

Acton High tennis players shine in the sun at Prospect Park

The Acton High tennis club held its 18th annual tournament on Monday to designate players for the Halton Senior and Junior finals on May 18 and 19. In Junior play at sunny but cold

Prospect Park, Amanda Garwood doubled Shelley Hand 8-4 in the first-to-win eight games format. The two later teamed to down Lise Grimwood and Shannon Bailey 8-3 in doubles action.

Michelle Blakey outlasted Kirsten Hand 8-3, while Steve Turkosz defeated Devon Ambrose 8-5 in a Senior singles game.

In an open doubles battle, Turkosz paired with Grade 9 Jamie Birrell to best Ambrose and Chris Cullen 8-5.

On the Ladies' side, Blakey and Kirsten Hand took care of Aimee Kamminga and Beckie Boycott with a sound 8-1 win.

Continuing their winning ways, Turkosz and Bailey then joined forces to oust Ambrose and Janis Manes 8-6 in a mixed matchup during the day-long event.

"It was an opportunity for the kids to play in a tournament structure and establish a team for the Halton finals," says coach Anne Andrews, who adds Ambrose played 87 games on the day, while Grimwood and Bailey each took part in 88 matches.



BOYCOTT BLAST: Acton Redmen Junior Boys' soccer player Matt Boycott kicks the ball toward the Bishop Reding zone as teammate Todd Chumley looks on. The locals won the game, their home opener, 2-0 last Monday. (Doug Harrison photo)



NICE TRY! Matt Boycott of the Acton Redmen Junior Boys' soccer squad fails to steal the ball from a Bishop Reding player in a home opening 2-0 win last Monday. (Doug Harrison photo)

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AHS rugby team loses 2

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The Acton Tanner

Trying to prevail in a team game with individual efforts only spells trouble and loss.

If the Acton Redmen Junior Boys' Rugby team doesn't realize this following a 39-0 pummeling to Appleby College last Tuesday and a 27-5 setback to the Georgetown Rebels on Thursday, they never will.

Redmen coach Dave Boycott says his players feel they can run the ball inside centre even if the opposing team has a wall of 10 players salivating at the thought.

"They think they can run through them," says Boycott, who adds one of the fly-weight Rebel players likely tipped the scales at 230 pounds. "We're not getting the ball at the line fast enough."

He added that although his players didn't go offside or play the ball on the ground — they had 13 penalties against Appleby to two against the Rebels — they don't have the strength or experience to outsmart the opposition.

Redmen Carlos Scappin, though, did outmaneuver two Rebel defenders for the 0-2 Redmen's lone try of the game.

"One of the players hit Carlos's left foot and caused it to hit his right foot, but he maintained his balance. He's an excellent player," says Boycott of his centre.

The coach noted the strong play of Vic Lee, defenceman Dwayne Rhynold and fullback Trevor Malloy "who's doing an excellent job in the kicking department."

Lee won a lot of scrum ball as the Redmen held their own against the huge home team.

The Redmen were at Bishop Reding yesterday (Tuesday) and host Milton tomorrow. Game time is 3:30 pm.

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