

Novice Rams finish lacrosse season on winning note

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The three Acton Rams lacrosse teams wrapped up their respective regular season schedules last week.

The McIntyre Fuels/Crowe Construction Novice Rams were the only team to end its season on a high note.

The Novice Rams defeated London 6-4 to finish with a record of nine wins and five losses. It was the fourth consecutive win for the Rams.

Matt Wolfer led the way with three goals. Mike McDonald, Adam Lindsay and Mike Dube scored the

other Ram goals. Assists went to McDonald (2), Dube (2), David Lyons (2) and Steve Atkinson.

In tournament action in Mississauga last weekend, the Novice Rams split their four games to capture the Silver Championship trophy. The Rams got off to an inauspicious start, losing to Mimico 8-2. McDonald and Atkinson were the goal scorers. Chad Henry, Dube and Nick Mastro recorded the helpers.

In their second game, Acton rallied from a 4-1 second period deficit to knock off Burlington 5-4. Dube was the hero after he scored the game winning goal with one minute

left. Jon Newby, McDonald, Wolfer and Mike Davison scored the other goals. Assists were credited to Lyons, Newby, Meghann Williams, Mastro, Davison, Henry and Dube.

The Rams then fell to Oakville 4-2. Wolfer and Mastro were the marksmen.

In their final game, the Rams shut out Whitby 3-0 to claim the Novice III Silver title. McDonald, Lindsay and Dube bulged the Whitby twine on assists from Lyons and Wolfer.

The Acton North Halton Material Handling Tyke Rams lost their final game to Guelph 7-3. The loss dropped their record to 5-4-1.

Matt Bronizewski, Chad Artem and Travis Bland scored for the Tyke Rams.

The Acton Mackenzie-Chapman/Galvcast Bantam Rams lost their last two games of the season, 7-2 to London and 6-2 to Brantford.

Bantam Ram goal scorers in the London game were Paul Withers and Jeff Newnam. Withers and Shawn Weatherall scored in the Brantford tilt. Weatherall (2), Gerald Million, Ryan Young, Sandy Chapman, Newman and Jason Christopher earned the assists.

In Timbit action, the Timbit Blues and the Timbit Whites contin-

ued their fierce rivalry.

The Blues prevailed 3-0 two weeks ago, but the Whites gained a measure of revenge with an 8-2 shellacking last week. Blue scorers were Greg Henry (2), Braden Halls, Nathan Brown and Abby Lyons. Blue assists were awarded to Garrett Williams (3), Brown and Elias Frechette.

Braden Artem led the White charge with four goals and three assists in the victory. Treth McDougall and Daniel O'Driscoll each connected for a pair of goals. O'Driscoll (3), Curtis Marcoux (2), Rene Strickland (2) and McDougall had the assists.

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The town's recreation and parks department will be holding Sports Adventure camps for children aged 7-13 the weeks of July 25 and August 2. The camps will feature games, swimming and a trip to Koharski's Sports Centre. For more information, call the registration hotline at 873-2600 ext. 275.

Smith first

Georgetown's Alex Smith had an excellent showing at a recent track meet in Oakville. Smith finished first in the 100-metres, 50-metre hurdles, javelin and discus. His time in the 100-metres was a personal best 13.1 seconds.

Another Georgetown trackster, Mike Frenke, was first in the 400-metres, second in the 50-metre hurdles, third in the long jump and third in the javelin.

Both Smith and Frenke are members of the Athletiques International track club.

Grand slam

Acton Legion rookie hardballers were busy with three games from July 12 to 18.

In the first, Neal Dawkins hit his second grand slam of the season to lead Acton Legion to an 11-3 romp over Waterdown "2". Tyler Holmes, Joe Brunelle, Shawn Richard, Sean Canary and Adam Roach had good hitting performances.

Acton Legion continued their winning ways with an 8-6 triumph against Acton "2" July 15. Holmes, Brunelle, Roach, Richard, Dawkins and Peter Finnie delivered base hits.

On July 18, Acton Legion made it three in a row by dismantling Campbellville 13-4. Holmes, Richard, Daniel Snow, Troy Ethier, Roach, Michael Gerrow and Brunelle were the hitting stars. Roach also pitched well to record the win.

Glen sweep

The Acton IGA atom girls' softball team dropped both games of a home and home series with the Glen July 12-13. The Glen took the first game, played in Glen Williams, 17-11 and then completed the sweep at Prospect Park 11-4. Top players for Acton were Ashley Holman, Shannon Harkley and Stephanie Thompson.

Summer carnival

The Acton Arena will play host to some "good ol' fashioned" fun at the 1994 Acton Summer Carnival July 26, from 7 to 9 p.m. Recreation and Parks summer staff have planned a leap back to rural life in the 1800's with an evening of games and entertainment. Admission is free.



Six year-old Nathan Fazio is turning heads on the motocross circuit. The tiny rider has tangled with racers from 8 to 15 and has beaten many of them. He's even qualified for the national championships.

Six year-old motocross racer

Fazio qualifies for nationals

By PAUL FERREIRA

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The hum gets louder and louder.

It's then that you see the dirt bike, with its colorfully clad rider, come around a sharp turn. The rider skillfully uses his right foot to navigate the turn, leaving a trail of dust behind him.

He speeds up, hits a hill at an angle and then slows down before speeding up again to nail a jump. At the apex of the jump, the rider and bike soar through the air.

Welcome to Nathan Fazio's backyard.

Nathan, 6, is a dirt biking wunderkind. That much is obvious as he motors his way around the track his parents have built for him in behind their rural Georgetown area home.

"I like the jumps," says Nathan. "I like to go fast. Finishing first I like too," he admits.

Since entering his first race three-and-a-half months ago, the shy, but speedy Norval phenom has amassed a rather tidy collection of trophies.

Whether it's at Markham, Parry Sound or Barrie's Molson Park, Nathan's raced against the best young bike pilots around, some as old as 10, and he's beaten most of them. He currently stands third overall in the Motocross District "3" peewee division.

At home, where he goes head-to-head with his step-dad, Chris Shead, and his sister, Amy, 11, Nathan is king of the track.

"He's the pro," says Amy.

According to his mom, Cheryl Shead, Nathan even employs the racing tricks of a pro.

"Nathan's cut (his step-dad) off in the bush a few times," she says. This admission draws a big smile from Nathan.

The same tactics are used in competitive races, where the number of young speed merchants per race varies from eight to 15. All this action can lead to chills, thrills and, inevitably, spills.

"The parents pick up the kids and put them back

on their bikes," says Cheryl, explaining that parents line the quarter-mile to half-mile long tracks to watch out for accidents.

Still, she isn't too concerned with the potential for injury.

"I worry more at home," she says. "He goes faster here."

To prevent injuries, Nathan wears quite a bit of protective equipment. The shoulder pads, chest protector, knee pads, helmet and steel-toed boots make the 4-foot, 55-pound racer look bigger than he really is.

With full regalia, he takes on the look of an astronaut, which is appropriate because Nathan may soon be entering the space age on a new set of wheels.

He currently tools around on a Yamaha 50cc, a \$500 bike he was given just before his fourth birthday. The Yamaha is about two-and-a-half feet high, weighs 80 pounds and can reach a maximum speed of 55-65 kilometres per hour.

But that's small potatoes compared to the future two-wheeler. It's an Italian-made luxury model with rear suspension and the whole works. It's also 20 pounds lighter than the Yamaha.

"(The new bike) is more powerful and just like an adult bike, but miniature," says Cheryl. Nathan's brown eyes light up as she describes it.

The new bike could be bad news for his competitors.

As it stands now, Nathan is one of the premier peewee riders in Eastern Canada. At the Eastern Canadian championships in Uxbridge July 2-3, he placed fourth.

He's now eligible to compete at the Canadian national championships, being held in Riverglade, N.B., later this month, but Cheryl isn't sure if he'll compete.

"We haven't decided if we're going," she says.

If it were up to him, Nathan would probably jump on his bike and ride all the way to New Brunswick. After all, he's on a mission of sorts.

Crashing landing for Eagles

You know what they say about what goes up, eventually it has to come down. The Georgetown rookie ball Eagles recently learned that lesson the hard way.

After a thrilling tournament win in Flesherton last month, the Eagles soared into Barrie for another tourney July 9. They were promptly brought back down to earth, losing all three games they played.

In their opening game versus Richmond Hill, the eventual silver medalists, the Eagles were plucked to the tune of 13-3. The Eagle defence, led by second baseman Joel Hamilton and centre-fielder Terry Morton, played extremely well, making only one error. Offensively, Michael Zelek had two runs batted in and Matt Tales scored on a long single to right off the bat of Gavin Aldridge. Kyle Termini was the MVP.

The Eagles played the eventual tourney champs, Burlington, in their second game. Once again, the defence played well, but the offence was unable to generate a single run as Burlington clipped the Eagles 5-0. Sean Graham played well defensively. Robbie Greenwell, who went two for two at the plate, was the offensive star. The MVP was Doug Wintermute.

The Eagles then faced Guelph in their final game. After jumping out to a 2-1 first inning lead on a two-run base hit by Kyle Termini, everything went downhill for the Eagles. Guelph, thanks mainly to some defensive lapses on the part of the Eagles, scored the next 13 runs to win handily 14-2. Kyle Hulme was the Eagle MVP.

The Eagle coaches would like to invite all those interested in playing for the team next year to meet this year's squad and discuss future plans. You can catch the team in flight every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Barn Diamond.

One team wins

The Georgetown Ladies II soccer team fell to hometown rivals Georgetown I, 3-1, in a sterling match of competitive play Monday evening.

As per their ever developing pattern, Geo II were first to score and carry the lead. Georgetown II's goal was the result of a superb play by left winger Penny Franolla, who directed a pass off her left foot to waiting Joanne Van De Wiele positioned in front of the net.

The lead was not to last. A handball off of Geo II member Lisa Allen in the 18 yard box called for a penalty kick upon which Geo I capitalized.

A tie until the second half, Geo I lobbed two more into the ladies end to complete the match.