

KFC Mosquitos the bridesmaids in COBA finals

Acton's KFC Mosquito baseball team earned second-place medals at the recent COBA rural hardball playoffs.

Acton won their first two games against Kilbride and Greensville to advance to the championship round, but then lost two in a row to Kilbride to end up with second-place.

The play-offs started with 10-7 win over Kilbride. Travis Brown started for Acton and left the game with Acton up 8-2. Kilbride struck for five runs in the fourth off Jesse Spurrell, but Roger Kirkness shut Kilbride out over the final two innings as Acton held on to win. Jesse Spurrell led the way offensively, going four for four with four runs and four RBI.

The second game was against Greensville, and Acton won on a forfeit, as Greensville retired trailing 23-3 in the fifth. Both teams faced a relatively small

strike zone, and Greensville struggled to throw strikes all game.

Travis Brown allowed a single run over three innings to earn the win, he finished the season with a 12-0 record on the mound. Roger Kirkness struggled through the fourth inning, allowing two runs, and benefiting from two runners being caught stealing.

Offensively everyone had a good day: Walter Kirkness was three for three with two walks and five runs scored, Roger Kirkness was also three for three, Carter Ebbinge was three for four. David Bickers walked all five times he was up, Bradley Reynolds had four walks. Dylan Bickers was two for three and drove in three runs, Jake Hazzard two for four and drove in four, his new batting stance helped him hit the ball hard throughout the playoffs.

The final was against Kilbride, and

Acton started off well, taking a 6-1 lead as Travis Brown allowed only a single run in three innings on two hits and no walks. The Kilbride bats woke up in the fourth, however as they scored four times each inning off Jesse Spurrell and Roger Kirkness to come back and win. Jesse Spurrell was four for four at the plate, and drove in three runs, while Travis Brown was three for three and scored three times. Kilbride's reliever allowed only one run over the last two innings to cement the 9-7 victory.

The second game of the finals was somewhat more of a pitchers' duel, with Kilbride winning 7-3 to take the championship. Roger Kirkness started for Acton so that Travis Brown could rest his arm for longer, and Kirkness allowed four runs over three innings. Brown pitched the final two innings, allowing three runs.

Roger Kirkness was three for three for Acton, Jesse Spurrell was two for three.

Kilbride won with pitching, and with incredible defence. Acton was caught stealing six times in the two games, after being caught only 11 times over the rest of the season. The Kilbride outfielders made great catches on drives by Travis Brown and Carter Ebbinge that could have changed the outcome of the game.

After the game the players were awarded their silver medals, while Kilbride were awarded their well-deserved gold medals. Players and families then headed to the team party, where some individual player awards were presented. David Bickers was most improved, Carter Ebbinge most sportsman-like, and Travis Brown was most valuable player.

The season ends with a skills competition on Saturday.



DEADLINE IS MONDAY AT 12 NOON

Girls' Soccer

Acton1 clinches first place Acton2 posts two victories

Last week in Girls' Under 16 Soccer, first place Acton 2 (Outdoor Power Equipment) clinched first place as they won their 12th game of the season against only one loss by handily defeating HEADS 3, at Barbour Fields in Hillsburgh by a score of 5-0.

The game remained close through the opening half with Acton taking the lead on Thea McMillan's goal. The second half was quite a different game as avenging their only loss of the season seemed to be on the minds of all of their players.

Cailyn McGiloway's

two goals and a goal off her own rebound by Erica Mills moved the score to 4-0 before Summer Giometelo scored the final goal on a brilliant kick to the top of the net.

Once again, the goalkeeping tandem of Nicole Pitre and Kim Trumpa were excellent in posting their team's sixth shutout of the season.

Meanwhile the Acton 1 team (Denny's Insurance) posted two well deserved victories in defeating HEADS 3 last Monday by a score of 3-2. Ali Martineau, Jessica Brake and Amanda Brake were the goal scorers for the winners with Erica Gaylor

and Alex Stoianov replying for HEADS. In the second game of the week at Acton High School, Acton 1 then went on to defeat Puslinch 4-1 last Thursday on goals from Victoria Duffield (2) and singles from the Brake sisters. This solidified their hold on third place in the eight team loop.

This week is the last week of the regular schedule and sees Acton 2 up in Hillsburgh on Wednesday and Acton 1 at the high school on Thursday. Championship Cup Day is scheduled for the Barbour fields complex in Hillsburgh on Saturday, August 28.

Coaches proud of team

Squirt Girls in both semi-finals but bow to tough Rockwood club

It all started in May with 14 girls walking with gloves and parents to Diamond 2, Prospect Park. Who would ever think this group would become such good friends, and team mates playing Squirt Girls ball. We ended up in fifth place overall for our league, and that put us in the "A" division. On Friday night we played fourth place Arthur who had beat us on Tues-

day night for double points. Anyway Carli Vickery was like a well-oiled pitching machine. She got 16 strikeouts out of a possible 18 batters. What a job, Carli!

Our bats started showing up as well. Courtney Brown who was in a slump came out and got a double. Amber Sherwood, Katelynn Robinson, Desiray Ebbinge all got singles. Desiray was on her game

with hitting two others, but unfortunately got out. Alicia Grandy hit others too, but also got out. Same with Chelsea George. Anyway the end result: Acton 7 - Arthur 4. Our next game we met the first place team Ponsonby. Although the final score was Ponsonby 8- Acton 3. The game was a good one with

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Acton Sobeys Grasshoppers competed in the Grasshopper Championships last Saturday in Acton. Team members are: Coach Anthony Galati, Rachel McGowan, Alec McCallum, Michael Muir, Harold Kirkness, Blake Goldring, Change Burnett, Kieran Mullin. Kneeling: Connor Johnston, Andrew Galati and Damon Crumplen. - Martin Crumplen photo

Soccer Minor

H Team - 6

F Team - 2

H Team scoring: Carl Lindo Jr. (3), Sarah Kimber, Hayden Weston (2). Assists: Weston (2), Jacob Bernacki, Kristin Greig, Ashley Lindo. F Team: no details supplied.

ACTON HOCKEY and SKATING SCHOOL

Registration

For Ages
4 to 9
years

AT ACTON ARENA

Sat., Aug. 28

Starts at 9am until full

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