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**DUCKS OUT OF WATER:** Members of the Acton Aqua Ducks swim team wrapped up a great season that included many personal best times and medals. Gresham Kimm was named the most improved male swimmer and Kaitlin Carr the most improved female swimmer. - Submitted photo

## Aqua Ducks finish season

The Acton Aqua Ducks swam their last races of the season at the Collingwood Outdoor Swim Invitational. Fortunately for the swimmers, the weather cooperated and there were no frozen Ducks.

Results for the meet are as follows:

**10 & under girls**  
Alannah Bowes: 100 breast - 5<sup>th</sup>.

**11-12 girls**  
Victoria Fritz: 100 breast - silver, 50 breast - 4<sup>th</sup>, 100 back - 4<sup>th</sup>.

Kim Galvin: 50 free - bronze, 100 free - bronze, 100 fly - bronze, 100 I.M. - 4<sup>th</sup>, 50 back - 5<sup>th</sup>, 50 free - 5<sup>th</sup>.

Kaitlin Carr: 100 breast - 6<sup>th</sup>.

**11-12 boys**  
Gresham Kimm: 100 breast - 6<sup>th</sup>, 50 back - 6<sup>th</sup>.

**13-14 boys**  
Ashton Rosa: 50 back - bronze, 100 back - 6<sup>th</sup>.

**15 & over girls**  
Meghan Colvin: 100 breast - silver, 100 free - bronze, 50 free - 4<sup>th</sup>, 50 breast - 5<sup>th</sup>, 100 back - 6<sup>th</sup>, 50 fly - 6<sup>th</sup>.

Alicia Roza: 50 free - bronze, 50 back - bronze, 50 fly - bronze, 100 free - 4<sup>th</sup>, 100 I.M. - 4<sup>th</sup>, 100 back - 5<sup>th</sup>.

**15 & over boys**  
John Eddolls: 50 fly - gold, 100 fly - gold, 100 I.M. - gold, 100 free - gold, 50 free - silver.

Jason Charland: 50 back - 6<sup>th</sup>, 100 back - 6<sup>th</sup>.

**200 free relays**  
13-14 girls: "A" team

(names unavailable) - 6<sup>th</sup>, 15 & over girls (names unavailable) - 4<sup>th</sup>, 15 & over boys: Ashton Roza, Gresham Kimm, Jason Charland, John Eddolls - 4<sup>th</sup>.

**200 medley relay**  
11-12 girls: Kim Galvin, Erica Bowes, Alannah Bowes - bronze, 13-14 girls "B" team: Victoria Fritz, Emma Goddard,

Liane Avouac, Margaret Bowes - 4<sup>th</sup>, 15 & over girls: Meghan Colvin, Alicia Roza, Kim Galvin, Adrianna Burton - silver, 15 & over boys: Aston Roza, Gresham Kimm, Jason Charland, John Eddolls - 5<sup>th</sup>.

The Ducks will now enjoy the summer off before they start competing again in the fall.



Members of the Acton Masters swim team

## Masters of the pool

Members of the Acton Masters swim team, under the coaching direction of Acton Aqua Ducks head coach Gerry Ockenden, wrapped up the season with a great showing at a recent Guelph meet, the team's second outing of the season.

The results include:  
Ruth Bowes: 1st - 200m breast; 1st - 50m breast; 3rd - 50m free.  
Carol Davison: 1st - 50m free, 1st - 50m back, 1st - 50m breast, 2nd - 200m free.

Ross Feather: 1st - 50m free; 1st - 50m back.

Arlene Fritz: 2nd - 50m free; 2nd - 50m back; 2nd - 50m breast.

Laura Sanderson: 2nd - 50m free.

Julie Wilson: 2nd - 100m IM; 4th - 50m back.

Ruth Bowes, Carol Davison, Arlene Fritz, Julie Wilson: 2nd - 200m free relay.

Julie Wilson, Ruth Bowes, Ross Feather, Laura Sanderson: 2nd - 200m mixed medley relay.

## Mandatory mouthguards

By FRANCES NIBLOCK  
The New Tanner

In a move that is being applauded by local hockey league organizers and parents, the Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) will require all players to wear mouth guards, beginning this season, to reduce the risk of concussions.

The OMHA instituted the equipment addition after studies showed the mouth guards, which act as shock absorbers, can prevent concussions by cushioning the jaw joints in the event of a blow to the head.

While the OMHA policy takes effect by January 1, 2002, executive of the Acton Tanners' rep hockey association voted to implement the policy for the beginning of the next season in September.

"The studies show that seven of every 10 hockey players will have a concussion during their hockey career and this will lower the risk," said Tanners spokes-

man Steve Marshall recently, adding he doesn't expect much opposition from the players.

"The OHL (Ontario Hockey League) made the mouth guards mandatory and with all of the concussions that (Eric) Lindros has had, we don't expect much opposition to the new equipment rule," Marshall said, adding there will probably be some of the "old school" who won't like the change, just as they opposed the mandatory use of neck guards about a decade ago. He said approximately half of the rep team players are already wearing the mouth guards.

Acton House League Hockey Association president George Hunak said they will inform all players of the equipment ruling as they register, and hope to have all players wearing the guards before the January deadline.

"For under \$10, if we can prevent injuries, then let's do it," Hunak said, adding the house league made mouth

guards mandatory last season for the Atom and Peeewe division teams where contact is allowed.

OMHA rules say the mouthpiece must be of one-piece construction, have a minimum thickness and cover both the upper and lower teeth. Unless the device is made by a dentist, it must attach to the hockey helmet cage.

Hockey mom and co-owner of Acton Time Out Sports, Una Lalande, said both of her children started wearing mouth guards after she researched products for her store.

"Any time a parent brought a child into our store for equipment, we always recommended they buy a mouth guard as part of the basic equipment," Lalande said, adding they stock mouth guards ranging from \$2.99 to \$28.

"Anything that can make the game safer is good and I'm happy they (the OMHA) did it - it's about time."

## Royal City Realty wins first

Acton Royal City Realty won their first game of the season in Under-11 boys soccer action, 5-3 over Rockwood Team 1.

The win followed a tie and some very close losses and was made all the sweeter by fabulous team effort against a determined Rockwood team.

Colin Adema had two goals, one on a penalty shot, the other assisted by David Tysoe. Luca Mazzucco also had two goals, unassisted and from Garret Kri, Jeff Becker added on of his own, assist Rory Watson.

Excellent defence was played by Stephen Van Helden, Steven Grant and Rory Cad Wallader.

Ian Durkin and Jordyn Moore (hat-trick) had showcase performances for Rockwood.

In other Under-11 boys action, Acton Super Sub lost to Puslinch, 3-0. Michael Van Dotehem had all three Puslinch goals.

### MacMillan's mauls Rockwood

MacMillan's won in Acton against Rockwood 2 team, 7-2, in Under-11 boys soccer action.



**BLURRED VISION:** How do you defend when you can't see your opponent clearly. Ethan Job attempts to defend the ball and his turf during an Under-11 boys soccer match last Monday (June 25). - Ellen Piehl photo

The two teams played an exciting soccer game with only nine players each.

Scoring for Acton was Andrew Tressel (3), Matthew

Caverley (2), Kevin Vickery and John Spehar.

Ted Smith and Tommy Reynen found the mesh for Rockwood.

## Bulldogs bruise Brampton

Ryan Thompson opened the scoring and led the Bulldogs to a 6-4 win over Brampton.

Jordan Keunzig scored from Anthony Kri, and the Bulldogs led 2-1 after the first.

In the second, Jordan Hagnett scored off a pretty pass from Sean Terry. Thompson scored again assisted by Darcy Mejia and the 'Dogs led 4-2 at the end of two.

In the final period Mejia found the back of the net from another Terry pass, then Terry netted one of his own from Sean Sargent.

Nick Spence played well in net keeping the Bulldogs lead throughout the game.

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