



U16 B Girls (West Lorne) - Silver



U16 A Girls (West Lorne) - Silver



U6 (Rodney) - Gold



U8 (Rodney) - Silver



Big Time Bikers!

Some local BMX bikers are blazing the trails of Michigan's bike trails - and they have the jerseys to prove it. From left Brad Seed (4th: 15-year-old rookie), Eric McGill (5th: 11-year-old rookie), Ricardo Malva (7th: 15-year-old rookie), Cam Milliken (1st: 35-39 cruiser and 30 and over novice) and Krista Milliken (6th: 6 to 7-year-old girls), are all members of Shallow Creek BMX out of Chatham. Honourable mention also goes to Jacob Ferguson and Cole Schnekenburger for their efforts last season. The upcoming season is scheduled to get under way at the end of this month. For more information on the Shallow Creek BMX club, call Ken Belanger at 351-3830 or check out the internet site at www.webwurx.com/shallowcreekbmx.

APRIL 1999

Synchronized Skating Sensation

West Lorne's own Kim Doan will be heading to Montreal this week to compete in the Canadian National Synchronized Skating Competition. The 16-year-old WESS student is a member of the Synchronicity Junior team out of London. The 22-member team, made up of girls ages 13-18, advanced past the Western Regionals to make it to the nationals. Should they finish in the Top 7 of the 23 teams competing, Synchronicity Junior would receive international status. If they finish in the Top 3 they would move on to the World Synchronized Skating Competition next year. Good luck to Kim and the Synchronicity Junior squad.



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West Lorne Atom Gold, Novice teams tourney champs

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It was a clean sweep for the West Lorne Novice and Atom Gold teams at the Ridgetown Christmas Classic Atom and Novice Hockey Tournaments played over the Christmas break.

With entries from Ridgetown, Glencoe, Wallaceburg, Chatham, and Blenheim, the West Lorne Novice squad took gold in a tight 3-2 win against Ridgetown followed by the Atom Gold team who squeaked a 1-0 win over their rival West Lorne Black Comets in the Atom final.

The West Lorne Novice team took two out of three in round

robin play, outscoring the opposition 14-3 to move into the gold medal game against the host Ridgetown.

In a tight checking game, the West Lorne defence held the hometown favourites to only two goals in the first two periods, sending the game into the third period knotted at 2-2.

It took teamwork and hot goaltending from Matthew Payne to keep the game tied until, with just minutes left, the winner was scored by West Lorne's Travis Roodzant - his third of the game.

In the Atom tournament, the West Lorne Black Comets tied

their first game 3-3 against the hometown Ridgetown Penny's and won their second match-up 4-1 against the Chatham Screencraft.

With a shot at the tournament title and a chance to play their undefeated league rivals on the line, the Black Comets dominated from the opening whistle and pounded the Chatham Awards 13-0.

In the first period of the Atom medal game, the Gold Comets needed strong goaltending and a tough defensive effort to keep their opponents off the board as the Black Comets pressured goaltender Patrick Whalen.

The Black Comets had the offensive edge in play until 2:36 of the second period when Shane Briand fed a Steve Nagy pass to Luke Emmett who put it past the goalie for the only goal of the game.

Through the remainder of the second period, the game momentum seemed to shift as the Gold's defensive play, quarterbacked by Emily Dryfhout and Travis Small, moved to a higher level. Matt McFadden, who relieved Whalen with four minutes left in the second period, faced only four scoring opportunities as his team neutralized the Black's offence to win 1-0.

Congratulations to both the Novice Comets and Atom Gold Comets on their gold medal performances, and to the Atom Black for the solid silver medal showing.



Atom Champs - West Lorne Gold

The West Lorne Gold brought home some major hardware from Ridgetown. They are, back row from left, Emily Dryfhout, Travis Small, Steve Nagy, Tyler Wood and Mike Emmett. Middle row from left are Caitlin McMillan, Ryan Brown, Chris VanLoon, William DrummelSmith and Shane Briane. In front are goalies Patrick Whalen, left, and Matt McFadden. Coaches include Steve Wood, Henry Dryfhout and Tim Emmett.



Novice Champs - West Lorne Novice

The West Lorne Novice squad took care of the host Ridgetown for their title. The team includes Matt Payne, Amanda Russell, Taylor Trudell, Carl Everett, Matt Burdett, Matt Zoller, Jordan Emmett, Shelby Willicocks, Kaylie Wood, John Gregory DrummelSmith, Krista Walker, Ryan Vanoverbeke, Paul Lee, Travis Roodzant and Dawn Marie Welch. Coach is Jamie Welch.

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Pool Popcorn

The students at WESES sure do love their popcorn. Through the sale of the delicious snack, the students managed to raise \$500, which they chose to donate to the West Elgin Pool Fund. Here, student council representatives Richa Sharma and Craig Hoglund present the cheque to West Elgin Pool Committee member John Eagleson. In back are Dale Peacock, teacher advisor, council members Adam McKillop and Emma Sharpe, and teacher advisor Donna Baran. The students at WESES extend a challenge to other area schools to meet or match their fund-raising effort for the new community pool.



OWHA Champs!

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The West Lorne Comets Intermediate Girls hockey team had a golden weekend recently in Mississauga as they returned home with the Ontario Women's Hockey Association provincial championship. In only their fifth year in action, the team has made great headway in girls hockey. See story on Page 9.



OMHA champions!

Members of the West Lorne Comets Novice Travel OMHA gold medal team are, left to right: front - goalie Matthew Payne; middle row - assistant trainer/manager Larry Okolisan, Jordan Hamm, Mike Johnston, Jason Eichenberger, Brandon Vergeer, Jeffery Reno and trainer Ron Eichenberger; back - coach Paul McWilliam, Michael Parezanovic, Ty Schnekenburger, Adam Okolisan, Troy Cook, Andrew McWilliam, Clark Machado, Mick Schnekenburger and assistant coach Mike Rivard. Absent was Brian Kelly.

West Lorne earns OMHA gold medal

After eliminating Ilderton in the OMHA semi-finals, the West Lorne Comets Novice Travel team advanced to the finals against Cayuga.

Winning the opener at home, the next game was played in Cayuga, and despite a home ice advantage Cayuga lost, giving

the Comets a two-game lead.

Game 3 was played back in Cayuga with the Comets taking a 3-2 loss.

Back in West Lorne for game 4, Cayuga earned a 3-2 win to tie the series two all.

Having to travel back to Cayuga, the Comets came out

in full force knowing they had to have a win for the title.

They held Cayuga 2-1 going into the third period with two more scoring opportunities giving them a 4-1 win.

Congratulations to the team for their determination and hard work.

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A player from one family. Of the Hunter brothers, three are naturally right-handed but shoot left. Another, Mark shoots from the right but when he signs autographs, he uses his left. Part of their success is that all four have their dominant hand on the top of their sticks and shoot the proper way. I know of at least

one NHL player who actually switched hands when he was in pee wee. I've switched 25-35 kids over the years and I've never had a complaint.

It's up to the parents and the coaches to ensure their kids are learning and developing to their maximum potential. Hockey is a game of muscle but it's also a game of precision-like skills.

When I hear the people who run hockey looking at longer practices, lighter pucks, checking, more tournaments, taking the centre line out of the game to make players better they are putting the horse before the cart. Teach the kids to shoot the proper way and everything should fall into place.

Mike Rivard



West Lorne 3-on-3 International Champs

West Lorne's 94's/95's entered the 3-on-3 International Hockey Tournament in London on the April 21st-22nd weekend. They won all four games in their division putting them into Sunday's final. They went up against Thamesford defeating them 6-2 for the championship. Good work boys! Team members include, from left to right: back row - coaches Jon Collard, George Gosnell, Abel Duarte and Tim Horvat; centre row - Bowie Horvat, Tyson Ford, Jacob Dymock, Michael Verboom and Tyler Hull; front row - Kurtis Gosnell, Tyler Duarte, Nolan Collard, Jason Alves and Kyle Barber.



Officially Open JUNE 4 2001

With a quick snip of the scissors, the red ribbon was cut to open the new West Elgin Community Pool in Rodney on Saturday, May 26th. Taking part in the ceremony were, left to right: former lifeguard Bob Padfield, Melanie Roditsky, who chosen from the crowd, West Elgin Mayor Duncan McPhail, and 2001 pool staff co-supervisors Rosemarie Almeida and Lisa Smith.

West Lorne's Kirschner has promising hockey career ahead

West Lorne minor hockey player Jamie Kirschner has a promising future with sports, especially hockey if he continues with his good skills.

The 14 year old says his goal right now is to nail down a US University or college scholarship which will propel him to his goal of playing in the big leagues.

Kirschner has just completed the spring season of hockey with Team Eagle, a AAA hockey team based in London.

Jamie was the only player from Elgin County in a team consisting of players from Middlesex, London, and Brantford, and was invited by the coach of the team who was impressed with his hockey skills.

Over the years Jamie has proven he can pass the puck and score, but more importantly he

is not intimidated on the ice, nor is he easy to push around.

At 160 pounds, Jamie is a heavy hitter on the ice.

His last seasonal game was at Toronto Lakeshore Invitational where they played and defeated a US team and went 2-2. During the tournament, Jamie scored five goals and grabbed seven assists.

Jamie says his hockey career wouldn't have been possible if it wasn't for the generous support of the 30 local people who have sponsored him. He says his equipment alone costs \$6,000.

While his hockey is good, Kirschner knows his academics have to be equally as good and he continues to strive to do well in school. This past year he received a student of the year award.

He says he doesn't have an idea on what he wants to major in academically.

"I'm undecided. Maybe business, but I'm really leaving my options open," says Kirschner.



Jamie Kirschner with two trophies he won during spring hockey with Team Eagles

July 2001



The West Lorne U6 Soccer Team, sponsored by Timmerman's Drainage won the Gold Medal, after going undefeated against the Wallacetown, Shedden, Rodney and Glencoe teams at the Final Soccer Tournament held in West Lorne on August 18. The team consists of, starting with the back row from left to right: Ron Wilkins, coach, Tiffany Kalita, assistant coach; and Albert Vergeer, coach. In the second row, Jason Timmermans, Breyanne Serle, Mackenzie Dick, Aidan Roos, Dylan Colpaert, Erica Kuska, Gina Toth, Steven Wilkins and Hassan Jabara. Third row: Bethany Morton, David Vergeer, Amanda Charlton, Bradin Vauterlaus, Cole Kalita, Cody Welsh and Peter Schadenberg.

Aug 2001



NBC Champs!

The West Elgin NBC (No Body Contact) wrapped up the season recently and handed out the top awards for the year at their banquet held at Hollywood Nights. Champions for this year are the Dutton Golf Course Sharks and are made up of, in front from left, Bill Lockery, Phil Page, Brian Coutts, Dean Thomas and Jeff Carmichael. Standing from left to right are Jim Corneil, Jason Falkins, Paul Mills and Todd Brophy. Absent from photo were Cory Kentner and Ken Lockery. Each player received a jacket for their efforts. Second place went to the Hollywood Nights Sabres (hats) and PJ's Pizza Devils (tote bags) took third place.

Photo by Shirley Slaats



Bowled Over

West Elgin is now the home of the Elgin/Oxford District 31 Ontario Senior Games 5 Pin Bowling champs. West Elgin Team 2, made up of Patricia Lloyd, left, Veronica Lane, Lena Campbell, Bob Virgin and Doris Sudicky, placed first out of 16 teams at the Woodstock Bowlerama. The Rodney squad (Team 2) placed third overall. West Elgin Team 2 now heads to the Chatham Senior Regional Games July 14. Good luck, gang. Don't leave any pins standing!

MAY 1999



Figure Skating Significance

The West Elgin Figure Skating Club now has their much deserved spot in the West Elgin Arena to show off their accomplishments. Here, club president Elizabeth Timmermans and skater Melanie Ganadeiro show off the John McKay Memorial Trophy, just one of the many items on display. The trophy case, designed by Oliveira's Cabinets and Trim in West Lorne, was paid for through bingo fund-raisers.

Nov. '99

New West Elgin Skating Club Executive



Front row l-r, Alison Beer (Canskate Chair), Linda Van Raay (Secretary), Deb Slaats President, Pam Parezanovic (Club Professional). Back row: Sharon Neilson (Carnival Chair), Suzanne Doan (Fundraising Chair), Margaret Perry (Bingo Chair), Lynda Pelcz (Treasurer). Absent from the picture were Dianne DeLouw (Past President), Karrie Vandenberg (Test Chair) Patsy McGill (Club Professional). 2000

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West Lorne lawn bowling news

Bowlers from Chatham, London, Ridgetown and Sarnia travelled to the West Lorne Lawn Bowling Club to compete in a local tournament sponsored by McNaughton Automotive in Newbury.

Taking first place honours were Terry Gardner and Sharron Farrish from the London Fairmont Club. Second place went to Ed and Edna Braithwaite from the Sarnia club, with Barry and Verna Gibson from Chatham finishing third.

Local bowlers Ross Lashbrook and Ken Willson were the top West Lorne finishers. The 'Best Effort' nod went to West Lorne bowlers Glen Jones and Jean Besley.

The West Lorne club wish to thank McNaughton Automotive for their sponsorship of this successful tournament. The next tournament will be held Aug. 4 and will be sponsored by Swain Greenhouses.

The club welcomes everyone to the next euchre party this Wednesday at 8 p.m. Bowling is held every Monday and Thursday at 7 p.m.



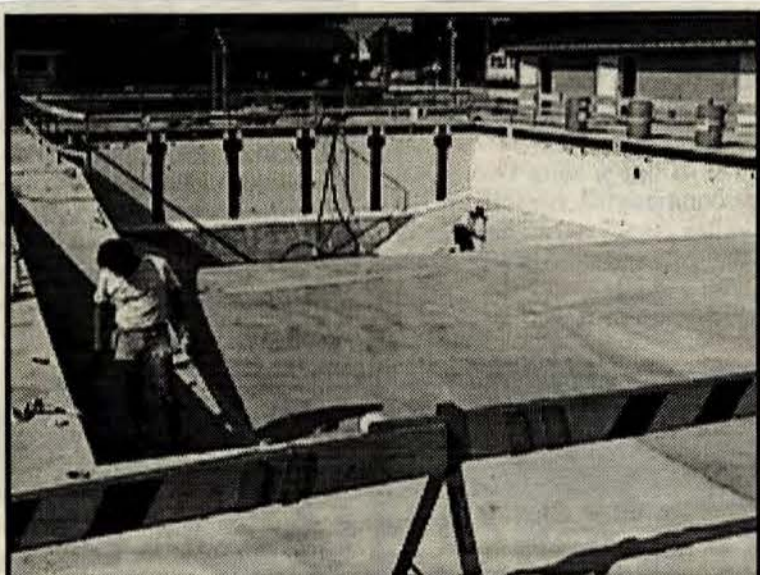
Soccer Skills

World Cup here we come! Well, that may be a ways off for the local children who took part in the "Soccer Camp of Excellence" at Miller Park, but it's fun to dream. The week-long camp was put on by the Elgin-Middlesex Soccer Association. Here, goalie Mitch Kuska, 7, makes the save on six-year-old Jason Alves during one of the practice sessions.



What A Season!

You can't get any better than a perfect season. That's just what the West Lorne PJ's Pizza U-6 soccer team did this past season, culminating by winning the Final Cup Day Tournament recently in Glencoe. Along with the perfect season, the local squad also won the South-west Elgin Minor Soccer League Championship, Glencoe Tartan Days Tournament and the Mini Soccer Festival Tournament in Strathroy. The team is, back row from left, Abel Duarte (coach), Amy Oliveira, Jacob Silva, Ricky Oliveira, Jason Alves and Alicia Oliveria. Front row from left are Brandon Pereira, Kyle Barber, Tyler Duarte, McKenzie McGaffey, Jason Westelaken and Roy Delgado (coach).



Got Water?

By Sept. 3 there should be, according to West Elgin Parks and Recreation Superintendent Jeff Slater. Work left to complete includes putting up the fence and diving board, installing the liner, some plumbing and hooking up to the sewer line. Plans are to have the pool open evenings and weekend in September. AUG 28/00



Novice A Golden

The West Lorne Comets Novice A team took the gold medal at the recent West Lorne Black & Gold Tournament. The Comets outscored their opponents in their three wins (4-1 over London, 6-2 over Thamesford and 2-0 over Lambeth). The local squad also recently brought home medals and a plaque for winning the Consolation B side of a Glencoe tournament. DEC. 2000 Photo submitted