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TRI-COUNTY CHAMPIONS: Acton's Bruce Hood Travel, Bantam 2 ran up two overtime wins against 'A' rated Milton to win the Tri-County league championship. Bottom: Adam Field, Simon Drexler, Mark Bailey, Greg Barens, Stephen Monaghan, Rory Dick. Middle: Jim Monaghan (mgr.) Darryl Blyth, Andrew Forbes, Jordan Zakowski, Adam Durski, Ryan Weatherall, Bryan McPhail (coach), Wayne Hebden (mgr.) Top: Kurt Durski (trainer), Matt Hebden, Mike Hryon, Matt Thatcher, Jason McGuire, Sid Barens (asst. coach).

Two O/T wins over Milton give Bantams Tri-County championship

By JIM MONAGHAN
Special to The Tanner

Whew! Can you spell relief? That's what fans of the Bruce Hood Travel Bantam team needed last week as Acton won two overtime games against Milton right in their own back yard to win the 97/98 Tri County League.

On Monday night at the Thompson Arena in Milton, Acton's Matt Hebden scored one minute and twenty-four seconds into overtime to give them a thrilling 3-2 victory. But despite Hebden's effort, the night belonged to goalie Adam Field whose spectacular saves left Milton fans and players shaking their heads. Also scoring for Acton were Chris Stanhope and Darryl Blyth. Assists came from Stanhope, Jason McGuire, Adam Durski and Jordan Zakowski.

It was the same keystone combination on Wednesday

night as Hebden scored the OT winner and Field had the hot hand. Acton clawed back twice from two goal deficits thanks to goals from McGuire, Zukowski, Stephen Monaghan and a pair from Ryan Weatherall. Hebden had a hat trick of assists, Monaghan had two while Weatherall, Mike Hryon and Andrew Forbes had singles.

"It was a gutsy performance," said Coach Bryan McPhail. "Not always pretty but we got the job done. I'm proud of our team's efforts."

Manager Wayne Hebden added this perspective. "Milton's team is rated 'A' by the OMHA while we're 'DD'. It's a big accomplishment to beat a team that much higher rated."

The team travels to tournaments in Fort Erie and of all places, Milton, to finish off their season.

Special Olympics at Acton Lanes

By ELLEN PIEHL
The New Tanner

Over 50 bowlers showed the true spirit of sport this past weekend as the Acton Bowling Lanes hosted the First Annual Special Olympics five-Pin Bowling Tournament, in which two Acton teams placed in the top three. "We felt we could host a tournament and it would give the Special Olympians (from Acton) an opportunity to bowl in their own (bowling) centre," said Darlene Labombard who co-owns the Acton Bowling Lanes with husband Gord.

The Special Olympic program was started up in Acton by the Labombards about a year and a half ago. "The only problem that we have is that our Special Olympians that bowl here (in Acton) are all from Milton," said

Labombard.

Labombard also said it took almost a whole year to get the program up and running. "We had to make sure there was a need for it and that the Special Olympians wanted it," she says.

Labombard said it was Gord who came up with the idea to host a tournament in Acton.

In the tournament, Acton #2 team finished first with a +197, while Oakville and Acton #3 finished second and third respectively.

In the pins-over-average category, Giesla Holz from Acton #3 was top female with a +88 and Lou Balough from Oakville was top male with a +123.

Labombard said the Special Olympics program has received a positive response in the community. "Hope-



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fully with us doing something from the Special Olympians, other people (in the community) will jump on the bandwagon," she says.



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