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Rep hockey tryouts this Saturday

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The New Tanner

The Acton baseball and soccer seasons haven't wrapped up yet but already it's time for hockey lovers to lace up for Acton Minor Hockey Association tryouts which begin Saturday morning.

The renamed Acton Tanners rep league - formerly the Sabres - hopes to field 10 teams this season ranging from 7-year-old novices to 21-year-old juveniles. With two teams at each level officials expect to register 170 players this season. More than 200 will tryout for spots.

"We're anxious to get going with our new name, new image and new uniforms," league president Steve Prentice said on Tuesday.

"We changed the name for

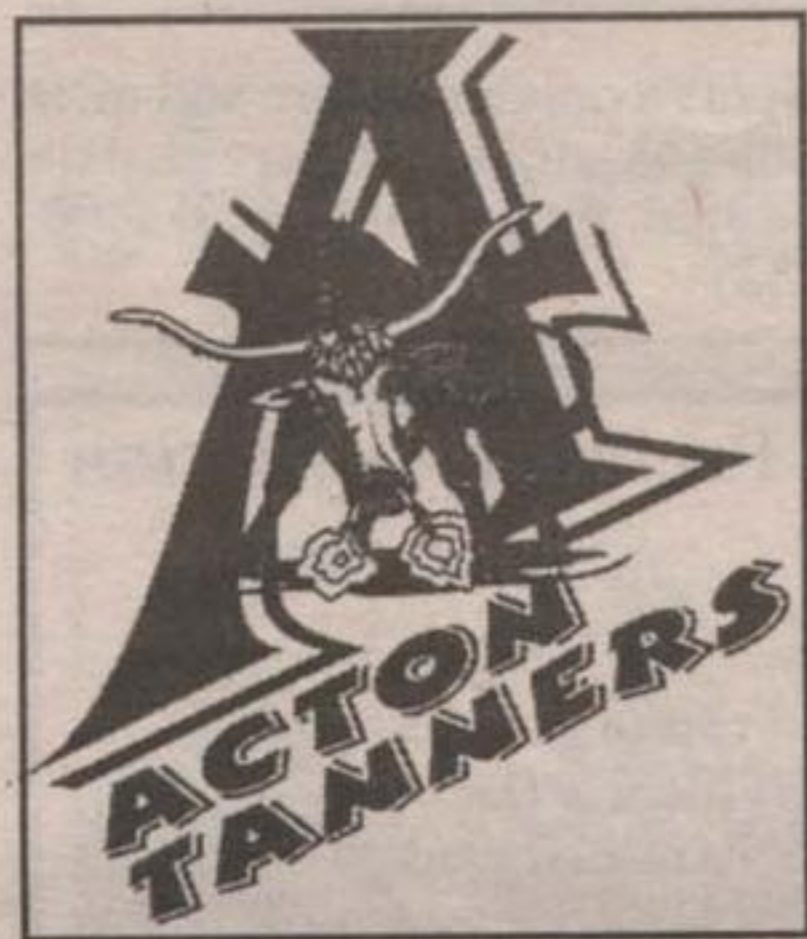
this season because we wanted to tie the team in with Acton's leather industry heritage when we go from community to community to play," Prentice said.

While several teams had great seasons at the Tri-County level, Prentice said they didn't have as much luck on the ice in the Ontario Minor Hockey Association playoffs, but added that winning really isn't everything.

"We teach our kids team work, sportsmanship and camaraderie and if the kids happen to be good hockey players then that's a bonus," Prentice said, adding that they would like to attract more older players. The league resurrected the juvenile team last year after not having enough players for a team for six or seven years.

"That's why we offer the

midget and the juvenile programs. They're the kids that end up hanging out on the street corners with nothing to do. We want to give the older



youth in the area something to focus on other than drinking and girls."

Prentice said they have a dedicated group of coaches, assistant coaches, managers and trainers - four per team -

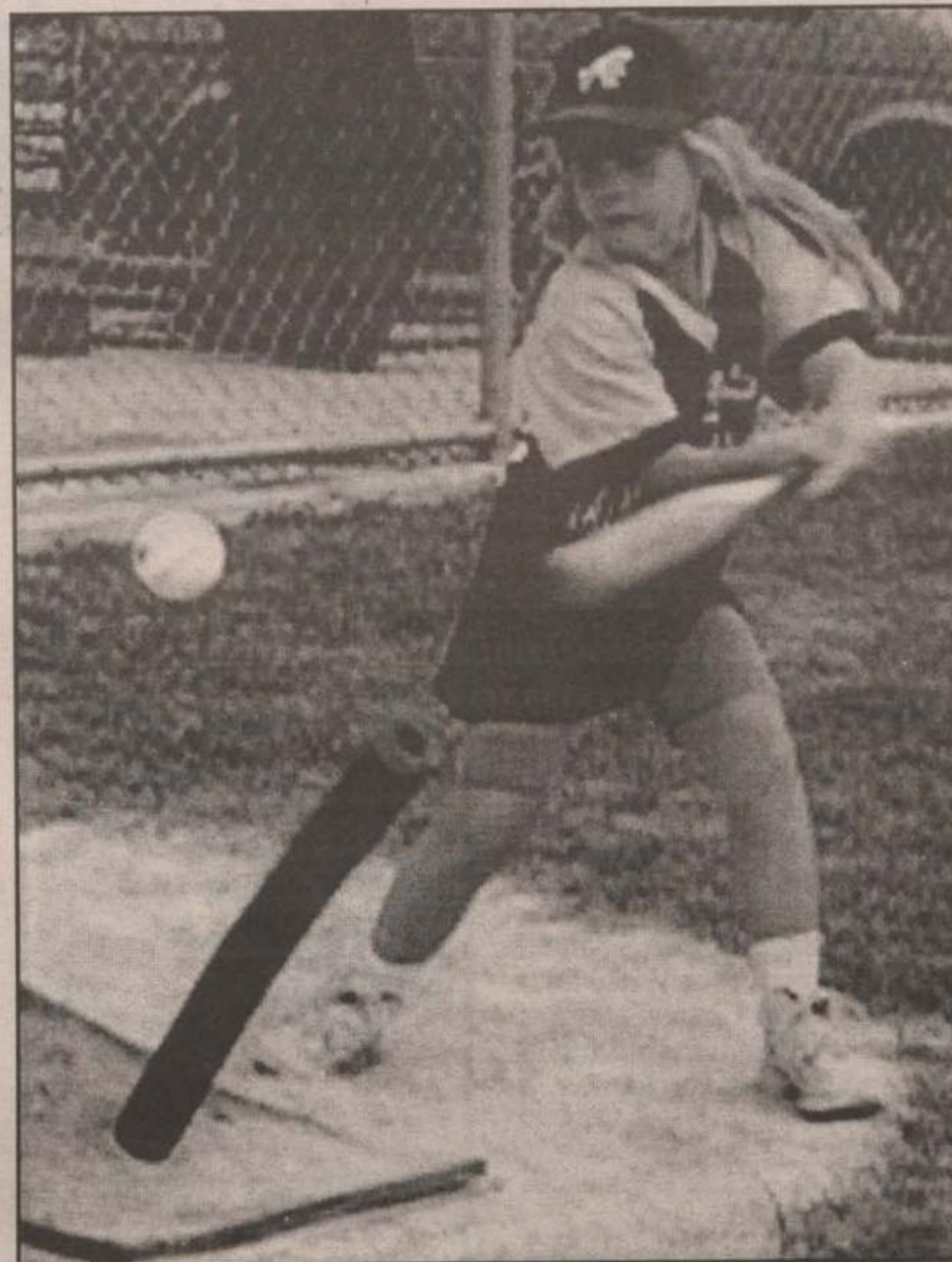
who willingly make major time commitments to make the league run smoothly. The league's executive and volunteers also stage fundraisers throughout the year to help fund the league. One is the annual golf tournament at Acton Meadows which will be held on September 26.

The league also needs more volunteers to work at a weekly bingo. The \$10,000 bill for the new uniform sweaters came from last season's bingo proceeds.

"If each parent would volunteer for one night of the year at the bingo then we'd be covered, but it's like pulling teeth some times to get people to come out and help," Prentice said.

The rep league tryouts will be held at Acton arena for the next four Saturday morning. The midget tryouts are September 9, and the season begins the first week of October.

For details of the tryout schedule call the Acton Tanners at 853-0779.



HEAVY HITTER: Amanda Kurpiewit shows off her batting prowess recently at Prospect Park as T-Ball players wrapped up their season with a skills and fun day. - Frances Niblock photo

Soccer

Under-9 girls battle to 2-2 tie

GIRLS

Under-9

Halton Credit Union and Hey! Culligan Man battled to a 2-2 tie last Wednesday. Trisha Bingeman and Jessica Dunn scored for Credit Union. Maja Vermeullen and Jessica Blazenko booted Culligan's goals

Under-13

Acton Musicland finished regular season play 11-2-1 with a 3-1 loss to a strong Fergus team in an away game last Wednesday. Manda Waples scored the only Acton

goal on a fine individual effort. Erin Greenfield, Holly Goddard, Katie Banks and Angela Feenstra all had strong games. Allison Clemmons was sharp in goal and had a penalty save. Post season play began last night (Wednesday) and continues September 9.

BOYS

Under-9

Cody Rowsell scored A & S Engraving's lone goal in a 1-0 blanking of Rockwood II last Wednesday night. Michel Lavigne had the assist in the fast-paced game. The action went end to end with the evenly matched team as both goalies made many game saving stops.

David Carscadden scored twice and David Garvie had an assist as Super Submarine downed Grand Valley II Shriners 2-0 last Thursday.

Liam Heelis booted two goals and Bryan Curry had a single as Clarke's Newfoundland Store defeated Denny's Insurance 3-1 last Monday. Michael McKeon had Denny's lone marker.

Under-11

MacMillan's edged Rockwood 4-3 last Wednesday with goals from Darren Pezzack, Ben Dekleer, Eric Corman and Josh Essiembre. Cameron Martin and Corman shared the net minding duties.

Acton Building Contractors continued their winning ways with a 6-2 victory over Grand Valley on Monday. Daniel Nikic scored three goals while Paul Sharples booted in two goals and Jordan LaRose had a single. Sebastian Mena Diaz and Brandon Ceccotti had Town & Country's goals.

Paul Sharples scored both of ABC's goals as the team battled T & C to a 2-2 draw on Friday. Matthew Tunney and Brendan Schatti had assists. Goalies Kyle Nap and Nicholas Leclair were sharp. Sebastian Mena Diaz and Brandon Ceccotti scored the T & C goals. Christopher Payne had a strong game in net. The team thanks coach Dave Eagan for a fun season and sponsor John Sharples for his support.

Special needs, senior bowlers emphasized at Acton Lanes

Acton senior Frank Thompson can't decide if he likes league or just-for-fun bowling best so he does both. Thompson, 74, is one of a growing number of Acton area seniors who have joined the resurgence in the popularity of 5-pin bowling.

"It's good exercise, it's a challenge, its fun. More than that bowling is a social thing," Thompson, who bowls twice a week with the Golden Agers at Acton Bowling Lanes, said.

To meet the increased interest from older bowlers Acton Bowl is devoting more lane time to seniors but Acton Lanes owner Gord Labombard stresses the benefits of bowling-better balance, increased flexibility and improved hand-eye coordination-are the same for all ages.

"Bowling is not a wimpy sport, but it's also not one

that puts a lot of stress on any one part of your body," Labombard said on Friday.

"The saying is that people from three to 103 can 5-pin bowl and there aren't too many sports that appeal to that age range."

With the lane's youth program in good shape - national champ Kylie Kruk calls Acton Lanes home - Labombard is focusing on bowling for seniors, adults

and people with mental or physical handicaps.

Last season six handicapped bowlers took part in an Ontario Special Olympics bowling program with an adult league. The number has grown to 22, with room for two more, and a special needs bowlers league, has been formed.

For details about any of the bowling programs offered at Acton Bowl call 853-1470.

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