



HOMER CUT: Acton High Ladies Softball player Lindsay Holmes prepares to launch this ball into the outfield during pre-season batting practice. The Grade 10 will be spending the majority of her playing time stationed at shortstop. Acton plays their home opener today (Wednesday) against Notre Dame at 3:30 at M.Z. Bennett. (Doug Harrison photo)

Wright looks to youngsters for big year in softball

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The Acton Tanner

Tom Wright only wishes he could fast forward a couple of years and see the end result of a rebuilding project set to begin this season.

The Acton High Girls' softball coach welcomes back five senior players to the fold this year, but in a rebuilding year of sorts, has 12 Grade 9 and 10 members who he's grooming for down the road.

"We're up against some stiff competition," said Wright, whose team is coming off a 6-3 year. The last two years we've had a break with new teams coming in, but now we are playing mainly Burlington schools. They've had good teams in the past and I don't expect it to be any different this year."

Good mix of 9 and 10's

Acton, who will play a seven game schedule, is in the 10-team Richardson Division and will be pitted against teams from Alder-

Amanda Williams (201), Sarah Keith (144).

BANTAMS

Mens, Singles: Trevor Walker (215), Mike Perkins (180), Daniel Newell (154). Triples: Mike Perkins (506), Trevor Walker (451), Daniel Newell (406). Ladies, Singles: Dannielle Charland (138), Meagan McGrath (134), Laura Kobsa (124). Triples: Dannielle Charland (379), Meagan

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shot, Assumption, Burlington Central, Lester B. Pearson, Lord Elgin, M.M. Robinson, Nelson, Notre Dame and Georgetown.

Wright says he has a good mix of six Grade 9's and six 10's who are really keen. He added that four of the Grade 9 players have played together previously on the local Limehouse teams.

Ambrose and Louth to lead

The third-year coach is also anticipating a big year from his Grade 11 players who he hopes will connect a little more after last season's dry spell.

"They were good fielders last year, but they didn't hit a lick," Wright blurted. "I think they were intimidated by the fast pitching. But they're bigger this year so ..."

Acton will be led on the mound by Kelly Ambrose, the club's most valuable player and top hurler for the last two years.

Versatile senior, Deanna Louth, who is sound both in the outfield and infield, will be counted on heavily this season by Wright to drive in a boat load of runs.

Future looks promising

Other bright spots in camp have been Lindsay Holmes and Lisa Fisher. Holmes, a Grade 10 shortstop, will patrol the left side of the infield for the majority of games, while Fisher has shown good potential as a Grade 9.

"We're in good shape for the future when those players are in Grade 11 or 12," said an anxious Wright.

Wright has been forced to focus on fielding as opposed to hitting in practice due to the cold weather lately.

He's also been without the services of four or five "good team players" who were involved in the recently completed "Leader of the Pack" musical at the school.

"I'm looking forward to a nice season and hopefully the seniors will help out and give the Grade 9's and 10's some confidence," Wright said.

"We have a good mix of new and veteran players and I would like us to make the top six and enter the playoffs," he added.

Three men and a lady top Cee Jay bowling team

PEEWEEES

Mens, Singles: Raymond Peterson (106), Andrew McCauley (105), Ian Miller (90). Doubles: Raymond Peterson (210), Andrew McCauley (208), Ian Miller (172). Ladies, Singles: Amy Lyn Inscoc (129), Holly Petkoff (126), Sarah Kobsa (98). Doubles: Amy Lyn Inscoc (234), Holly Petkoff (233),

Sarah Kobsa (184).

PEEWEEES 2nd Shift

Mens, Singles: Brock Spear (117), Adam Cripps (114), Robert Hellan (87). Doubles: Brock Spear (230), Adam Cripps (224). Ladies, Singles: Kylie Kruk (106), Amanda Williams (101), Holly Wiscombe (93). Doubles: Kylie Kruk (207),

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