

Local L.A. Ropers member sweeps AAU Illinois Junior Olympic qualifier

Paul Renick of Woodslee, a local member of the Leamington Acro-Ropers, combined with his teammates to sweep 20 gold and one silver medal at the Illinois AAU Junior Olympic qualifier for jump rope in South Suburban College in South Holland, Ill.

Paul captured a first place All-Round Gold medal in Single Rope, Pairs and Group Routine, in addition to taking first place in Single Speed, Power and Freestyle as well as first place in Pairs Speed, Power and Freestyle in the 11-12 age division.

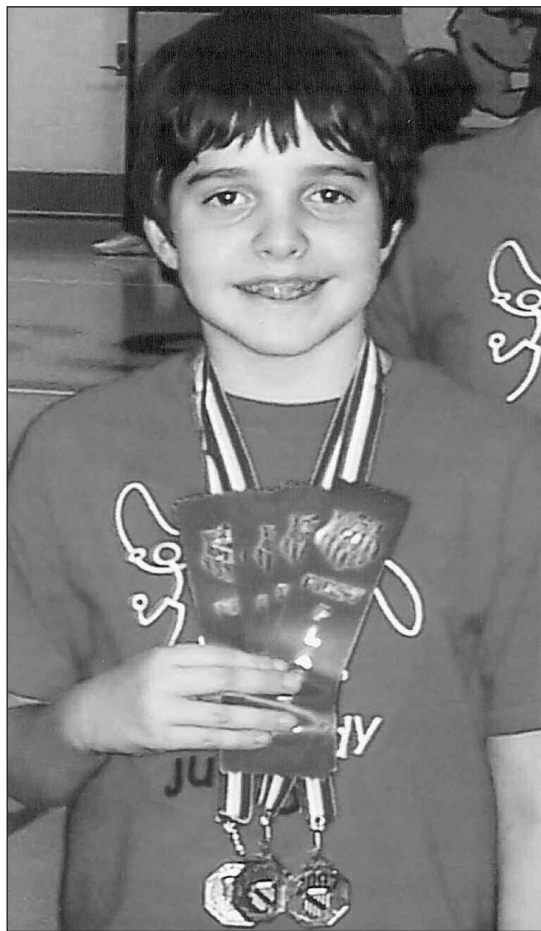
Before the meet was completed, Paul had developed his own fan club from many of the members of Illinois teams, who were also present for the competition. Their cheering, along with his own team-

mates, took him to new heights in jumping rope.

Paul plans to continue to work hard in the coming months and prepare for his first Junior Olympics in Knoxville, Tenn. Good luck Paul!

Any local boy or girl, age 4 to 15, is invited to attend an evening at the KKLAR Sports Centre, home of the Leamington Acro-Ropers, at 143 Oak Street West in Leamington, to experience the joys that come from jumping rope and meet Paul in person. This centre is dedicated to "promoting Jump Rope" and provides three distinct programs - recreational, pre-competitive, and competitive-demonstration travel - to suit the needs of any child.

Call 519-322-0016 for more details.



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Broomball Day of Champions announced

Come out and cheer on the young broomball players of the Ligue Canadienne de Ballon Sur Glace de Windsor on their Day of Champions, March 31, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Forest Glade Arena "B".

L.C.B.G.W. all-stars brought home four medals from the Junior Provincial Championship held in Barrie, Ont. February 9 to

11. The Pee wee Co-ed and Bantam Boy teams won gold while the Bantam Girl and Juvenile Boy teams won Silver, outscoring the opposition 40 to 8 while recording 13 shutouts.

For more information on co-ed broomball for ages 5 to 65, visit www.windsorbroomball.ca or contact Gerry Martineau at 519-739-3979.

73's head into finals

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During the playoffs, nearly 700 fans have attended some games, he said.

"We've got strong support in this town and we're

thankful for that," he added.

Game two of the final series will be played at 7:30 p.m. on March 23 in Belle River. The series will come back to Memorial Arena for game three on March 25.

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The game a week ago Friday showcased two unbeaten teams in the playoffs as Essex hosted the Belle River Rink Rats. Essex came on strong in the first, but a little too strong as Belle River was able to convert 11 seconds into an early powerplay. At 5:31 Jake Watters showed great work down low and banked one in off the back of the goalie's left pad to tie the game at a goal a piece.

At the 6:13 mark of the second, Luke Mahon outskated the Belle River offense and threaded a nice pass to Jake Maisonneuve. Jake carried the puck down the right wing and beat the

Belle River netminder on the far side for the go ahead goal, 2-1.

At 7:32 of the third Dylan Dent let a backhand go at the Belle River net. Jared Fuerth took the rebound around the goalkeeper and found the mesh to stretch the lead, 3-1. Belle River came right back at 6:58 to again pull within one, 3-2.

Late in the third, Essex exhibited great passing and setups in front of the opposing goal but it was Belle River who scored at 3:41, and on the powerplay at 2:31, to skate off with the 4-3 victory.

On Saturday the team took its shortened 'March

Break bench' to Riverside. As in the previous game, the Ravens found themselves down early with the Rangers scoring with only six seconds remaining in the first. At 6:33 of the second, Jake W. put the Ravens on the board with assists going to Grant Quinlan and Brady Rickeard. At 4:41 Jared strung a pass out front of the Ranger goal where Carly Davison tipped the pass to Dylan who found the back of the net and put the Ravens up 2-1.

Late in the second, the Rangers tied the game 2-2 on a penalty shot. The Ravens were unable to convert on three powerplays early in the third and at 4:41 the Ranger's no. 6 completed his hattrick and scored the winning goal, 3-2.

In an exciting finish the Ravens were entering the Riverside zone but due to a curfew were stopped short with 38 seconds left on the clock.

The week of March Break brought only one game for the Essex Ravens Novice team. We played Harrow Rams in a return match on Friday, March 15. With the first match ending in a tie it was time for the Ravens to show their power on home ice and they did so with a slightly smaller lineup than usual.

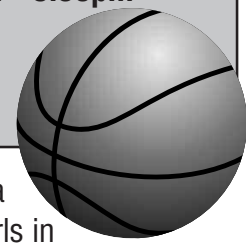
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Essex Athletic Association Presents:

THE 1ST ANNUAL BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL SPRING LEAGUE

**Date: Tuesdays & Thursdays from 6:30pm - 8:30pm
at Essex District High School
April 24, 26
May 1, 3, 8, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29**



The Essex Athletic Association is providing a skills-based instructional league for boys and girls in grades 4 - 8. This is an opportunity to have your sons/daughters learn more about basketball in a fun, non-threatening environment!

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Sign-Up Forms must be submitted no later than March 26th, 2007

Please send Sign-Up sheets and cheques to:

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Essex, ON
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