseball:** OUA semifinals, Toronto at Guelph Gryphons, Hastings Stadium, 1 p.m. (if necessary)

**Soccer:** OUA men's league, Guelph Gryphons at York, 1 p.m.

**Field Hockey:** OUA women's league, Guelph Gryphons vs. Queen's at Lampport Stadium, Toronto, 1:45 p.m.

**Hockey:** Mid-Western Junior B, Guelph Dominators at Brantford, 2 p.m.

**Hockey:** OHL, Guelph Storm vs. Sarnia, Guelph Sports and Entertainment Centre, 3 p.m.

**Soccer:** OUA women's league, Guelph Gryphons at York, 3 p.m.

**Soccer:** Kitchener and District League, Premier Division, Guelph Oaks at Hrvatski, 5 p.m.

**Soccer:** Kitchener and District League, Premier Division, GYSC Royals vs. Srbija A, Centennial Park, 6 p.m.

**Hockey:** Provincial Junior A, Milton Icehawks at Burlington, 7:30 p.m.

**Hockey:** Georgian/Mid-Ontario Junior C, Fergus Devils vs. Alliston, Fergus and District Community Centre, 7:30 p.m.

## SPORTSTV

### SATURDAY

**Football:** NCAA, Arkansas at Florida (CBS), 12 p.m.

**Auto Racing:** NASCAR Nextel Cup EA Sports 500, practice (Speed), 12 p.m.

**Baseball:** Major Leagues (Fox), 1 p.m.

**Football:** OUA, Ottawa at Western Ontario (Score), 2 p.m.

**Football:** NCAA, Purdue at Notre Dame (NBC), 2:30 p.m.

**Horse Racing:** Woodbine (Sportsnet 2), 3 p.m.

**Football:** NCAA, Michigan at Indiana (ABC), 3:30 p.m.

**Football:** NCAA, LSU at Georgia (CBS), 3:30 p.m.

**Baseball:** Major Leagues, NY Yankees at Toronto (TSN), 4 p.m.

**Soccer:** Spain, Real Sociedad vs Atletico de Madrid (Sportsnet 1,3,4), 4 p.m.

**Football:** CFL, Montreal at Saskatchewan (CBC), 7 p.m.

**Football:** CFL, Winnipeg at British Columbia (CBC), 10 p.m.

### SUNDAY

**Football:** NFL, New England at Buffalo (Global; CBS), 1 p.m.

**Baseball:** Major Leagues, NY Yankees at Toronto (Sportsnet 1,2,3,4), 1 p.m.

**Auto Racing:** NASCAR Nextel Cup, EA Sports 500 (Toronto1; NBC), 2 p.m.

**Football:** NFL, NY Jets at Miami (CBS), 4 p.m.

**Football:** NFL, Atlanta at Carolina (CHCH; Fox), 4 p.m.

**Horse Racing:** Mazarine Breeders' Cup Stakes (Sportsnet 1,2,3,4), 4:30 p.m.

**Golf:** PGA Nationwide, Mark Christopher Charity Classic (Golf), 5 p.m.

**Football:** NFL, St. Louis at San Francisco (TSN), 8:30 p.m.

*Note: Live events only, broadcasts subject to change.*

## SPORTSRADIO

### SATURDAY

**Baseball:** Major Leagues, Toronto vs. NY Yankees (FAN AM 590; CHML AM 900; CJCS AM 1240), 4 p.m.

**Hockey:** OHL, Guelph vs. Plymouth (CJOY AM 1460), 7:30 p.m.

**Hockey:** OHL, Kitchener vs. Erie (Newstalk AM 570), 7:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY

**Baseball:** Major Leagues, Toronto vs. NY Yankees (Newstalk AM 570; FAN AM 590; CHML AM 900; CJCS AM 1240), 1 p.m.

**Hockey:** OHL, Guelph vs. Sarnia (CJOY AM 1460), 3 p.m.

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DAVE CARTER, GUELPH MERCURY

### MAKING CONTACT

Antik Dey, right, of the Guelph CVI Green Gaels connects with the ball as wicket keeper Raghan Yadan of the Centennial Spartans gets ready to receive the ball during round-robin play in the District 10 high school cricket tournament at Margaret Greene Park yesterday. The tournament's final is to be played next Friday.

## Nemechek grabs pole at Talladega

TALLADEGA, ALA.

Front Row Joe is back on top. Finally. Joe Nemechek took his first pole in four years and the seventh of his NASCAR Nextel Cup career Friday, earning the top spot for the EA Sports 500 at Talladega Superspeedway.

"We've been right on top of our game," said Nemechek, who got his No. 01 Chevrolet around the steeply banked 2.66-mile at 190.749 m.p.h. "You know, it's about the car in qualifying. The car has got to be right and the engine has got to be right.

"When the race comes, that's when the driver makes a difference."

Nemechek, who earned his nickname with six Cup poles from 1997-2000, shook his head when reminded his last pole came at this track on Oct. 13, 2000, 133 races ago.

"That's a long time," Nemechek said. "They're just so hard to get. The competition's so tough. But we've been so close this year, doing a good job. We've had two outside poles and I felt like this was close."

Ricky Rudd was second in a Ford at 190.609, followed by Dale Jarrett's Taurus at 190.374 and the Chevy of Nemechek's rookie MBV/MB2 Motorsports teammate Scott Riggs at 190.310.

The rest of the top 10 was made up of drivers who are part of NASCAR's new 10-driver, 10-race playoff-style championship.

Series leader Jeff Gordon, winner of NASCAR's last two races at Talladega and Daytona, the two tracks where NASCAR requires horsepower-sapping carburetor restrictor plates, had a solid fifth-place run. That set up his chance to match the late Dale Earnhardt on Sunday as the only driver to win three plate races in a season.

Gordon will go into the race, the third in the championship showdown, with a one-point lead over Kurt Busch, who qualified eighth at 189.676.

In between, were Elliott Sadler at 189.752 and defending series champion Matt Kenseth at 189.710, with Jeremy Mayfield ninth at 189.526 and Dale Earnhardt Jr. rounding out the top 10 at 189.481.

The other title contenders were farther back in the 43-car field, with Jimmie Johnson 16th, Mark Martin 17th, Ryan Newman 19th and Tony Stewart 30th.

"We're pretty happy with that qualifying run," Gordon said. "We'll just get the car out there in the draft tomorrow (in practice) and, hopefully, it will be real strong for the race."

Earnhardt, who has won four of the last five races at Talladega and finished second to Gordon here in April, said qualifying doesn't mean too much at a track like this, where cars race two- and three-wide in huge packs and move up and back through the field as the race progresses.

"There is only one thing that's seriously important to me and the team today, and that's getting a good pit stall for the race," Earnhardt said. "You don't want a bad pit stall. It's so hard to get on and off pit road here. It's important to qualify well so you can choose a good pit stall."

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## SCOREBOARD

DARTS				
George Theirgood	1	0	1	4
Hummas & the Poppas	1	0	1	4
Aerosmut	0	1	1	2
Counting Freethrows	0	1	1	2
Deep Burple	0	1	1	2
Fleetwood Smack	0	1	1	2
OVER-40 DIVISION				
	W	L	B	P
Bare Naked Laddies	1	0	1	4
Crash Test Rummies	1	0	1	4
Freddy & the Screammers	1	0	1	4
Simply Fed	1	0	1	4
April Whine	0	1	1	2
Grand Dunk Railroad	0	1	1	2
Iron Fadein	0	1	1	2
Men Without Fats	0	1	1	2
RESULTS				
Italian-Canadian Club 9 Woolwich Arms One 5				
Doogies Two 10 Frugal McDougalls' One 4				
Shakespeare Arms Two 12 Q-Ball Two 0				
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Tequila Joe's One 12 Jose Noodles One 2				
DIVISION B				
	W	F	At	P
Woolwich Arms 2	1	13	1	3
Shakespeare Arms 2	1	12	0	3
Kelly's Ale House 3	1	9	5	3
Doogies 1	1	8	6	3
Jose Noodles 2	1	8	6	3
Tequila Joe's 2	0	6	8	0
Frugal McDougalls' 2	0	6	8	0
Kelly's Ale House 1	0	5	9	0
Ample Annies	0	1	13	0
Q-Ball 2	0	0	12	0
RESULTS				
Jose Noodles Two 8 Tequila Joe's Two 6				
Shakespeare Arms Two 12 Q-Ball Two 0				
Kelly's Ale House Three 9 Kelly's Ale House One 5				
Doogies One 8 Frugal McDougalls' Two 6				
Woolwich Arms Two 13 Ample Annies 1				
Individual Performances				
John Haller, Tequila Joe's One, 2 x 180				
BASKETBALL				
SPORTHAWK FATMANS LEAGUE				
UNDER-40 DIVISION				
	W	L	B	P
Black Flabbath	1	0	1	4
Earth Winds & Liar	1	0	1	4
Brantford Black	3	2	0	.600 220 98
Cambridge Green 2	3	0	.400 56 117	
Twin Cities A	2	3	0 .400 90 50	
Brantford Red	1	4	0 .200 130 201	
Brantford White	1	4	0 .200 46 170	
Guelph Blue Bears 1	4	0	.200 87 141	
Guelph Bears	0	5	0 .000 6 287	
MYTE				
	W	L	T	Pct. F A
Brantford Red	5	0	0	1.000 145 37
Wentworth Black 5	0	0	1.000 183 25	
Cambridge Green 4	1	0	.800 174 52	
Brantford White	3	1	0 .750 99 65	
Cambridge Gold 3	1	0	.750 168 36	
Wentworth Red	2	2	0 .500 121 93	
Brampton A	2	3	0 .400 83 156	
Brantford Black	2	3	0 .400 99 76	
Cambridge White	2	3	0 .400 116 154	
Guelph Bears	1	4	0 .200 81 193	
Twin Cities A	1	4	0 .200 69 161	
Guelph Blue Bears 0	4	0	.000 7 146	
Twin Cities B	0	4	0 .000 38 189	
PEEWEE				
	W	L	T	Pct. F A
Cambridge Green	5	0	0	1.000 203 22
Brantford Black	3	1	0	.750 40 8
Brantford White	3	1	0 .750 78 1	
Wentworth	3	1	0 .750 106 43	
Brampton	2	2	0 .500 110 44	
Twin Cities A	2	3	0 .400 29 109	
Twin Cities B	2	3	0 .400 39 79	
Cambridge Gold	0	4	0 .000 16 134	
Guelph Bears	0	5	0 .000 1 182	
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	W	L	T	Pct. F A
Cambridge Gold	5	0	0	1.000 217 25
Wentworth	5	0	0	1.000 228 33
Brampton	3	1	0 .750 111 21	
Brantford White	3	2	0 .600 147 93	
Twin Cities A	3	2	0 .600 79 93	
Brantford Black	1	4	0 .200 96 139	
Guelph Bears	1	4	0 .200 68 228	
Cambridge Green	0	4	0 .000 0 165	
Twin Cities B	0	4	0 .000 20 169	
ULTIMATE FRISBEE				
GUELPH ULTIMATE FALL LEAGUE				
A DIVISION				
	W	L	T	P
Twigs & Giggles	4	0	0	8
Sunnyvale Trailer Park	3	1	0	6
Hucking Eh	3	1	0	6
Heavy Breathing	2	2	0	4
TRON	2	2	0	4
Dump Truck	1	3	0	2
Running with Scissors	1	3	0	2
8 Ball	0	4	0	0
B1 DIVISION				
	W	L	T	P
Run No More	6	1	1	13
Just Huck It	5	2	1	11
Lovehandlers	5	3	0	10
Disc Gracefuls	4	3	1	9
Disc-O Inferno	2	5	1	5
Ultimate Happiness	0	6	0	0
B2 DIVISION				
	W	L	T	P
Guelph Nordisque	6	1	0	12
Ufologists	5	1	1	11
Huckin' Night in Canada	4	1	2	10
The Huckstables	5	2	1	11
Huckin' Rabbit's Feet	3	3	1	7
Huckoo	3	4	0	6
Republic of Canukistan	3	4	0	6
The Army of Darkness	3	4	0	6
Go Fetch	3	5	0	6
Bolsheliks	1	5	1	3
Huckin' Groovin	1	7	0	2
C1 DIVISION				
	W	L	T	P
Disco Stu	6	0	1	13
Wormburners	6	1	0	12
Flick Flair	3	4	0	6
Thompson Saluters	2	3	2	6
What's Happening	3	4	0	6
Vertically Challenged	1	4	1	3
The Dawgs	1	6	0	2
C2 DIVISION				
	W	L	T	P
The Nads	5	0	1	11
Givener	3	2	1	7
Ish	4	3	0	8
Whiz Kids	2	4	0	4
Hammer Time	1	6	0	2
B/C SUNDAY DIVISION				
	W	L	T	P
Got Disc?	4	1	0	8
Disc Brakes	4	2	0	8
FAB	3	3	0	6
Tragically Unfit	3	3	0	6
Discombobulated	2	2	0	4
Disc Machine	0	5	0	0

## Ernie Els shoots ahead

THOMASTOWN, IRELAND

His post-majors funk behind him, Ernie Els was back in his element Friday.

Playing some of his best golf in the worst conditions, Els breezed through a wacky day of weather at the American Express Championship by starting with four straight birdies and finishing with an 8-under 64, giving him a two-shot lead and hope that he still has a lot to play for this year.

"I didn't know what to expect today," Els said. "I wanted to just try and get myself in position and take every shot as they came. I mean, 64 in these conditions ... it's one of the better rounds I've played this year."

Els was at 11-under 133, and right behind him was a familiar foe.

No, not Tiger Woods.

British Open champion Todd Hamilton, who went head-to-head with Els over the final 40 holes at Royal Troon before beating him in a playoff, had one of only two bogey-free rounds at Mount Juliet for a 69 and was at 9-under 135 with Spaniard Miguel Angel Jimenez (68).

"I've seen everything except snow today," Hamilton said.

Woods still struggled with a back injury, but he saved his worst grimaces for all the putts he missed.

Just one shot off the lead at one point, Woods took 19 putts over his final nine holes and had to settle for a 70, leaving him five shots behind going in to the weekend.

"I just had four holes where I spent a little more time on the green than I should have," Woods said.

Calgary's Stephen Ames shot an even-par 72 Friday and was 1-over for the tournament.

Everyone spent way too much time changing clothes.

The weather switched from showers to sunshine, from a warm breeze to cold gusts up to 32 km/h, sometimes over the span of three holes.

"We were taking off jackets, putting on jackets, had the umbrella out, taking rain pants off, putting them back on," Hamilton said. "It was a nuisance. Plus, we got told we were behind, and that makes you speed up. I told him it was because we had to undress so many times."

It was a perfect day for Els.

The Big Easy prefers tropical warmth, which he gets at his beach house in South Africa. But he has a good history in bad weather, such as the 72 he shot in the third round at Muirfield two years ago when he won the British Open.

"I've been playing the European tour 13 years now, so I think I've seen most conditions," Els said. "I just start learning after a while. When it's like this, it's a good opportunity to do something, maybe catch up."

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South Africa's Ernie Els watches his tee shot on the eighth hole at Mount Juliet Golf course in the American Express World Golf Championship in Thomastown, Ireland, yesterday.

## FIGURESKATING MEET RESULTS

## Top finishes in Hamilton

**HAMILTON INVITATIONAL**  
Guelph Figure Skating Club members had three top-three finishes in their flights in the Hamilton Invitational Skating Competition.

Lauren Davies was second in Flight 2 in STARSkate Junior Bronze while Rebecca Nelles was fourth in the same flight and Nicole Turcot was sixth in Flight 1.

Britney Hogg was second in Flight 1 in Novice Ladies while Christine Kucava was ninth in Flight 2 and Syke Humber was 13th in Flight 1.

Rebecca Nelles and partner Dylan Simpson of Kitchener-Waterloo were third in Juvenile Dance.

Jenna Gorecki placed fifth in Pre-Juvenile Ladies.

Brittney Kidd was seventh, Kaitlyn Ford eighth and Sarah D'Aoust ninth in STARSkate Preliminary Flight 2.

Katie Peach was ninth in Junior Bronze Limited Flight 2.