



ACTON CLASSICS: Members of the Acton Villa Classics soccer team, including Acton's Christina Carere, were edged 3-2 by the London White Eagles at the Ontario Cup Classics final in Vaughn on Saturday. — Submitted photo

Acton Soccer Season Finale

Another season of outdoor soccer comes to an end. After the start Mother Nature gave us, we were afraid it might not happen, but alas, the summer turned out to be beautiful.

There were some surprises and some outstanding performances as well as a

few disappointments, but all in all everyone had a great time. Learning new skills, making new friends and getting some exercise in the fresh air.

Acton Villa would like to thank all of the sponsors for their contributions. Also, we

would like to thank the players and their supporters, and all of the coaches, assistants and all of the other volunteers who make the beautiful game possible in Acton. For those playing indoor, see you in October, for the rest, see you in the summer.



Come swim with the Ducks!

Register today for the Duckling program

Classes are limited to 7 swimmers learning their basic swim strokes. 45 minutes per week.

Swimmers must be capable of doing the following:

- swim 5-10 metres without a floatation device (dog paddle ok)
- comparable to a level 2 with the Town swim lessons

Acton Aqua Ducks registered in the Ducklings program will learn: stroke basics, endurance and how to dive.

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Acton Classics Fall to London White Eagles

The word "unlucky" comes to mind after watching the Saturday night Ontario Cup Classics final. Why unlucky? After a well-fought game that saw Acton Villa's Katherine Thayer score a cracker in the middle of the first half, Thayer again struck a bullet from the top of the box that hit the underbelly of the top post (and net according to fans and players on the side) but was not to be recognized by the refs.

Going into the second half, Acton led with

the most opportunities in front of the net. The White Eagles were a determined side looking to change the tide in their favour with several runs and corner kicks that they were unable to capitalize on. The tone of the game did change when a tough collision saw Acton's shooting force Thayer get carried off the field. With this, London came on strong pinning Acton into their half for a good portion of the second half.

At the 70th minute, a

heavy-footed cross from Katherine Esch bounced off an Acton player on the three-yard line for an own goal. The remaining 20 minutes stayed scoreless and set the stage for penalty kicks. London's emerging hero, their goalie Fatima Harris, starred in this portion of the game with several saves that guided their team to a 3-2 victory in penalties. The London Whites Eagles will now go on to represent Ontario at Nationals in West Vancouver.

Tanners play exhibitions

The 2011-2012 Acton Tanners Atom BB team, sponsored by Tri-Form Concrete and Algoma Contractors, started the season with two victorious exhibition games against the Flamborough Sabres and the Erin-Hillsburgh Devils. Luke Miehm claimed the first pre-season goal late in the second period against the Sabres (assisted by Nicholas Jones) to give the Tanners a 1-0 lead. Early in the third, Stuart Macdonald made it 2-0 (another assist to Jones), which was quickly followed by another goal from defenceman Jon Bydevaate (asst. Daniel Nascimento). With just over five minutes to go in

the game, Jones scored one of his own (Miehm, Macdonald) to make it 4-0 Tanners, but the Sabres managed to sneak one of their own in before the final buzzer went, ending the first pre-season game in a 4-1 win for the Tanners.

A few days later the Tanners travelled to Erin to face friendly rivals, the Devils. The Tanners came out strong with three quick goals, the first one only thirty seconds into the game by Dylan Palmer (Hunter McCauley, Brett Hilts), which was followed by another goal less than a minute later from Jones (Nascimento). Not long af-

ter that Nascimento fired one in off a perfect pass from Jones, to make it 3-0 Tanners. The Devils turned it on and scored twice to end the period 3-2 Tanners.

Halfway through the third, Jones and Nascimento made it 4-2 Tanners (assisted by Chase Thomas). The Devils made it 4-3 Tanners, but thanks to some great goal tending and excellent defensive plays, the Tanners kept the crowd on their feet and claimed their second pre-season victory.

The Tanners play their first regular season game on Saturday, at 6:40 p.m. at the Acton Arena.