

Mackie's Celebrates 100th Anniversary



Andrew Hibbert

Mackie's is memories! Memories from our childhood, from our youth and from our days as young parents and now grandparents. It's memory lane in the most physical sense. It still stands and still delivers!

But Mackie's is more than fond memories, it's orangeade, soft drinks, fries with "secret" sauce, ham burgers and hotdogs the way we like um. And don't forget the popcorn and ice cream. People have been coming to Port Stanley for a hundred years to enjoy the beach and one of the original fast food restaurants, but the secret sauce and the orangeade are the draws and they are still as good as ever. No use asking...the secret sauce is still a secret. Of course there are now health-conscious selections that have been added to the menu in the form of chicken burgers, veggie



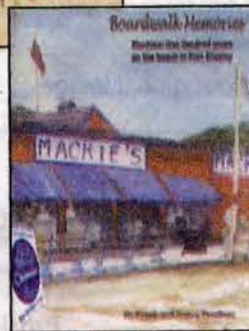
burgers and salads.

The original Mackie's was housed in a tent but has changed much over the years. It is now housed in a newer building on the beach at the end of William Street. There are also new owners the Phillips family and their children. The founders George and Ethel Mackie opened the business in 1911 in the village of Port Stanley. The many young people who worked at the restaurant knew Ethel as Mother Mackie. Originally from the United

Above: Behind the counter at Mackie's (from left) Gregg, Cheryl and David Hale.

Left: Mackie's on the boardwalk in Port Stanley the early 1900's.

States Mackie settled in London before opening his beachside business in the village.



In their new commemorative book "Boardwalk Memories", Frank and Nancy Prothero recount the long history of Mackie's and many other

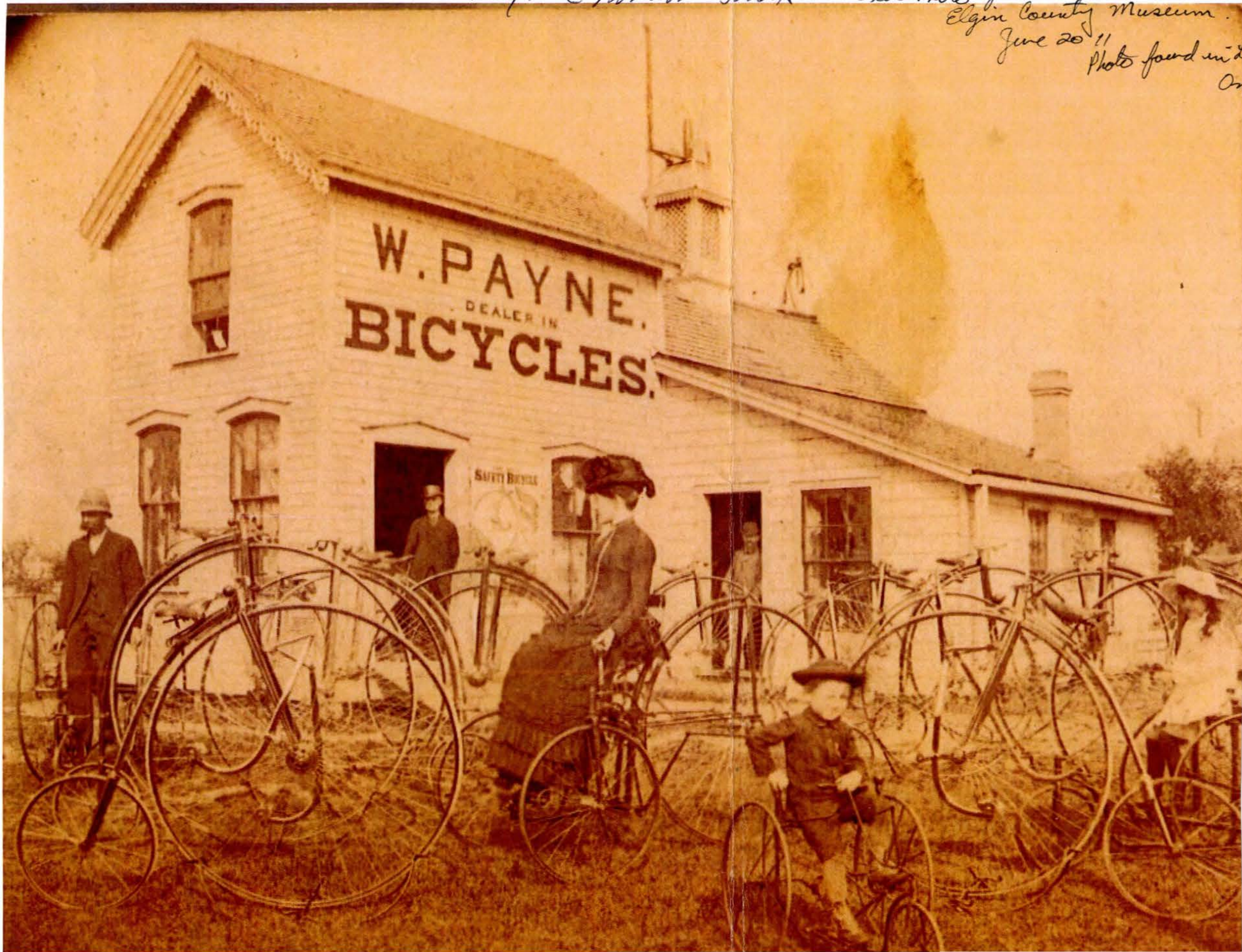
stories of Port Stanley's beach boardwalk. Well worth the price of \$25, it's chock full of photos and accounts of the early days on the beach

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Old photo given to Mike Baker.
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Hooked Rug, Magdalena Briner and Ellen Eby, c. 1885

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Highlights include early hooked rugs from prominent local collections, a number of period overshoot and Jacquard coverlets and a series of demonstrations of a variety of textile skills.

The highlight of the exhibition is a large number of rare pieces on loan from the Gerald R. Fagan Collection of Pennsylvania-German textiles.

The Museum is open 10-4 Tues.-Sat. located at 450 Sunset Drive, St. Thomas.

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Hooked Rug, Anna Weber, c. 1880

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No stopping the Wildcats

West Elgin wins AA WOSSAA V-ball

BY ROB ROSS

TIMES-JOURNAL STAFF

WEST LORNE — Mike Godfrey and the West Elgin Wildcats are heading to their third consecutive OFSAA.

Godfrey was a force delivering kills along with Andrew McWilliam as the Wildcats beat Stratford Central Rams 25-22 17-25 25-21 29-27 in the WOSSAA AA senior boys volleyball final Thursday at West Elgin Secondary School.

"It's such a great opportunity because people go through high school never going to OFSAA, and this is my third time," said Godfrey. "It's an incredible experience. The best part is that we earned it. We won WOSSAA

every time to make it there."

The Wildcats actually qualified for OFSAA after winning a semifinal over London Westminster as Stratford Central is hosting this year's provincial tournament Nov. 21-22.

"Relaxing," said Wildcats coach Kelly Welch prior to the final. "There's still a lot on the line with seeding, but it's nice to know we can go out and compete and not be nervous."

This will be the school's first trip to OFSAA AA, after bumping up this year from A status.

Welch-coached Wildcat teams have been to OFSAA the four previous years, winning bronze in

2006 and 2007.

Tied at one game each in the WOSSAA final, the Rams had their biggest lead of the match at four points early in Game 3.

But the Wildcat defence tightened and the Godfrey/McWilliam combination, with John Drummel-Smith sprinkled in on the offensive attack set up by setter Troy Cook, swung the momentum.

McWilliam slammed down the winning kill in Game 4 with an exclamation mark, sending Wildcat fans, already roaring from the opening serve, into a frenzy.

"Awesome," said Godfrey. "The ups and downs and we kept fighting to the end. We just remained focused and concentrated on one play at a time."

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West Elgin Wildcat Mike Godfrey watches his ball go between the block of Stratford Central Rams Tom Bailey (10) and Nick Pauli during the WOSSAA AA senior boys volleyball final Thursday at West Elgin. (T-J photo by Rob Ross)

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West took break in SE final to rest for WOSSAA battle

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In the semifinals West Elgin defeated London Westminster 25-22 25-16 22-25 25-16, while Stratford Central beat Central Elgin Titans, 25-22 25-16 25-15.

"Our left-side guys were going, both Andrew and Michael were hitting well and our defence was touching lots of balls and getting them up in the air," said Welch. "Andrew's spin server was working really well."

TVRAA SE FINAL

At Ingersoll on Tuesday, the Wildcats lost the Thames Valley Region Southeast final in five games with the host Bombers winning 21-25, 23-25, 25-10, 25-16, 15-4.



West Elgin Wildcats Andrew McWilliam (7), Jonathan Godfrey (2), Mike Godfrey (11) and John Drummelsmith (10) celebrate with teammates after defeating Stratford Central for the WOSSAA AA boys senior title Thursday at West Elgin. (T-J photo by Rob Ross)

Welch had his starters in for the first two games, but used his bench for the remainder of the match.

"It was a coaching decision that I thought it would serve us better if we got guys some rest and my bench some active, big-game time," explained Welch, adding Ingersoll knew his strategy. "We were both going to WOSSAA and because of the quick turnover (about 40 hours) we didn't want to get into a long match and have potential for injury, or come here (WOSSAA) and have nothing left."

Ingersoll was at WOSSAA AAA Thursday at Stratford St. Mike's.

Ride ends early for Jr. 'Cats

BY ROB ROSS
TIMES-JOURNAL STAFF

WEST LORNE — The clock struck midnight too early for the West Elgin Wildcats in the WOSSAA AA junior boys volleyball final.

West Elgin's Cinderella-type run in the playoffs ended when Clinton St. Anne's Eagles won the best-of-five match 25-18, 21-25, 25-11, 25-14 Thursday at West Elgin Secondary School.

"We got down and had our chins on the floor," Wildcats coach Tina McCaffery said. "Talking, we weren't talking enough."

Following a fifth-place finish in the Thames Valley Region South Division, the Wildcats caught a magical ride for the Southeast playoffs.

West Elgin beat St. Joseph's in a Southeast preliminary match, upset the South winners Central Elgin Titans in a five-game quarterfinal before ousting the Ingersoll Bombers in the semifinals.

"They're good players but it just took a while to get it together," McCaffery explained. "Mentality. Taking it more seriously and realizing the changes that needed to be made to play better as a team."

The Wildcats beat East



Vanessa Paiva, front left, and Vanessa Da-Costa keep the beat for fans cheering on the West Elgin Wildcats junior and senior volleyball teams Thursday at WOSSAA. (T-J photo)

Elgin Eagles in the Southeast final 25-19 25-21 22-25 25-22 Tuesday in Ingersoll.

"Smart passing, good hits and just playing smart," said McCaffery on how the 'Cats won.

In the WOSSAA semifi-

nals West Elgin beat London Montcalm 21-25 25-14 25-21 25-19, while St. Anne's swept Woodstock CI 25-10 25-18 25-12.

Montcalm won the bronze medal beating WCI 19-25 25-19 25-19 29-27.

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Wildcats back at OFSAA volleyball

New challenge at AA level

BY ROB ROSS

TIMES-JOURNAL STAFF

WEST LORNE — West Elgin Wildcats return to OFSAA for the third consecutive year, but their challenge is somewhat different this time around.

Bumped up from the A classification over the summer, West Elgin makes its first appearance at an OFSAA AA tournament.

The Wildcats head into the boys volleyball championship Friday and Saturday in Stratford as the No. 2 seeded team.

"I was hoping for a top-four (seed), but I wasn't expecting a No. 2," Wildcats coach Kelly Welch said. "I'm assuming it's based on previous years of success at OFSAA and the strength of our tournament season."

The Wildcats won bronze medals at OFSAA A in 2006 and 2007.

This season, West Elgin is 78-48 overall in games. That includes a 10-0 match record to win the TVRAA South Division.

"We were very good in league and playoffs and just under .500 in tournaments, but we had only one loss to an AA school. The other losses were to AAA and

quad-A schools," said Welch. "I've only seen two of the teams that are (at OFSAA AA), Stratford Central and Eden."

The Wildcats beat Central in the WOSSAA final, but only briefly saw Eden, the No. 1 seed at OFSAA, at an earlier tournament.

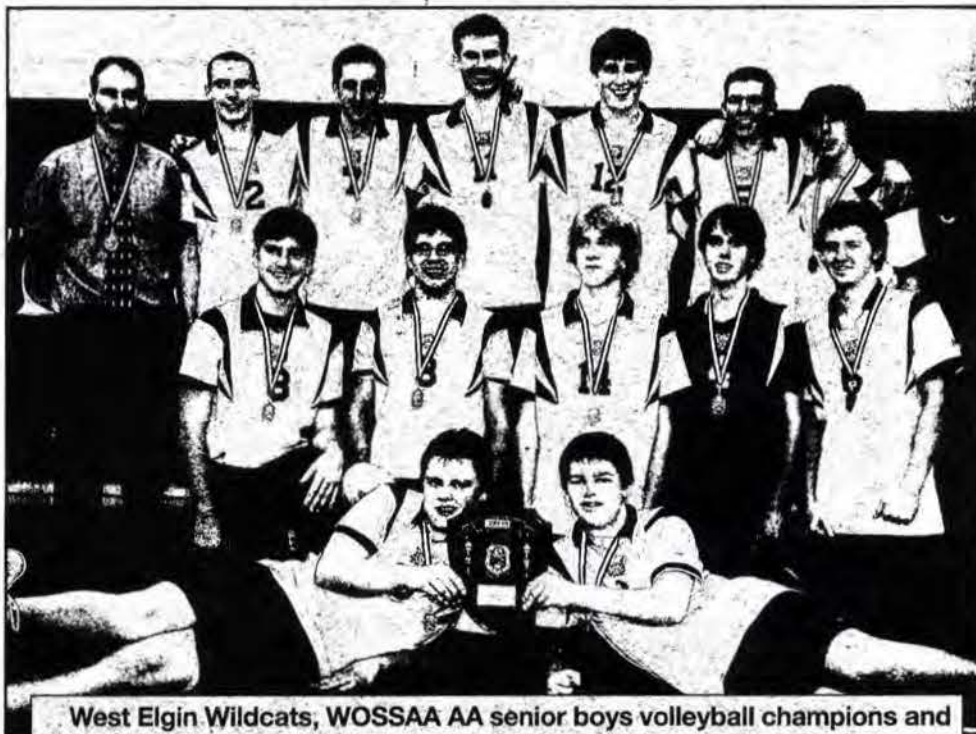
Central, the host school, is seeded third, while Dryden, the fifth seed, is in the Wildcats' four-team pool.

"There's no pressure to do anything like if we were in single A," said Welch who makes his fifth appearance as coach. "I've been to enough OFSAAs now that seeding really isn't necessarily that accurate. It's nice to get the seeding because you get a better schedule, but you never know who you're going to play."

Left-side hitters Mike Godfrey and Andy McWilliam lead the Wildcats on offence, while libero Adam Sutton and setter Troy Cook are key as well.

"Our left side is pretty strong and if we can get them the ball, we score most of the time," said Welch.

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West Elgin Wildcats, WOSSAA AA senior boys volleyball champions and TVRAA South Division winners, from left, are: front — Troy Cook, Lucas Kalita; middle — Michael Welch, Dylan Weselowski, Alex Nolan, Adam Sutton, Jeremy Delouw; back — coach Kelly Welch, Jonathan Godfrey, Andrew McWilliam, Mike Godfrey, John Drummelsmith, Andrew Ford, Zachery Welch. (T-J photo)

Goal is championship round

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"We have to have our big guys on, and we have to pass well. If we do that we should be able to side-out with anybody, but if we get pushed into bad passes and forcing the balls out, we're going to struggle."

Past OFSAA experience aids this year's Wildcats.

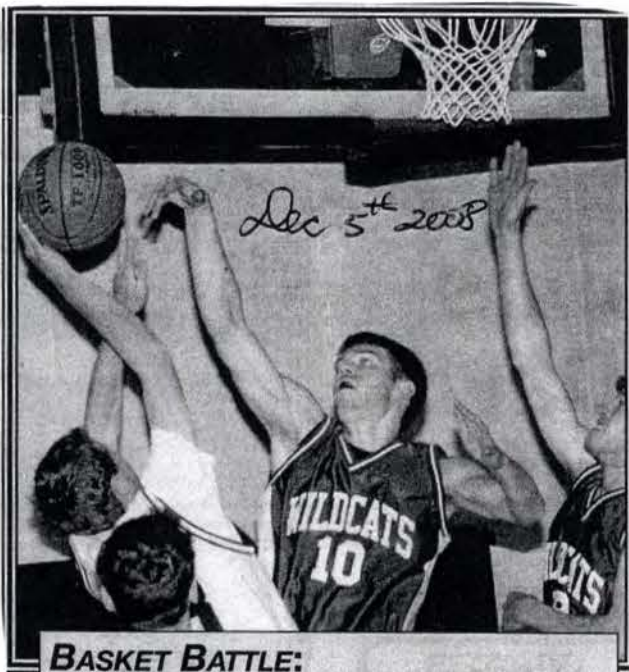
"It helps the guys, so they're not nervous or in awe of what's going on. They know how long a haul it is," said Welch. "Our goal is to make the championship round, so finish top two in our pool. Then anything can happen."



WOSSAA is where Welch finally saw the team he hoped for all season.

"We were very consistent in the WOSSAA final. We had a game plan that we executed which was awesome," Welch said. "I told the guys, the biggest thing that I liked was that even when we got down we didn't panic. We just kept playing the system. It was comforting to see."

The Wildcats play four pool matches Friday starting at 9 a.m. The quarterfinals and medal games are on Saturday starting at 11 a.m.



BASKET BATTLE:

Andrew Froud, left, from Parkside Collegiate Institute, tries to shoot past Michael Godfrey (10) and Kelso McConnell, right, from West Elgin Secondary School, during TVRAA boys basketball action Thursday. The score was tied 20-20 at the half. (T-J photo by Kyle Rea)



Jesse Cnockaert The Chronicle

Sr. Girls get gold at WOSSAA!

The Senior Girls Volleyball team won gold at 'AA' WOSSAA held at WESS March 2. The Wildcats defeated the Montcalm Cougars three games to zero, and advanced to the finals where they played against Dorchester. The Senior Girls proved to have unstoppable momentum as they won 3-0 once again. Way to go girls! Top Row (L-R): Coach Troy Cook, Melanie Ganhadeiro, Jessica Varga, Kylie Willson, Rae Hale, Kelsey Gosnell, Hillary Hodder, Stephanie Leys, Coach Dave Burke. Bottom Row: Emma Wilkins, Debbie Levesley, Sarah King, Shawna McDonald, Emily Varga.



Jesse Cnockaert/The Chronicle

Jr. Girls win WOSSAA gold!

The Junior Girls Volleyball team dominated at 'AA' WOSSAA held at WESS March 2. The Jr. Girls got off to a great start, beating St. Anne's 3 games to 0 in the Jr. Semi-Finals. They went on to beat Woodstock C.I. 3-1 in the finals. Congratulations Girls! Back Row (L-R): Amy Oliveira, Nicolette Gowan, Abbey Fleming, Tori Gosnell, Danielle Dieleman, Nicole Pelcz, Coach Brad Hessel. Middle Row (L-R): Chelsey Roberts, Jenica Slaats, Courtney Lamb. Front Row (L-R): Mary Jane Miller, Shalena Horst.

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Wow WESES, you did us proud

Mr. McLenaghan, Chairperson at WESES-
Angie Gagnon

On June 8 at the University of Western Ontario, 24 of our athletes from WESES competed against the best of the best in Thames Valley. Simply stated, the results were nothing short of unbelievable...Our athletes rocked the stadium with runners qualifying in the 100, 400, 800, 1500 and RELAY.....jumpers and throwers qualified in Long Jump, Triple Jump, High Jump and Ball Throw.

Our Grade 7's and grade 8's represented our school with passion, and our athletes cheered each other on to personal bests in several events which led to several top eight finishes and an elite few conquered the podium.

Senior Boys High Jump, Travis Konecny set his personal best with a jump of 1 metre 55 to finish 4th just off the podium. Kassi Merks set a personal best also in high jump with a leap of 1 metre 40 to finish on the podium in 3rd place. And our Wil DeBruyn set a personal best in long jump with a kangaroo jump of 5 meters 29 finishing in 2nd place

on the podium and missing first by a meager 3cm.

The grade 7 boys relay team which included Chris Taylor, Tristin Gagnon, Kyle Page and Travis Konecny turned in an inspiring performance as they blazed a personal best time of 55.65 seconds to finish 2nd.

And now the highlight performance of the day as the grade 8 girls relay team captured the gold medal for all of Thames Valley. In a blistering time of 56.3 seconds the team of Kim Bandeen, Megan Dieleman, Kassi Merks, and Autumn Roberts captured the 1st ever relay Gold in WESES history. Way to go girls we are so proud of you!

By finishing first and second several of our athletes have qualified to compete in the Toronto later this month, so that means both relay teams and Wil DeBruyn have earned themselves a spot at the provincials Track Meet with the winners there moving on to North American Finals in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Speaking for the entire school, and parents Best of luck to our 9 provincial Qualifiers.

And a very special thanks to a extremely excitable Mr. McLenaghan for righting this wonderful right up and doing such a wonderful job of keeping track of results, and being there for our athletes with passion and determination to just do there best and be proud of themselves with what ever the outcome. You rock Mr. McLenaghan.



Boys Relay team

The grade 7 boys relay team, which included Chris Taylor, Tristin Gagnon, Kyle Page and Travis Konecny finished second with a time of 55.65 seconds.



Girls Relay team

The grade 8 girls relay team, which included Kim Bandeen, Megan Dieleman, Kassi Merks, and Autumn Roberts, captured the gold medal for all of Thames Valley with a time of 56.3 seconds

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ATHLETES HONOURED

June 23rd 2010



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Outstanding athletes honoured this year at West Elgin Secondary School, from left, are: front: athletes of the year Jonathan Godfrey and Emma Wilkins; back: junior athletes of the year Shane Millard and Mary Jane Miller, Heart and Hustle Award winner Stephanie Leys, Optimist Award recipient Debbie Levesley. Absent is Heart and Hustle Award winner Shelby Wilcox.



R. MARK BUTTERWICK Times-journal

West Elgin linebacker Justin Forgues is one of the key defenders the Wildcats are looking to as they open the TVRAA Varsity Southeast football season Friday at home to the Arthur Voaden Vikings.



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WESS Juniors go undefeated in Strathroy

Oct 23rd 2010

On October 15, the Jr. WESS Volleyball team went undefeated in the Strathroy Tournament. The team played against West Minster, of London, in the finals, and won the first game 25-12, and the second game 25-19. Congratulations to the team, and a thanks from the team goes to Lindsey for her time and dedication! Back Row (L-R): Coach Albert Roos, Aidan Roos, Michael Lewinsky, Kent Vandenberg, Marko Agbaba, Brandon DeCook, Lindsey Lamb. Front Row (L-R): Sean Vanoverbeke, Dylan Clark, Austin Hansen, Tristin Lockery. Absent: Matt Hooghian, Dylan Simpson.

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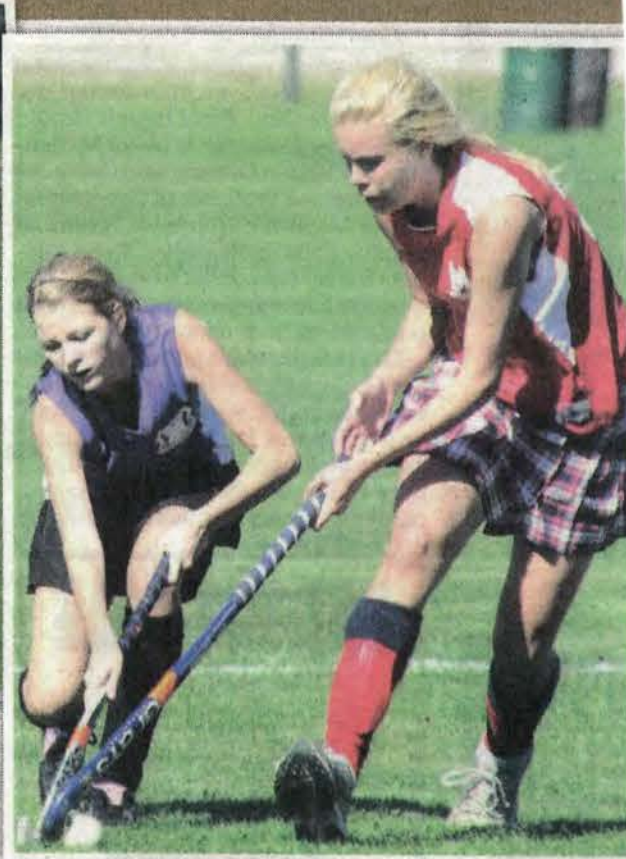
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Wildcats fight Gaels to standstill

On October 7, following their game against Medway, the WESS Girls Field Hockey team played against Glencoe. Ashley Willey (R) is shown here keeping ahead of one of the Glencoe Gaels. The game ended with a score of 1-1.



Jesse Cnockaert The Chronicle

Wildcats take on Medway at home

On October 7, the WESS Girls Field Hockey team took to the field to cross sticks with Medway. Stacy Van Acker (L) is shown here doing her best to keep the ball under control as a Medway player tries to take it from her. The game ended with a score of 0-10 in Medway's favour. The WESS Girls will be away to play against Strathroy today.

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Oct 21st 2010 Jesse Cnockaert The Chronicle

WESS girls blow away Gaels

The WESS Jr. Girls basketball team was at home October 14 taking on the Glencoe Gaels. The WESS team showed Glencoe what they were made of, winning the game 34-28. Shown on left is Wildcat Megan Dieleman. Today, the girls will be playing at Arthur Voaden.

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April 19th 2011

Members of the Elgin county team cheer from the bench Sunday at the mayor's challenge hockey game at the Timken Centre. More than \$4,300 was raised for the Canadian Red Cross Japan Disaster Relief Fund.

PATRICK BRENNAN
Times-Journal

Hockey sense makes Horvat top choice

Morris Dalla Costa
QMI Agency

May 19th 2011

Bo knows hockey. It's a big reason the London Knights made him their first pick in the 2011 Ontario Hockey League draft held May 7.

Bo Horvat, from Rodney, went to the Knights No. 9 overall. The centre was the highest scoring minor midget player in the province last year.

"He has tremendous hockey sense," said Knights' general manager Mark Hunter. "He knows the game. It's something you are born with and he has that."

Horvat played with the Elgin Middlesex Chiefs and St. Thomas Stars Junior B team last year.

No. 9 is the highest the Knights have picked in the draft since they selected David Bolland at No. 8 in 2002.

Horvat comes from a hockey family. His uncle Ron is the coach of the Stars hockey club.

Bo Horvat is five foot, 11 inches and weighs 195 pounds.

The Knights wanted to considerably ratchet up their skill level. With Horvat, they got a solid two-way player who is good on faceoffs and is smart.

"He's fearless, he will go to the net and he'll make plays," Hunter said.

For Horvat, playing for the Knights was like a dream come true.

"It's unbelievable actually," he said. "I always watched them growing up. I always loved to play in London. They are a great organization and it's nice because it's close to home."

Horvat was following the draft at home with about 30 close friends and family.

"I was getting really nervous and it felt great when my name was called," Horvat said.

Horvat won't have a lot of problems working into an OHL schedule. Between his minor midget schedule, playing with elite tournament teams and Junior B hockey, Horvat played in 93 games.

The draft went pretty much as expected with the early picks with the only real wildcard Max Domi, son of former Toronto Maple Leaf Tie Domi. He was rated a Top 5 pick but



QMI Agency photo

Rodney teen makes OHL draft

Bo Horvat of Rodney, first pick by the London Knights in the OHL entry draft outside the Knights dressing room on May 7.

let it be known he was going to go the NCAA route.

Domi was selected No. 8, just before London's pick, by Kingston Frontenacs where former Leaf Doug Gilmour is the general manager.

The Knights had Domi on their radar.

"We liked both Bo and Max," Hunter said. "We're real happy with what we got."

The Knights needed to improve their skill level, size and point production from their defence.

On the way to addressing those needs, they nabbed the player they believe is their goaltender of the future.

With their first pick of the second round, the Knights selected goaltender Ian Jenkins. Jenkins played with Detroit Belle Tire U16s. He is considered the best young goaltender in the United States national development program.