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# SPORTS

DEADLINE IS TUESDAY AT 12 P.M.

## Acton teen plays varsity volleyball

By FRANCES NIBLOCK  
The New Tanner

Very tall, very talented and very modest. Rebecca Austin's volleyball skills and can-do attitude earned her a coveted berth on the Waterloo University Warriors varsity team, much to the "shock" of the Acton teen.

"It was a complete surprise to get on the team," the 19-year-old, first year kinesiology student said recently, adding she is seeing a whole new level of volleyball.

"I've played in tournaments, but haven't played in a game yet, but I'm happy just to be there - I've learned so much already from the girls on the team," Austin said, adding she tried out "for fun" and doesn't mind if she spends much of her time on the bench as the backup middle as one of six rookies on the 13-member squad.

Effective time management allows Austin, an Ontario Scholar, to juggle her studies, daily 90-minute practices, twice-weekly weight room and aerobic workouts. Basketball was Austin's



Rebecca Austin

sport of choice in middle school - she played for the Milton Monarchs for several seasons - but focused on volleyball in the last few years of high school.

Austin may have been shocked and surprised when she made the team, from over 40 hopefuls, but her former high school coach, a "very proud" Bob McKay, wasn't.

"It's an incredibly prestigious honour to get on a varsity team in your first year - for Rebs to make the team is quite an accomplishment," McKay said, describing Austin as one of the more dominate middles in Halton County last season.

Besides her 6-foot power, McKay said Austin was a very positive player on the court, a captain who lead by example and could "always find something positive in any situation" and, very importantly, a strong academic student.

Ever modest, Austin wanted it noted that two other Acton High School grads, Sandy Chapman and Adam Ahearn, also earned berths on varsity teams. Chapman plays for the Brock University Badgers lacrosse team and Ahearn made Brock's baseball team.

## Juvenile Tanners iced by OMHA decision

It was hard for several former Tanners to put on the Erin/Hillsburgh jerseys last weekend for games in Acton - but they aren't Tanners anymore, the team has folded and they now play for Erin-Hillsburgh Devils in the Southern Counties league.

Neither Acton nor Erin had enough players for a team this year and Erin decided to fold and join Acton. Erin gave up its ice time and informed the Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) of their decision, but the OMHA ruled

Erin had more players than Acton, so Acton had to fold its team.

Former Tanner coach Tim Pembleton and Devils coach Don Ferguson are sharing the Devils coaching this season and Tanner manager and statistician, Dan and Shirley Golden, hold those same positions with the Devils.

Shirley Golden said before their first game they had to remind some of the players didn't want to wear the Devil's jersey.

"We said to the guys that if they win an OMHA championship, then it's not Erin or Acton that win it, it's actually the guys out there on the ice that win it and it doesn't matter what jersey they wear," Golden said on Monday.

The team, which includes one Acton player, three from Rockwood and two Erin players who played for Acton last year, had a win and a loss in its first two games last weekend.

The Acton rep juvenile team was restarted in the 1997-98 season - playing one year as the Acton Sabres and then as the renamed Acton Tanners - after a decade without a juvenile rep team. Under the tutelage of Pembleton and the Goldenes, the team captured the league championship for the past two years.

The Devils play in Acton this Saturday and again on November 18 and 25, but don't have a home rink at this point and aren't sure where and when the remainder of their games will be played as league official search for ice time.

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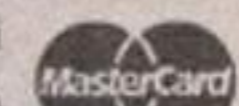
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