

Change of seasons at AHS

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ACTON HIGH SPORTS

The Midget Girls volleyball season continues after the Christmas break with optimistic hopes. A decent second place finish in the tournament prior to the holidays is a good sign for the squad and they hope they can carry on their winning ways.

The team has an impressive blend of power and determination, and hard practice should take care of their inexperience and trouble with positioning during play. Since these are the team's biggest weaknesses the girls are sure to improve.

Coaches Bob McKay and Jeff Koprowski lead Nicole Hargrave, Jamie Davies, Heather Hills, Shondra Shroud, Shelley Hand, Joy Christopher, Heather Trotter, Jenn McKay, Karen Newman, Beth Henderson, Jackie Jahn, Stacey West and Sharon Kearsy to their first match following the break on Friday, Jan. 8 against Milton

The Junior Girls Volleyball team found out a major problem with sports in a small school this year — that is getting enough people to play.

Remarkably though, they are a very strong team with excellent players and are perhaps the most promising team Acton has this year.

In their first game of the season they blew away Burlington with strong play from every member. If the team can repeat their effort and execution for the remainder of the season they will have a very rewarding year.

Coached by Jocelyn Perras and students Steve Bottero and Devon Ambrose they continue their season after the break with a game, at home, against Milton.

Pam Olsen, Krista Kier, Paula Hardy, Jenny Goy, Lindsay Holmes and Desiree Barrett make up the team this year.

The Senior team will have to overcome a tough loss they suffered earlier in their season against Burlington to start the new year with a bang. The squad, coached by Ken Ellis, has some great players and an exciting style of play but the competition at the Senior level is very tough. The team encourages fans to come out and watch their home games. It promises to be a fun-to-watch season for girls volleyball.

Boys basketball in Acton is looking up. The Midget and Junior team — who have been starved for wins

for the past few years — both have assembled respectable teams.

The Midget team, coached by Dave Boycott, begins their season Jan. 7, visiting Milton. It will be the team's first game in league play this season.

This year's team features a good mix of height and shooting but passing the ball cleanly and running the plays smoothly will be weaknesses the boys will have to work on.

Shawn Hopkins should lead the team down low and he will need to rebound and defend if Acton is to have a good year. Dave Dolliver should score points with shots outside and his quickness is valuable to Acton's defense. Other players include Matt Boycott, Joel Reynolds, Jared Nabetta, Derek Tribe, Luke Zinke and Mike DeBruyn. While there are other players worth noting the team is too large to mention each player.

The Junior Boys begin their sea-

son on the same date against Milton.

Over half the team is new to the Junior level, including coach Wilcox. The team hopes it can overcome the inexperience with their talent. With good height and jumping down low, incredible leaping and shooting by their guards, the Junior Boys look forward to tasting victory a little more often this year.

Depth is also an asset. They are guaranteed having a good sixth man to put in during the game regardless of who starts. This is a treat Acton teams of the past have not been able to enjoy. The main problem the boys face is running effective plays during a game to utilize their talent. With less than a week to go before their first game they have not yet practiced a play.

The team is made up of Darrell and Eddy Bridge, Dave Turple, Jamie Goy, Brad Cripps, Rob Tiralongo, Andrew Phillips, Craig Robinson and Adam Reynolds.

Monmar registers lone victory in four tries

Last week Acton Monmar Homes Peewees played four games and came up with one win, one tie and two losses.

Three of the games were in a Flamboro Tournament and included one of the best games the Monmar squad has had this season.

Monmar's first game resulted in their greatest offensive outburst of the year and a 9-1 victory over Oakville Blackhawks.

Phil McIntyre led the scoring with a hat trick and singles went to Derrick McIntyre, Paul Guy, Devon Fraser, Chris Seads, Mark Faseruk and Brian McIntyre.

Chris Yeatman and Scott MacDonald were key playmakers with three assists each and Kevin Dick and Guy had two assists each.

Monmar met a team from Crawford County, Pa. in game two and was defeated 8-2.

Monmar goals came off the sticks of Fraser, named MVP, and Scott MacDonald.

The final game of the tournament was an exciting one against the Chinguacousy Blues.

The result was a 1-all tie, which knocked both teams out of the final. The lone Acton goal was scored by captain Derrick McIntyre, aided by game MVP Matt Williams and

Proplastex in second place in Atom II rep hockey league

Acton's Proplastex Atom II team ended its losing streak with a 2-1 win over Fergus on Saturday at Acton arena.

The first period of the game was a scoreless defensive struggle.

The local side registered the game's opening marker in the second period on a backhand flip shot by Rueben Rivers from Marc Forbes and Matt Bodin which flew into the opposition's net, over the Fergus goalie's shoulder.

The Fergus club then evened things up in the last minute of the second period.

Derrick Inscoc scored the winner, in the third, with help from Forbes and Mat Schrock.

The victory gave Proplastex 26 points and a solid hold on second place in the Inglis Division of the rep league.

The win also helped make up for a disappointing showing for the squad at a Silver Stick Tournament in Pelham last week.

Consecutive losses to big, talented and tough teams from Port

Dover, Waterford and Pelham frustrated, but did not discourage the Acton team, which was short four regular players.

In games one and three, Acton centre Joey Field was named Most Valuable Player and in the second contest, it was defenseman David Metcalfe.

Rory Dick and David Gregson split the netminding chores and played well.

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