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Skating into the New Year

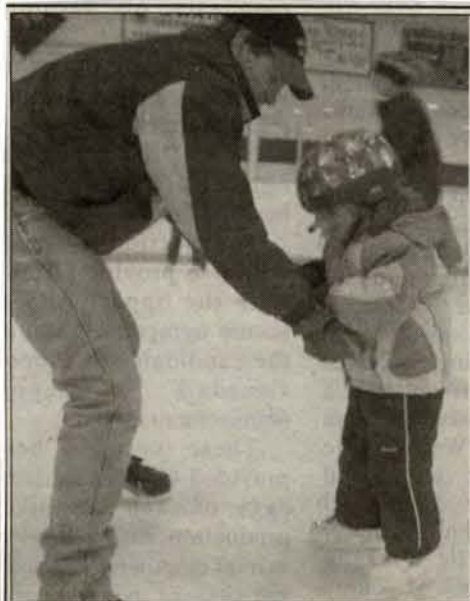
Three-year-old Tyler Mosher and his father Jeremy, above, were at a free Public Skate Monday afternoon along with Scott Snake, Brent Dunn, Michael Beynon and many others.



Local skaters win medals

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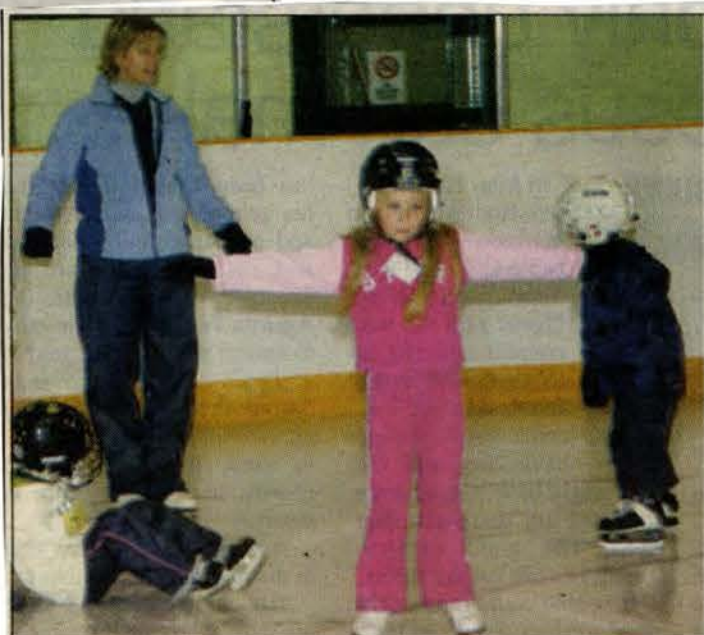
West Elgin Skating Club dance pairs of Matt Westelaken and Kassie Bergey (Dance Level 2), left, and Chris Van Raay and Kaitlyn Lambert (Dance Level 3), right, were selected to be on the Skate Canada Western Ontario Section Development Team. Matt and Kassie won bronze medals and Chris and Kaitlyn won gold medals at competitions in Grimsby and Tillsonburg last fall. Both pairs won gold at the Great Lakes Invitational this month. They will compete in February at the all-Ontario qualifiers.



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Testing new skates

Only on the ice for her second time ever, three and a half year old Sarah Richardson is helped around West Elgin Arena by her dad Chuck at Monday's public skate.



Skating club back at it

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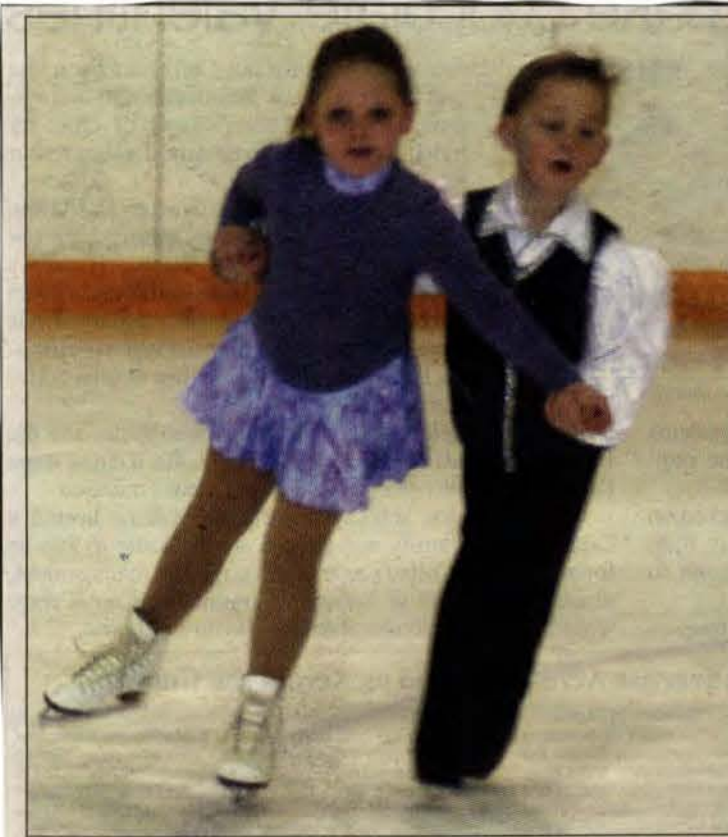
Coach Renee Bergey teaches Terri-Lynne Brooks, age 7 from West Lorne, Mathew McCallum age 4 from Iona Station, Cody DaSilva age 6 from West Lorne. The West Elgin Skating Club met at the West Elgin arena on Sept. 23 to teach kids age two to 15 how to skate as part of the "Canskate" program.



Playdowns begin

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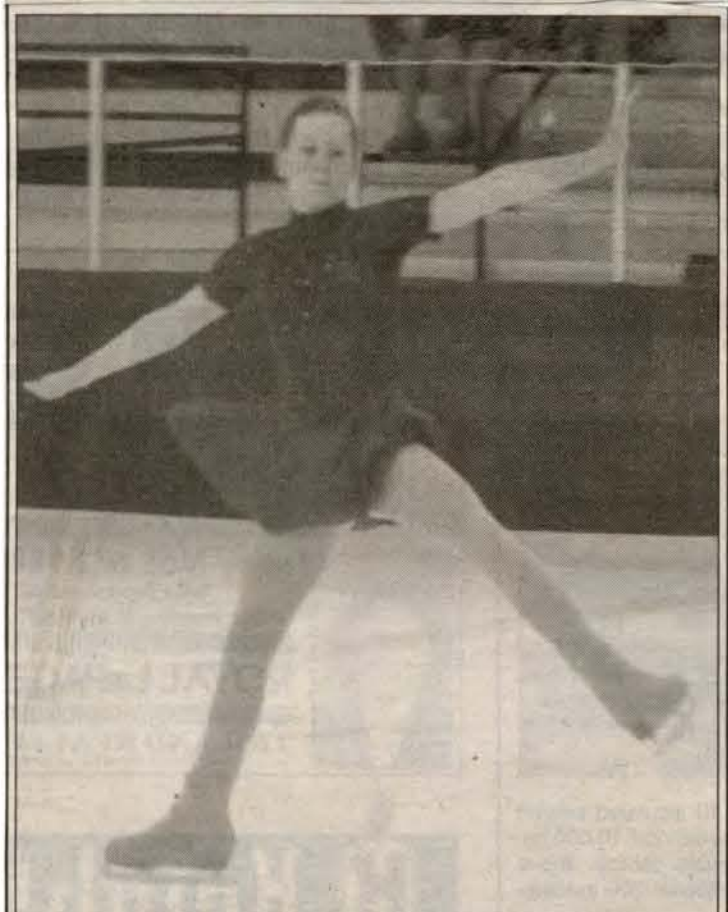
Brandon DeCook celebrates the game winning goal, his fourth of the night for the West Lorne Atom Local team against Dresden Jan. 6. It was the team's first playdown game of the season as the division was split into pools for a round robin finish, before the playoffs.



Skating Club preps for annual competition

Preparing for the annual skating competition March 4-5, the West Elgin Skating Club showcased their talents at the West Elgin Arena Feb. 13. Left: Paxton Knott and Samantha Morris performed their pairs routine. Centre: Mikayla Pelcz, right: Lindsay Wright also showcased the routines they have been working on throughout the season.

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Leaping future stars

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Kristin Mylrea skated Sunday at the Futures-West Skating Competition presented by the West Elgin and Kent Region Skating Clubs at the West Elgin Arena March 4 and 5.

Skating competition brings 1,500 to area

A very successful Futures Competition was held as a two day event at the West Elgin Arena this past weekend.

The event drew skaters from as far away as Windsor in the west and Thedford in the north.

Exactly 375 skaters competed over the two days from Kent Region, Sun Parlour Region (Windsor) and Blue Water Region (Samia).

This is an annual event that has never been hosted at the West Elgin Arena before. It has been about 10 years since this club has hosted any competition.

It offered an opportunity for the children to compete in flights of about five-seven skaters in front of a judging panel to rank placement for gold, silver, bronze and so on. The results table was busy banding out medals to successful competitors as well as trophies

for all participants. The children at this event ranged from age four through about 14. Of the 375 skaters, approximately 30 skaters from the West Elgin Club competed. Many of our local skaters placed well in the standings.

Chairperson, Trisha Fink of the West Elgin Skating Club, admitted this event was a huge undertaking and could not have achieved the success it did without the support of over 100 volunteers and the support of the local community in sponsoring advertising, offering food, accommodations as well as many other generous contributions.

Other clubs within the Kent Region played a big part in the preparation and devotion to the delivery of the event. All efforts were greatly appreciated from the competition committee. Revenue, gained from this event will benefit all clubs within the region based on volunteer support.

Midget Girls hockey team bound for provincial tourney

West Lorne Midget Girls will be representing Southwest Ontario at the Provincial Tournament in Mississauga April 7-9. The girls earned the right to represent in their division beating out St. Thomas by one point in a 10 game round robin. West Lorne lost only one game in their provincial bid.

In the final week run at the provincial playdowns West Lorne girls had four games with only one night rest between each game.

"The girls really played as a team, and every line scored. They really had to battle it out the last couple of games and it all came down to the last game. They came out to win and they got the job done. I am really proud of them," said Coach Henry Dryfhout after the final game against Embro. Score of that game was 5-0 for West Lorne.

West Lorne girls goalie, Amanda Ford, played terrific throughout the series-only letting in a total of seven goals. Top goal scorer in the series was Emily Dryfhout, team captain.

Other teams in the round robin were Mt. Brydges, Strathroy, Alymer, St. Thomas and Embro.

West Lorne girls will finish off the league playoffs in the month of March and play at home on Monday nights at 8 p.m.



Midget girls win southwestern Ontario WMHLA

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Back Row: April Haynes, Chelsea Dionne, Brittany Degraw, Angela Dick, Erika Eckersley, Kayla Shine, and Brittany Hein. Second Row: Krysta Walker, Julie Oliveira, Ashley Knapp, Emily Dryfhout and Taylor Carnegie. On either side of the sign: Caitlin McCallum, Kylie Dionne and Allison Borton. In Front: Amanda Ford and Jillian Colins. Coaches not in picture Henry Dryfhout, Josh Dryfhout, Terry Eckersley (manager), Janic Dionne (trainer).



Dufton

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Lakers captain Jordan Dufton was named Junior D offensive player of the month for December.

Forward Mike Cameron will be back before the playoffs, giving Bedford a healthy lineup at the right time.

Local call up players have filled out the lineup for several games this year as top players have been downed with injuries.

Since coming back from general soreness, Drew Irvine has centred a hot top line with Matt Bartoch and Jordan Dufton.

Bartoch scored the Lakers' two goals in the last game, after taking passes from the corners from Dufton.

Bedford has no expectations for how far the team will get this year after the Lakers' amazing semi-final run last year.

"It doesn't matter who we play," he said, adding the schedule is still being negotiated with West Lorne Minor Hockey but games will probably still be here Wednesday nights.

"We'll take it one game at a time, one series at a time," said Bedford.

The Lakers hoped to beat North Middlesex to keep seventh place in the Yeck Conference and a

Lakers gearing up for playoff run

With four games left in the regular season, the West Lorne Lakers are tightening up.

Team owner Wayne Bedford is looking for disciplined hockey and for his players to focus on better positioning.

"We have a lot of experienced guys. I think we'll do well (in the playoffs)," said Bedford before the Lakers' 3-2 loss to North Middlesex Jan. 25 at West Elgin Arena. "We've got to tighten up."

likely first round draw against Lambeth.

The Lakers upset Lambeth last year in game seven before going on to force Mt. Brydges to game seven in the conference finals.

Bedford said he'll go with experienced Brandon Palmer for the playoffs.

Palmer followed the puck well, facing 39 shots, many in the final minutes against North Middlesex. Palmer played out-

standing during the Lakers playoff run last year.

Bedford has been pleased with the fan turnout this year, with 50 to 100 people coming to the home games.

He hopes the crowd will be as noisy and supportive in the playoffs this year as they were last.

The Lakers play their final regular season home game against Exeter Feb. 8 at 8:15 p.m.

Skating club ready for year-end carnival

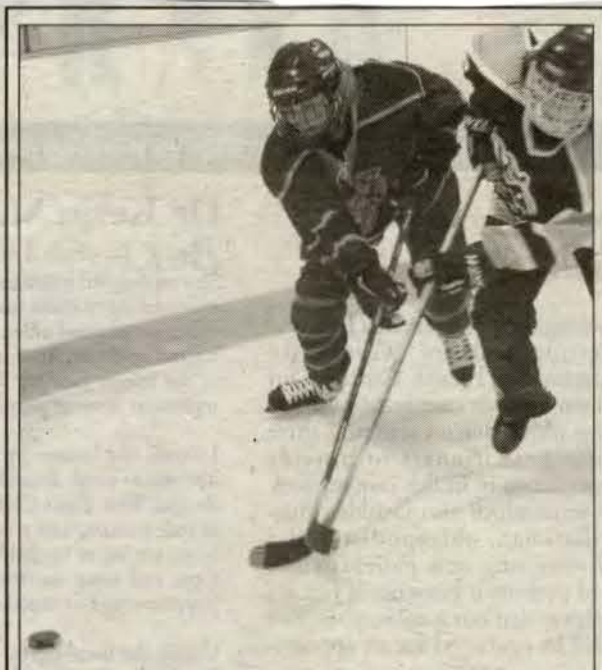
Lakers hosting Shine

The West Lorne Lakers are having minor hockey night on Dec. 27 at 8:15 pm at the West Elgin Arena when the Central Elgin Express come to town.

West Lorne minor hockey product Jordan Shine from Wallacetown will be the Lakers special guest at the game.

Shine plays for the London Knights of the Ontario Hockey League.

All minor hockey players will be admitted free and have a chance to win many prizes including a Jordan Shine London Knights replica hockey sweater, one piece hockey sticks, and a pair of hockey gloves.



Wildcats win JEFF KEMPENAAR/THE CHRONICLE

Bailey McKillop battles for the puck against a Central Elgin player. The Wildcats beat CESS Nov. 30 two goals by Jordan Emmett and goaltending by Amanda Russell.

The West Elgin Skating Club is holding its annual skating Carnival Saturday.

The 52nd annual skating carnival will see skaters perform routines to Broadway Musicals.

This year's special guests are Kylie Knight and Nick Toth.

They have been skating together for three years. Kylie is 11 years old and is from Glencoe and Nick is 12 years old and is from Rondeau. They train together 3 days a week in Blenheim and Ridgetown and

are coached by their parents, Leslie and Greg Knight and Connie Toth. The team has had much success in the past three years being chosen for the Western Ontario Development Team and the Western Ontario Provincial Team. This year through their placement at the BMO Sectional Championships they were chosen to represent Western Ontario at the Ontario Winter Games in Barrie.

Two shows will be held Saturday at 1 and 7 p.m.

Strong defence lifts Atoms

Our Atom Travel Team was in Parkhill last Friday night and was involved in another tight end-to-end action packed game, with our guys holding on for a close 2-1 victory.

Our defence team of Tristan Rohde (A), Scott Barfett, Kent Vandenberg and Matt Brennan(C) was a force to be reckoned with.

"Tristan Rohde is so strong on the puck

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that his shots from the point rarely miss the net," says Assistant Coach Tim Hansen.

"Scott Barfett and Kent Vandenberg read the play very well and by doing so, can cause a lot of havoc for the opposing teams," says Hansen.

When our Defence play as well as they did on Friday it gives our offensive force a chance to pull off the victory.

Great Teamwork! Keep it up!



Skating club goes with show tunes
Nick Toth and Kylie Knight are the special performers at the annual skating carnival Saturday at West Elgin Arena.



Locals on Glencoe team

Without a Bantam team in West Elgin, several players are playing for the Glencoe Icecats which won the Bantam A tournament in Meaford Nov. 18-19. On the team is Evan Timmermans, Zach Welch and Brandon Baptista.

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CanSkaters of the year

Twan Dieker, Breanne Durdle and Faith Lamb were awarded CanSkate Champions for 2005/06 by the West Elgin Skating Club at the annual carnival April 1.

McGill gold in skating

Danielle McGill became the first West Elgin skater to achieve gold level in figure skating in 52 years of club history.

The 15-year-old passed gold level testing in skills, free skate and dance to attain the distinction of a Skate Canada gold level skater.

To honour Danielle's achievements Skate Canada awarded her a certificate and gold pin along with a plaque given at the annual skating carnival April 1.

Daughter of skating coach Patsy McGill and Mark, Danielle's dedication and commitment to the sport of figure skating is shown in her countless hours of practice and helping younger skaters achieve their goals.

Some of these skaters

watched and cheered her on as she skated her gold free skate test recently.

Currently, Danielle is working on achieving her second Diamond Dancing at gold level, which would put her at ranks with world championship competitors.

At the skating carnival, Danielle was also awarded the second annual Beth Evans Memorial Award for skater of the year with the West Elgin Skating Club.

Evans, a long-time skating coach passed away in 2004 and since then, her parents, Allister and Carolyn Cameron have presented the award to a skater who best exemplifies the same consistent qualities like enthusiasm, dedication and passion for the sport, as Evans had.



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McGill wins Beth Evans award

Rodney-area's Danielle McGill was presented with the Beth Evans Memorial Award by the late skating coach's parents Allister and Carolyn Cameron at the annual skating carnival April 1.

Skating Carnival sells out two shows

Dianne Fratscher
WESC

The West Elgin Skating Club's 52nd Annual Carnival was another smash success with two sold out

shows.

This years theme of Broadway Musicals saw skaters performing to music from selections including Phantom Of The Opera, Crazy For You, Gypsy, Guys & Dolls,

Saturday Night Fever and many more.

CanSkaters to senior skaters all had a terrific time showing off their abilities for the audiences at both Saturday shows.

Some of the high-lights included

'Shirley', a mannequin that dropped down on a trapeze from the roof of the arena during a performance of Moulin Rouge, and a series of hand painted backdrops that were changed throughout the show.

Skaters win Ontarios

Kaitlyn Lambert and Chris Van Raay of West Elgin Skating Club came in third at the Trillium Competitions (all-Ontarios) March 19 in Waterloo.

They competed against eight other couples representing regions from Windsor to Barrie to Ottawa.

Winning a gold medal in Sarnia at the Starskate championships in February qualified them for the Trillium and a position on the Western Ontario Provincial Team.

Due to the coaching skills of Patsy McGill and Kelly Lambert, Kaitlyn and Chris have won four golds in regional competitions and a bronze in Waterloo throughout this skating season.



Pair win in Waterloo

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Kelly Lambert, left, coach, Chris Van Raay, Kaitlyn Lambert and Patsy McGill, right, coach were at the all-Ontarios in Waterloo.

Schramowsky team's top rookie

Jeff Kempenaar

Staff

West Lorne Lakers handed out their year-end awards at the team's banquet March 12.

Dutton's Karl Schramowsky took rookie of the year.

The 19-year-old played in every game in his Junior D first season.

The Wildcats alumni amassed seven goals and seven assists.

The team chose Jordan Dufton as its Most Valuable Player.

The 21-year-old from London

led the league with 72 points including 21 goals.

The 6'3" winger also played in every game for the Lakers.

He and linemate Drew Irvine shared honours for Miller Ford Player of the Year.

Irvine missed almost half the season while playing for the Western Mustangs football team.

His return to centre the top line sparked Dufton and Matt Bartoch.

In just 22 games he had 39 points including 15 goals.

Bartoch was named Most Sportsmanlike.

The 21-year-old from London had 56 points in 30 games and only received 19 minutes in penalties.

Mike Dufton was awarded Most Improved.

The 5'8" sophomore from London received more ice time for his hard work, adding 19 points in 36 games for the Lakers.

Ryan Roke and Ryan Campbell shared Most Dedicated Player awards.

The two St. Thomas-area forwards added grit at the beginning of the year and kept the team going to the end.

Roke led the team with 30 goals while Campbell played alongside in all 40 games.

Speedy John Sonier picked up top defenceman honours.

The Lakers were beat out of the first round of playoffs against Thamesford.

The team finished seventh in the Yeck Conference.

Bantam girls showing determination

Going into the season as an underdog team, the Bantam Girls have shown great determination

and love for the game.

All the girls have put in a great effort including first time

players Ashley Willie, Brittany Jones and goaltender Stephanie Campbell. These girls show excellent skills for the upcoming season.

Campbell had a shutout in her first season in goal in a Nov. 26 game against North East Lambton that saw the team celebrate its first win, 2-0.

The girls competed in a tournament Jan. 6-8 in Strathroy, working hard in the team's three close games.

The girls are now in their second round of playoffs with two final games scheduled.

The first is this Saturday against South Huron being played at the West Lorne arena at 5 p.m.

The team's final scheduled game of the season is March 26 at 4 p.m., in South Huron.

While that will be the end of the season for the team, Lindsay Gowan and Bailey McKillop will represent the Bantam Girls in the 2006 Girls All-star game in Strathroy April 1.



Bantam girls continue playoff run

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Back row: Trainer Dave Gowan (coach) Jon Collard, Nicole Vergeer, Brittany Jones, Nicole Collard, Breanne Carter, Ashley Willie, Lindsay Gowan, Michelle Small (trainer), Denis Hamelin (head coach). Front row: Bailey McKillop, Nicolette Gowan, Madison Redman, Stephanie Sutton, Shawna McDonald, Jessica Small, Samantha Hamelin, Mardina Verboom, Zoey VanDyk and Stephanie Campbell (goal). Missing, Scott McKillop (manager).

Vergeer in University hockey finals

West Lorne's Nick Vergeer has helped his Wilfrid Laurier University hockey team reach the national championships.

The 5'6", second-year geography student was named "Athlete of the Week" picking up two points in a win over the University of Quebec Trois-Rivier.

The win sends the Hawks to the round-robin CIS National Championship in Edmonton March 23 though 26.

Vergeer led the Hawks in

points this season with 10 goals and 20 assists in 24 games, placing him ninth in Ontario.

The 2004-2005 team rookie of the year has also received a financial bursary from the school and is no stranger to winning.

The St. Joseph's Catholic High School alumni won two Junior B Championships with the Stratford Cullitons in '03 and '04.

The 22-year-old's Hawks are ranked sixth out of six teams and the final two games will be televised on TSN.



Keeping hydrated

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Trainer Desmond McQuade gives water to Shayne Deguast on the bench during a mini-tyke game against Wallaceburg March 25.

Mini-tykes round out season

West Lorne Mini-tykes finished the season Saturday with a strong effort against Wallaceburg.

"It's been amazing to watch these kids. They improved every time they took to the ice," said assistant coach Paulo Oliveira.

The team started Hockey is Fun day off at West Elgin Arena, where every team was in action for the final weekend of hockey.

Players received awards and

plaques to mark the end of another season.

Coached by Nick Deguast and Gerry Lamb, the Tim Horton's Mini-tykes are:

Josh McQuade, Travis Wickerson, Gavin Lunn, Shayne Deguast, Mathew Oliveira, Journey Bois-Groissant, Jocelyn Delgado, Tanner Parker, Justin DeCook, Laura Barfett and Jacob McQuade.

Atom locals win B championship

The West Lorne Atom Local team took home the "B" Championship March 25 defeating Wallaceburg 5-3.

The first goal was scored by Hassan Jabara then a hat trick followed from Brandon De Cook. The game clinching goal was scored by Carter Blake.

Assists came from Derrick Somerville, Michael Oliver, David Hale, Tyler Hawke, Steven Riemens, Dylan Clark, Logan Poels, Hassan Jabara and Dustin VanHee.

Goalie Mitchell Bradshaw played an outstanding game in net for his team. These boys had great team work and dedication. They came a long way to win the championship. After losing all their games up until Christmas they finished the second half of the season undefeated. They also took home a bronze medal in March at the Glencoe Tartan tournament with Derrick Somerville in net for the team. Way to go!

The team was successfully coached by Kal Jabara, Tony Poels, Steve De Cook (trainer) and Sherry Somerville (manager).



Atom locals champions

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The atom local team won the B championships recently. Here: goalie, Mitchell Bradshaw Front row left to right: Dustin VanHee, Michael Oliver, Tyler Hawke, Steven Riemens and Derrick Somerville. Back row left to right: Logan Poels, Dylan Clark, Brandon De Cook, Hassan Jabara, Carter Blake and David Hale; absent Riley Craft.

Girls win silver at Silver Stick in Owen Sound



Finalists

The Intermediate C Girls were finalists at a tournament in Owen Sound.

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West Lorne Intermediate C Girls won silver at the Silver Stick tournament held in Owen Sound last weekend.

The first game of the round robin was against Elma Logan, Friday ended a 1-1 tie with Kayla Shine scoring.

Saturday morning's game was a 5-1 win for West Lorne over Strathroy. Kayla Shine earned a hat trick with Kylie Dionne and Emily Dryfhout scoring the balance. Laura Degraw worked between the pipes.

The afternoon game was a 2-0 final for West Lorne over Goderich. Emily Dryfhout beat the Goderich goalie for the first and Brittany Degraw sealed the game with the second goal. Amanda Ford saw the net duty.

Sunday morning 7 a.m. start saw West Lorne face off against Embro in the quarter finals. Stacey Kochnowich from West Lorne scored in the second period and Kayla Shine in the third. The final was 2-1 for West Lorne with Amanda Ford keeping Embro at bay.

West Lorne played Sarnia Ladies Sting in the final game. Score was even after the first and Sarnia put one on the board in the second with Emily Dryfhout answering back with a single. Sarnia beat West Lorne 3-1.

Amanda Ford earned tournament MVP. Our girls played some great hockey.



Atom girls win gold

The West Lorne Atom Girls hockey team played their best hockey of the year and captured the Gold Medal at the St Thomas tournament Dec 1.

After a 2-1 victory over a tough Mt. Brydges team, the girls managed a 0-0 tie with an even tougher team from St. Mary's.

The girls turned things up with an amazing 12-0 win over St Thomas before capturing Gold with an exciting 2-1 win over London in the final. Spectacular goaltending from Cassidy Van Dyk and a solid effort from all of the players enabled our team to emerge as Champs.

Gold

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Front Row: Carley Oliveira, "Comet", Cassidy Van Dyk, Rachel Gray Second Row: Courtney Van Dyk, Rachel Frizzell, Jenna Verboom, Sami Riemens, Rachel Van Loon, Aleah Jabara. Third Row: Courtney Simpson, Taylor Faircloth, Jodie Aldred, Keylana Hansen, Abi Hansen Back Row: Diane Van Dyk (Trainer), Ed Van Dyk (Coach), John Frizzell (Asst Coach), Sharon Verboom (Manager). Absent: Alex Shaw, Tim Hansen (Asst Coach).

Lakers win big before large crowd

► Jordan Shine drops puck

West Lorne Lakers didn't disappoint a large crowd at West Elgin Arena for minor hockey night Dec. 27, beating Central Elgin 10-6.

Matt Bartoch scored an amazing double hat trick, six goals and added two assists to lead the Lakers.

Captain Matt Willis followed his line mates thrust by scoring once and adding five assists.

Recently returning to the Lakers lineup, Ryan Roke also had a six point night, all assists.

The points barrage vaulted Bartoch and Willis into the Top 5 in scoring in the Southern Ontario Junior Hockey League.

Bartoch, who turns 22 in 2007 sits third with 59 including 31 goals in just 26 games.

Willis is fifth in league points with 56 pints including 39 assists.

Kyle Maister, Justin Rowles and Alex Wolfe added the other goals for the Lakers.

Brandon Palmer got the win in net facing 53 shots.

London Knight and Wallacetown native Jordan Shine dropped the puck before the game as part of the minor hockey night celebration, where minor hockey players got into the game for free.

It was the Lakers second win in a row snapping a seven game losing streak.

The Lakers beat Exeter 8-7 Dec. 20 in a shootout.

Trailing 4-1 after the first period then 6-



Minor hockey night

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Dalton Ion-Dayes of Dutton and Jordan Shine, London Knight and Wallacetown native drop the ceremonial puck at minor hockey night before a West Lorne Lakers game Dec. 27. Captain Matt Willis from the Lakers and Dan Walters from Central Elgin face off. Shine was the special guest at the game and signed autographs. The Lakers won the wild game before a large crowd, 10-6

2 after the second period the Lakers powered back.

Scoring three goals in the final four minutes of the second period two more too late goals tied the game.

Trevor Vandenberg banged in a rebound with 2:24 remaining in the third period to send the game into overtime.

In the shootout Brandon Palmer stopped

both shooters he faced while Bartoch and Roke each scored for the Lakers.

Bartoch scored a hat trick and added two assists while Roke had two goals with three assists.

Ryan Campbell had the other Lakers goal. The Lakers are 9-19-2 with 20 points.

The next home game is Jan. 10 at 8:15 p.m. against North Middlesex.



Ladies Soccer

Marilyn Goodhue of West Lorne Strike Force and Ashley Clemments of the new ladies team West Elgin in action May 30. Strike Force won the game 5-1.

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Header

Karlie Willcocks of the U-14 West Lorne Soccer team prepares to head the ball during a game against Rodney Monday night.

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U-14 action

Natasha Cameron for Rodney sets to foot the ball past Kelsey Conway for West Lorne in U-14 action Monday night in Rodney. West Lorne took the game 9-0.

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West Lorne U 11 win gold

The West Lorne U 11 Girls win the Gold at the Glen Clayworth Memorial Tournament in West Lorne, July 7. After a 1-1 tie with Wallacetown, two, five minute games were played with no goals scored. A shootout led to West Lorne getting the most goals to win Gold. Front row: Alyssa Paiva, Sierra Poels, Emma McDonough, Tina Lettner, Taylor Faircloth, Shannon Pyka. Back row: Carley Oliveira, Assist Coach Vanessa Paiva, Meagan Grant, Emma Dewit, Allison Rose, Khloe Beer, Coach Paulo Oliveira, Sophie Tasker, Meagan Azevedo and Sarah DeWit. Absent was: Anastasia Machado.

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Learning to play hockey

Morgan Dunn of Wallacetown and Jackson Wood of Dutton learn the basics of hockey at a free skate March 24 at West Elgin Arena. West Lorne Minor Hockey Association hosted the chance for anyone wanting to learn how to play hockey as part of Hockey Fun Day.

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Local skaters compete in Windsor

The West Elgin Skating Club had eight figure skater soloists representing our club well at the Great Lakes competition in Windsor on the weekend of Jan. 13-15.

We came home with three 3rd place medals. Everyone did a great job.

Our next away competitions are at WO Boston Pizza Starskate Championships in Samia on Feb. 17-19 where seven skaters from our club will represent us.

The Pat Abela Memorial Invitational is in Waterloo on Feb.

24-26 where four skaters are going to compete.

Also, West Elgin Skating Club is hosting the Kent Regional Futures Competition this year at the West Elgin Arena on the weekend of March 4-5.

We have approx. 35 figure skaters representing our own club and over 300 skaters are participating from the other clubs.

To help our young skaters, we also host a Skaters Showcase on Feb. 13 from 6 pm - 8 pm.

This is an opportunity for our young

skaters to perform their routines in front of a live audience. They all have been working diligently on their solos all season. Everyone is welcome to come out and support these dedicated athletes. WESC is proud of all of you.

Our annual carnival is fast approaching. The theme this year is "Broadway Musicals". Two shows are scheduled for Saturday April 1st. As you can see, the West Elgin Skating Club is extremely busy this season with many exciting events planned.



Skaters representing local club well

Melanie Laing, Karlie Willcocks, Paxton Knott, coach Patsy McGill, Candace Conway, Kayla Poels, Kelsey Conway have been training for upcoming competitions across the province. Absent was Lindsay Laing and Danielle McGill

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Vergeer to play in CIS national hockey finals

West Lorne's Mark Vergeer and his Wilfrid Laurier University hockey team will be

competing in the CIS National Championship next weekend. The Golden Hawks are

ranked third nationally heading into the six-team tournament in Moncton New Brunswick March 22 -25.

Vergeer is second in team points with 35, including 28 assists.

At only 5'6", 130 lbs, Vergeer is one of the smallest players on Ontario University hockey.

Vergeer, in his third year

scored in the Queen's Cup provincial finals but the Golden Hawks lost the cup.

It the second consecutive season the Golden Hawks had made it to the nationals.

TSN will broadcast the semi-finals live March 24 at 11:30 a.m.

The final game is set for March 25 at 8 p.m.



Atoms win first West Lorne tournament

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The West Lorne Comets Atom Girls team won the first ever girls hockey tournament here. The Bantams fought hard but couldn't claw their way into the finals. Above is the Atom team: left to right front to back: Goalie, Cassidy Van Dyk, 2nd row Carley Oliveira, Sami Riemens, Aleah Jabara, Taylor Faircloth, Rachel Gray, Rachel Van Loon, 3rd row Jenna Verboom, Abi Hansen, Jodie Aldred, Rachel Frizzell, Courtney Simpson, Keylana Hansen, Alex Shaw, Courtney Van Dyk, 4th row Diane Van Dyk Trainer, Ed Van Dyk Head Coach, John Frizzell Coach, Sharon Verboom Manager, Tim Hansen Coach.

Arvai top student-athlete

West Lorne's Shaun Arvai was voted College Hockey Association Student-Athlete of the Year by the athletic directors of the member schools.

A unanimous First-Team All-CHA selection this season, Arvai was also named to the CHA All-

Academic squad for the third consecutive year.

A business administration major, he finished third in league scoring among blueliners.

Arvai attends school and plays for Alabama-Huntsville University.