



**HI BEAMERS:** The happy crew of campers, staff and volunteers show the benefits of the AIA soccer camp. -Chuck Tysoe photo.

# Hearts for Soccer and God at inaugural Acton Camp

By Chuck Tysoe

Smiles, red faces – and plenty of fun – were on display for all of last week on the brown, dry turf of the Elizabeth Street soccer field. Sixteen local boys and girls aged 7 through 12 took part each day from 9 to 3 in a soccer camp, organized by the Crossroads Community Church in partnership with Athletes in Action (AIA).

Hot, clear skies and the prickly field did nothing to stifle the abundant enthusiasm of these youngsters as they chased soccer balls – and sometimes each other – around the pitch. If Canadian kids love anything these days, it's soccer; this well-structured program with an obviously very qualified and caring staff together with several com-

munity volunteers had the participants giving their all. One or two of the kids however did look a little overage and the grey hair wasn't a good disguise!

Each morning was spent introducing a new skill to the players in groups, followed by a "Coaches Corner", in which the staff took turns speaking about what Jesus Christ means to them, talking about overcoming challenges in life and interacting with the kids. Afternoons were for daily "World Cup Tournaments", a series of games.

Spokeswoman Liz Cameron said the organizers are pleased with the initial experience, and are hoping as many as 100 will enroll next year. Some of the volunteers came from the Erin

Village Alliance Church, a sister church of Crossroads which has been successfully holding the camps in Erin for several years.

Coaches Reuben, Alicia and Liz are students and varsity soccer players at Redeemer University in Ancaster; head coach Darren is a Redeemer Grad now serving full-time on the staff of Athletes in Action.

Based in Langley, B.C., AIA is a branch of Campus for Christ, an international Christian organization working primarily at post-secondary institutions. The crew has been traveling around Ontario for the summer holding the week-long sessions and billeting with local families.

Children are sometimes known to innocently wonder if their pets would be in heaven; now another question suggests itself. Is there soccer in heaven? Who would dare to suggest otherwise?



**RIGHT AT HOME:** Young fellow found himself a cozy resting spot. The other kids settled for trees. -Chuck Tysoe photo.

## Acton Minor Baseball

**SOFTBALL - GIRLS BANTAM**  
Elmira vs Acton 17-16

**Acton vs Elmira 16-14**  
Carlie got a homerun! Katrina made an excellent throw from 2nd to 1st for an out. Ashley U got a triple and RBI x 2 Excellent game ladies.

**SilverHeights 2 vs Acton 16-3**  
Katelynn got a homerun! Katrina Lindsay and Ashley S caught popflys. Amber got a RBI. Although we lost it was a great game. Keep playing ball.

**HARDBALL - BANTAM**  
**Acton Home Hardware 10**  
**American Railcar Leasing 9**  
AHH MVP's: Steve Borg, Jeff Longstreet, Aaron Weaver. ARL MVP's: Peter Coady, Sean Wittman, Brendon Prevost.

**13-Aug**  
**Acton Home Hardware 14**  
**RBC Dominion Securities 9**  
AHH MVP's: Tyler Colby, Adam Amado, Steven Weaver. RBC MVP's: Jared Whalen,

Josh Metler, Dyson Wells.

**HARDBALL - MOSQUITO**  
**Acton's Chudleigh's defeated Georgetown's Royal Canadian Legion 12 -8**  
Chudleigh's MVP's: Brett McIntyre, Matthew Norton and Damon Crumplen  
RCL MVP's: Matt, Kelcey and Mitchel

**HARDBALL - ROOKIE**  
**Acton's Herbal Magic was defeated by Georgetown's Smitty's 8-25**  
Herbal Magic's MVP's: Isaak Tonelli, Greg Marousis and Jacob Cunningham.  
**Acton's Herbal Magic was defeated by Georgetown's Paul C. Armstrong 6 - 23**  
Herbal Magic's MVP's: Victoria Scott, Allison Scott and Tommy Adkins.

**SOFT SAFETYBALL - GRASSHOPPER**  
**Giant Tiger vs. Advance Construction (8-0)**  
Giant Tiger MVP's: James Nelson-Alves, Mason and Tristan Wight. Advance Construction MVP's: Adam Teske, Julie Williamson, and Julie.



## Under 8 Soccer News

**Heritage Orthotics Team #13**  
**Trendz Team #14.**

Assists & Goals: Connor Crowe, Jovan Milovanovic, Marshall Harkins, Nathan Pines.

**Outdoor Power Team #15**  
**Rx Pharma Plus Team #16.**

**Acton Jiu-Jitsu Team #7**  
**Maplelodge Farms - Team #8**

Assists & Goals: Nicholas Gooding, James Bursa, Eric McCallum, Matthew Dunne, Brooklyn Kutasienski, Alec McCallum, Charlotte Gooding, Thomas Vhahos, Kieran Lawson, Jessica Pond, Miranda Timmerman.

**Brookville Vet Team #9**  
**Sobeys - Team #10.**

Assists & Goals: Colin Thomson, Darren Vanhelden.

**Leathertown Lumber Team #11**  
**Town & Country Windows Team #12.**

**D. Varanelli - Team #1**  
**Giant Tiger- Team #2.**

Assists & Goals: Kenny Byers, Austin Ross, Emma Andrews, Riley Shanahan, Emily Cunningham.

**Sunny Motors - Team #3**  
**Royal Lepage-Team # 4.**

Assists & Goals: Stefanie Parsons, Joey Reid, Nathan

Dimech, Joshua Soares, Ayush Mehta, Eric Peacockman, Dylan Peddle, Matthew Dunn.

**W/A Embroidery -Team # 5**  
**Lemiski Dentistry- Team #6.**

Assists & Goals: Joseph Iliadis, Matthew Sinopoli, Michael Chang, Noah St-Denis, Kori Knox, Sydney Durham.

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All other divisions \$400.00

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Volunteer Committee Chair  
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