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## Countdown to Acton House League hockey

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK

Acton's Paul Bowen cannot wait for Acton House League to begin. The coach, hockey association official, and father of two league players longs for the thwack of a puck against the boards on an early, cold Saturday morning. He can't wait for the plays, the practices, the wins and even the defeats.

"The Acton house league is kids who want to have fun and like to win. We get a mix of kids with different levels of skill. They all have one thing in common, they want to be Wayne Gretzky," Bowen laughs.

League hockey in Acton is non-contact with seven divisions, Tyke through Juvenile. Bowen says if you can skate, you can play.

"We don't want to have to keep picking the real young kids up off the ice, but we did have two players that we pushed out to get them to the face-offs. We like the young kids to come out and we'd like to have more girls play. We had an exhibition game with two girls teams and maybe that sparked some interest."

Registration for this season begins Thursday from 7-9 pm at the Acton arena. Registration contin-

ues Saturday morning from 9-12 noon. The cost is \$110 per player or \$250 per family.

"That fee covers the cost of sweaters and socks, a banquet, trophies, medallions and team photos," Bowen explains. "Each team will play a regular season of 20 games and everyone gets in the playoffs."

This year, the Acton league is affiliated with Milton, so players will travel there once a month.

Bowen is expecting 250 Acton

and area kids to register this season. He is hoping for a lot of Bantam players, those aged 14 and 15. "This year the rep league is adding a second Bantam team and I hope that doesn't hurt us."

As Bowen prepares for this week's registration he is also out getting new sponsors. "Our sponsors make our season a success by helping to pay for equipment and tournaments. Some like, the Legion, Lions and Goy Cartage, have been helping us for 25 years. I

hope to get more sponsors and I want to see more parents coming out to practices and games. This year the Hockey Moms will hold bingos every other Monday night to help raise money."

Players need standard CSA approved hockey equipment including a neck protector and full-face or visor helmet.

Anyone with used equipment can price it and bring it to the registration Thursday for sale on Saturday.

## Al & Al's finish season in second place

Al & Al's Red Brand Meats finished their Peewee soccer season in second place with a 3-1 win over Grand Valley IGA.

In the game Tuesday, Al & Al's took on their undefeated rivals Grand Valley IGA, for their final game of league play. It seemed as if the game was going to be a washout when Grand Valley scored after just a minute of play, but Acton did not give up and ended playing their strongest game yet.

Goaltender Philip McIntyre played a magnificent game as did the defense line of Allan Deruelle, Scott McIntyre, and Michael Morrow. Goal scorers for Acton were Brian McIntyre and Paul Guy.

Al & Al's finished the season just two points behind league leaders Grand Valley.

In Atom division play on Tuesday, Acton Pharmacy blanked Microbix 1-0. Danny Goralewski, with an assist from Ryan Bowen, scored the only goal in the game. Jason Mota played a superb two-

way game with the shutout shared by Kevin Drechsler and Rory Dick. Bruce Milligan also played a great game.

Acton Super Subs ended the Atom division season as 1992 league runner-ups with a 6-4 win over Rockwood Optimists on Tuesday. Cameron Sissett played an excellent game, showing great ball control and dead-on passing in front of the net. Darren Selihar, David Hatch and Jeff Payne were also outstanding Super Sub players.

Congratulations to the team for their consistent hard work and efforts in securing their second place finish.

The Acton Leathertown Pet and Feed Supply Under-12 All-Star team wrapped up their season with two exhibition games last week. One game was against their parents, the other against the Peewee boys house league team.

Even though the evening was cold and damp, the parents squad accepted the player's challenge

and hit the field trying their best to win. But skill and youthful determination dominated and the All-Star boys came away with a 6-4 victory. All players and parents put in a great effort. A special thanks to referees Ryan Gallagher, Chris Seeds and Gareth Lichty.

For their final match, the All-Star team played Al & Al's Red Brand Meats. It was a close game but after six minutes of over-time the Peewees came out on top with a 5-3 win. The entire team played a great game and special mention goes to forwards Michael Hastings, Jon Goralewski and Adam Milligan.

Coaches Marc Vandenakker and Janisse Bailey would like to say a special thanks to the players and parents of the Leathertown team for their patience, efforts and support.

## MacMillan's ends season with a win

Acton's MacMillan's Frozen Foods downed Grand Valley by a score of 2-1 last Sunday to end Squirr minor soccer action.

Acton coach Jool Antonini said it was a real struggle to hold on to the win as Grand Valley H & R Block fielded a great team that made Acton earn every step.

The Bowen brothers, Josh and Nathan, each had a marker for MacMillan's and H & R's Ryan Pope booted in Grand Valley's lone goal.

In other Squirr action, Guelph OPP edged Acton Blue Springs 1-0 in a game on Friday.

The OPP found the mark in Blue Spring's net in the second half to break a scoreless tie with a single goal. Both teams played great games with precise pass-and-go tactics, tracking ability and ball movement. The big shoes for Blue Springs were Shannon Gray and Peter Van Voert in mid-field and Mathew Gardner in defence. Guelph OPP players Monica Gordon, David Preston and Christian Landy were in superb form.

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