



CARDS - Kelsey Fratscher, Katelyn Doan, Payton Snobelen.



ALADDIN - Melanie Ganhadeiro, Jennifer Oliveira and Kaitlynn Connolly.



LEGENDS - Front, Jessica Ambrose as Michael Jackson. Standing, left to right: Jennie Oliveira (Cher); Joe Armstrong (Wayne Newton); Meghan Slaats (Madonna); Amy Mezenberg (Blues Brothers), Danielle McGill (Dolly Parton) and Janine Vergeer (Blues Brothers).



GOING TO THE CHAPEL - Jonathan Mueller and Jenna Verboom.



SHOWTIME - Jennica Slaats, Nicole Oliveira, Karlie Willcocks.



MEDIEVAL PRINCESSES - Vanessa Roodzant, Candice Conway and Ashley McFadden.



Space Odyssey - Rhonda Knight and Sarah Nagy.



NEW YORK, NEW YORK - Jason Timmermans and Scott Van Raes.



MISS SAIGON - Kaitlynn Connolly, Melanie Ganhadeiro, Janine Vergeer, Danielle McGill, Brandy May.

Donation to Minor Hockey



The Optimist Club of West Lorne has donated \$783 to West Lorne Minor Hockey to pay for hockey jersey's and sponsored ice time for the recent black and gold tournament. Here Optimist Karen Goncalves hands a cheque to Past President of West Lorne Minor Hockey Al Willie.

West Lorne's 3rd Skills Day big success

by Chris Ley

On Saturday August 10th approximately 100 soccer players tested their skills in dribbling, passing, juggling, heading, throw-ins and shooting. The children completed the six events and were graded against standards set by the Ontario Soccer Association. A large number of the players were

able to meet the Gold and Silver standard which indicates what a great job our coaches are doing. The final part of the day involved a game where the West Lorne coaches played against the kids. In the first half the coaches had a number of good scoring chances but were unable to hit the net!

How does that old saying go - those who can do and those who can't coach? The second half was just as exciting and the experience of the coaches finally showed through. The day was a great success and we

would like to thank all the volunteers who worked at the various skills stations.

This weekend all of the local minor soccer teams will be competing at the annual final tournament which is being held in Glencoe. Good luck to all the West Lorne teams! A special thank you to all the coaches and referees for making this a very successful season I would also like to personally thank all the members of the executive for all their work behind the scenes. Without your help the West Lorne Minor Soccer program would not be the huge success it is.



The Willie Merks memorial award was handed out this year for the last time. This year's recipient is Sabrina Griffin for 1being Dutton's most dedicated swimmer. Presenting the award to Sabrina are the parents of Willie Merks, Marianne and Bill Merks.

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West Lorne Pee-Wee Travel are OMHA Champs



West Lorne Comets

West Lorne PeeWee Travel were undefeated throughout the OMHA playdowns.

They defeated Ripley in 3 games straight in the semifinals advancing them to the finals against Mariposa.

Playing the first two games at home, taking it back to Mariposa, with Mariposa playing a very

physical game on their ice, West Lorne held them to a 2-1 victory, winning OMHA.

Over the season the PeeWee's accomplished:

- Silver Stick Champs.
- OMHA Champs.
- Ridgetown Tournament Champs.
- Wallaceburg Tournament Finalists
- Ayr Tournament Finalists.
- A league Finalists.

Congratulations to the PeeWee Travel for accomplishments & hard work throughout the year. Special thanks to the coaches, staff, players and parents for all their efforts.

Pictured front row l-r, Kory Timmermans and Jordan Shine. Second row: Trainer Joe Mylrea, Jacob Welch, Andrew Okolisan, Nick Ganaherio, Khris Oliveira,

Mike Lyons, David McWilliam, Aaron Cowell, Scott Manneke. Third row Coach Ken Shine, Manager Rick Cowell, Kyle Mezenberg, Kyle Mylrea, Justin Walker, Tyler Wood, Sam Smith, Matt McLandress, Assistant trainer Larry Okolisan and assistant coach Abel Duarte.

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Support for local soccer



Wendy Johnston of Rodney Soccer accepts a \$200 cheque from Brian Scafe of Fairles Foodtown. The money will go towards new nets. Rodney Soccer is also hosting a noon b-b-q on Saturday June 29 at Fairles.



The West Elgin Skating Club was pleased to announce they received \$300 from the CanSkate organization. The West Elgin Club committee, coaches, and community members then decided to give the money to three dedicated skaters l-r Amy Mezenberg, Chris VanRaay and Jenny Oliveira. Handing the individual \$100 cheques is Dianne DeLouw President of West Elgin Skating Club.

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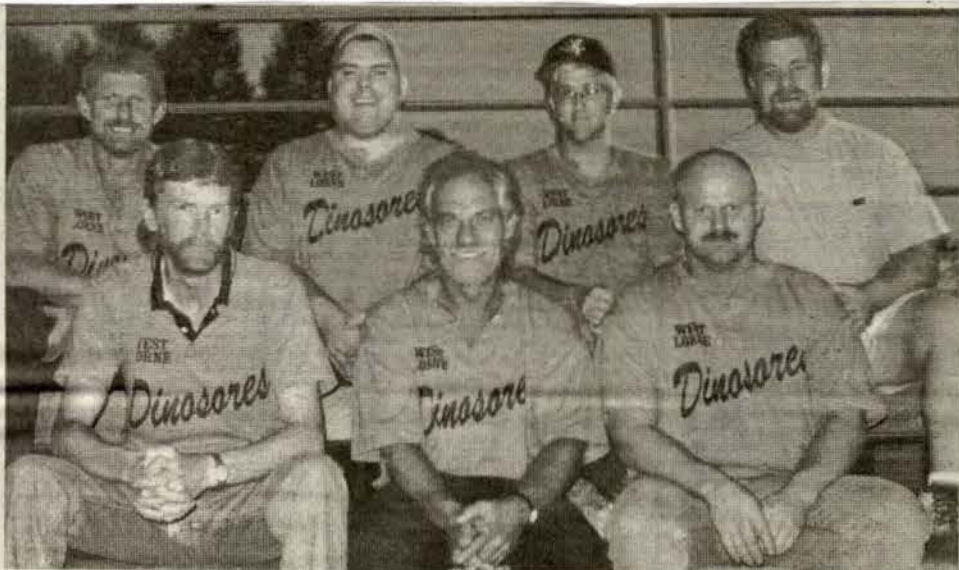
Chris Leys (left) of West Lorne Soccer accepts a \$1000 cheque from John Eagleson President of the Optimist Club of West Lorne, to pay for nets and soccer balls for the players.

MAY 2002

Trying out the new skate-park



West Lorne teenager Doug Peskar was found on Canada Day trying out the brand new skate park in West Lorne's Miller Park. **JULY 2002**



The West Lorne Dinosores ball team recently won the B Championship in Mens slo-pitch. Newbury took the A Championship. Pictured back row l-r John Depater, Tim McDonagh, Jeff Knight, and Dave Phillips. Front row Tom Jones, Ted Slaats and Pete Kalita. Absent from the photo are Bill Besley, Bob Kuska, Darryl Kuska, Larry McGahan, Greg Smith, Gerry Lamb, Steph Regnier, Steve Emery and Bob Reid. **2002**

West Lorne Dart News

October 23, 2002

Ladies Most Take-Outs:

Sharon McPherson - 4

Men's Most Take-Outs:

Charlie Cronkite - 5

Ladies High Average:

Barb Wemp - 52.59

Men's High Average:

Wentworth Newman - 59.23

Ladies High Shot:

Gloria Palmer - 116

Men's High Shot:

Justin Swan, Stan Hauser - 125

Ladies Low Shot:

Sharon McPherson - 2

Men's Low Shot:

Pat LeClair - 2

Rodney Senior Bowling

October 24, 2002

Team	Points
Roses	22
Daisies	27
Glads	27
Pansies	22
High single:	
Doris Sudicky	221
Bill Beaudoin	238
High triple:	
Doris Sudicky	534
Joe Kovacs	554
Team high single:	
Daisies	1077
High Triple:	
Daisies	2792



W.E.S.S. SPORTS SHORTS

by Alan Youngash
WESS Athletic Director

Our Junior and Senior Badminton Teams continue to compete in League Play with our Seniors playing on Tuesdays and our Juniors playing on Thursdays. Many players are getting the opportunity to represent the school on different outings as the Coaches endeavour to prepare as many players

as possible for the Conference play. On April 2 our Seniors hosted London South, Arthur Voaden, and Glencoe and we won better than half of our matches. In mixed doubles Ashley Clements and Nathan Woolsey won 2 of their 3 matches and Boy's Doubles Derek DeBie and Adam McCallum were 2 for 2 in their play.

On April 16 and 17 the Senior Team will travel to Arthur Voaden for Conference play with the Men's and Lady's Doubles playing on the 16th while Men's and Lady's Singles and Mixed Doubles will play on the 17th. Each division will allow up to 4 teams from each school so there are lots of spots open.

The fate of the Soccer Season is now set following an email from Wes Connell, the Athletic Coordinator for the Thames Valley Regional Athletic Association. The email arrived on March 28 and it reads as follows... "It is with regret that I inform TVRAA Athletic Directors and Principals that because convenors have not come

forward in either Junior Boys or Junior Girls soccer, TVRAA will not have either of these sports this year..." It should be noted that across Thames Valley there was only a minimal commitment to these sports and that London has not offered Junior Soccer in the past. Junior players will be invited to try out for Varsity teams and an initial meeting was held at West Elgin.

Monday through Thursday our student body is invited to use the gymnasium as open gym time and there will be as many as 60 students enjoying this opportunity. The SAA has sign-up sheets posted for intramural Badminton and all students are invited to get involved.

THE GOALPOST Mens Snooker Standings as of October 25, 2002

Team	W	L	T	Points
1. The Bankers	9	3	0	18
2. The Pocket Weasels	9	3	0	18
3. The Felt Tips	8	3	1	17
4. The Soft Shooters	8	4	0	16
5. The Left Overs	8	4	0	16
6. The Chaulkers	8	4	0	16
7. The Rail Jockeys	7	4	1	15
8. The Smokers	6	2	0	12
9. The Blue Balls	6	6	0	12
10. The Sewer Rats	4	4	0	8
11. The Eight Balls	2	6	0	4
12. The Black Balls	2	6	0	4
13. The Hookers	2	10	0	4
14. Grampa's Gang	0	0	0	0
15. Red Ball Ruckus	0	8	0	0

High run for the week: Tom Hodge (26), High run-for the season: Pat VanOverbeek (33). Division split Feb 2, 2003 Top 8 teams go to A division, bottom seven go to B division.



West Lorne Comets JAN 28, 2002

The West Elgin PeeWee A Comets won their division in the Silverstick in Watford over the Christmas holidays. Front row l-r, Kory Timmermans and Jordan Shine. Second

row: Trainer Joe Mylrea, Jacob Welch, Andrew Okolisan, Nick Ganaherio, Khris Oliveira, Mike Lyons, David McWilliam, Aaron Cowell, Scott Manneke. Third row Coach Ken Shine, Manager Rick Cowell, Kyle Mezenberg, Kyle Mylrea, Justin Walker, Tyler Wood, Sam Smith, Matt McLandress, Assistant trainer Larry Okolisan and assistant coach Abel Duarte.

West Elgin Skating Club holds 48th Carnival



The West Elgin Skating Club held its 48th Annual Skate Carnival last Saturday March 2. The show's theme this year was Fantasy & Folklore. Pictured here in costume are left to right Nicole Pelcz, Kaitlyn Doan, Hailey Slaats, Candice Conway, Karlie Wilcocks, Cassidy Savo and Jennica Slaats. The over 120 members of the Club were to perform many different programs at the show. The artwork at the arena was done by the Art Class of WESS.



Kayla Poels is West Elgin Figure Skating Club's Program Assistant for the month of October. Kayla was selected for her attendance, enthusiasm and hard work during training. She wins a \$10 voucher from Kools Kitchen. **NOV. 18, 2002**

LOCAL SPORTS

West Lorne Novices win Black & Gold at home

The West Lorne Novice Black & Gold Tournament hometown crowd this month. capture victories against double shootout to make it to final with a 5-2 victory over Wallaceburg. The West Lorne Novice Travel team won the local Championship in front of a The tournament, held in West Lorne on November 7-10 saw the home team capture victories against Port Stanley in a 3-2 shootout win, and surpassing Forest 6-5 in a double shootout to make it to the final. West Lorne took the championship tournament TEAM!!



THE CHAMPS: Front Row: (left-right) Troy Winger, Nolan Collard. 2nd Row: Kurtis Gosnell, Ryan Frizzell, Kyle Barber, Kodi Hansen, Gina Toth. 3rd Row: Jason Alves, Tyson Ford, Michael Verboom, MacKenzie Dick, Jacob Dymock, Bo Horvat, Tyler Hull, Julian Kovacs. 4th Row: George Gosnell (coach), John Frizzell (ass't trainer), Susan Hull (manager), John Verboom (assistant coach), Jon Collard (trainer).

SPORTS

W.E.S.S. SPORTS SHORTS
by Alan R. Youngash
Athletic Director

The first item on the

agenda is an opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping. The SAA and it's advisors are offering Spirit Wear for sale... T-shirts, Sweatshirts, Vests and assorted other articles. These may be ordered by calling the school or just coming in for a look-see. It's pretty fine stuff... I'm wearing a hooded sweat-shirt that I purchased on

the last drive. Let's go Wildcats!!! Most fall sports have wrapped up. Jr Girls Basketball will finish at St. Joseph's on November the 5th. Jr Boy's Volleyball goes to the playoffs Tuesday November 6 at Centre des Loges in London against the home team, Dorchester and Holy Cross. The Senior Vollyeball team defeated CECI 3-0 and advanced to their playoff round. We will host

London Christian, WCI and Mother Teresa. The top two in both Jr and Sr will advance to the semi-finals on the Friday November 8th. Best of luck to these two fine teams and their coaches... Jr- Mr VanDyke... Sr- Mr Welch. Exams continue Monday and regular classes resume for the second term on Tuesday the 5th. Have a great week Wildcats and loyal fans... afn..ay



The Optimist Club of West Lorne recently donated \$500 to the newly formed girls Bantam and Midget West Elgin Volleybal Club. Accepting the cheque are at left Kim Penney, Treas. and Kari Barber, Chairperson of West Elgin Volleyball from Karen Goncalves, Pres. of the Optimist Club of West Lorne. Missing from photo are coaches Carrie Ostram and Krista Price. *Nov 4 / 02*



Trena Lebedz is West Elgin Figure Skating Club's Program Assistant for the month of November. Trena was selected for her attendance, enthusiasm and hard work during training. Lebedz wins a \$10 voucher from Kools Kitchen.



Congratulations to Cassandra Clayworth who was West Elgin Skating Club's Program Assistant of the Month in December. Cassandra received a gift certificate to "Kool's Kitchen" to acknowledge her hard work and volunteer efforts. Congratulations Cassandra!

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Alex Goos, Brittany Perry, Madison Somerville, Cassidy Van Dyk, Bernadette Welch, Sierra Poels and Kelsey Slater were among the Deck of Cards that took to the ice.



It was standing room only for both performances of the West Elgin Skating Club's 48th annual Skating Carnival on March 1 at the arena. This year's theme was "Oh Canada", a creative skate across Canada in music and costumes with a spectacular flag finale to a patriotic ovation of "Oh, Canada". Club coaches Patsy McGill, Pam Parezanovic, Beth Evans and Renee Bergey worked on the event with all the skaters. Above, a group of young skaters portray Arctic Life in Canada.

Oh Canada carnival



Brianna Downie, Rachel Frizzel, Madison Long, Sierra Poels, Anita Rastapkevicius, Jenna Verboom, Alicia Doylek, Nicolette Gowan, Nicole Miller, Shannon Pyka and Kelsey Vandenberg took to the ice as Anne of Green Gables.



A group of skaters represents Canada's "Snow-birds".



Soloist Eichenberger performs. Brittany

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The Chronicle

Optimists - 'Friends of youth'- proud donators



The Optimist Club of West Lorne recently made a \$300 donation to the West Elgin Gym Club to be used towards new equipment. The West Elgin Gym Club offers an excellent recreational program to the youth in our area including Bothwell and Glencoe. The club will meet every Saturday from 9am to 12pm at the Rodney Recreation Centre, starting Sept 20. If you would like more information about the Gym Club call 785-0730. Pictured are Optimist President Karen Goncalves (left) presenting the clubs donation to West Elgin Gym Club President Jill Downie.



The West Lorne Comets Novice House League team won the Tri-County House League Championship as well as ending the regular season as champions. They won 10 of 12 regular season games with 96 goals. They won all eight playoff games and won both games in the two-game finals with 11 different players getting the total of 14 points. The team includes: Andrew Barfett, Stephen Carter, David Given, Matthew Hooghiem, Hassen Jabara, Bryan Johnston, Malcolm McWilliam, Brett Ozinga, Cody Parker, Scott Payne, Eric Roodzant, Jason Timmermans, Brandin Vaterlaus, David Vergeer, Jason Westelaken and Stephen Wilkins with coach Albert Vergeer, manager Marty Given, assistant coach Ed Roodzant and trainer Scott Carter. APR. 3/03

FEB. 24/03



The West Lorne Midgets are the C Division champions in the Shammrock League, defeating Thedford in a best of three series to claim the series and championship titles. The team won its final game with a decisive 5-1 score. The team includes: back, left, Bill Okolisan, trainer/assistant coach, Bob McDowell, head coach, John Drummelsmith, trainer, middle row, Morgan McWilliams, Rob Thomson, Donald Drummelsmith, Cody Dinga, Andrew Coates, Jake Fischer, Jan Kool, Jon McDowell, Justin Oliveira, front row, Jeff Okolisan, Kyle Chouinard, Ben Schnekenberger, Josh Knight, Craig Hogg, Trevor Vandenberg and Kyle Schweitzer. Absent is manager Nick Coates.

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Junior, intermediate and senior skaters from the West Elgin Skating Club competed with superior results at the Kent Regional Skating Competition in Blenheim Feb. 15-16. Skaters included, front, left, Brianna Downie, Nicole Pelcz, Nicole Vergeer, Nicole Carew, Karlie Willcocks, Kelsey Conway, Zoey VanDyk, front, left, Jennica Slaats, Sabrina Griffin, Shelby Nielson, Khloe Beer and Amy Oliveria.



Others competing at the Kent Regional event included, back, left, Brittany Eichenberger, Danielle McGill, Megan Slaats and Trena Lebedz. Front, left, Cassidy Sabo, Cassandra Clayworth, Candice Conway, Kylie Beer, Kayla Poels and Hailey Slaats. Absent is Chris Van Raay, Emily Vandenberg and Emma Wilkins.



Congratulations to the Junior members of the West Elgin Skating Club who shone in their first competition this season. The team represented the club in two Stars Unlimited Competitions this past weekend: Thedford and Dorchester. The team (front row) Khloe Beer (3rd), Kylie Beer (3rd), Shelby Nielson (1st). (back row): Brianna Downie (3rd), Karlie Willcocks (2nd), Zoey Van Dyk, Candice Conway (2nd), Nicole Peicz, Vicky Towers, Jennica Slaats, and Matthew Westelaken (1st). Absent from photo were: Nicole Carew, Kelsey Conway, Sabrina Griffin (3rd), Larissa May (1st), Alicia Oliveria (1st) and Mikayla Myers.



The West Lorne House League Bowling Champions include Anne Neil, Theresa Schnekenburger, Eileen Kozdras and Joe Kovacs (pictured above). Bowlers of the year are Anne Neil and Ted Vandenberg. Most improved bowlers are Bill and Elsie Beaudoin.

MAY 1 2003



Canada Day Committee member Robert White, left and Optimist member Bill Goncalves, right, hold the ribbon as West Elgin Deputy Mayor Graham Warwick and West Lorne Optimist Club President Karen Goncalves cut the ribbon to officially open the skateboard park in West Lorne. The Optimist Club spearheaded efforts to build parks for skateboarding in West Lorne and Rodney through a Trillium Foundation grant and support from the club and municipality. The official opening was held last Tuesday, Canada Day. At right, Andrew Gaigneur of Dutton shows his abilities in a competition held after the official opening.



Skate parks officially opened

Event marked by skateboarding competition at West Lorne's park

By Scott Hilgendorff
The Chronicle

While unofficially in use for the past year, West Lorne and Rodney's skateboard parks were officially opened on Canada Day with a short ceremony and a skateboarding competition in West Lorne.

"It was very much needed because there were a lot of skaters at the main intersection at the West Lorne Complex," said Optimist Club president Karen Goncalves.

She said the kids were boarding on dangerous corners and were going to get hurt.

Working with West Elgin, West Lorne Optimist past-president John Eagleson did the groundwork for a Trillium Foundation grant and \$22,000 was received toward both parks.

The Optimist Club and the munic-

ipality raised funds for the rest and two skate parks were put in place last summer.

With proper signage and the rest of the groundwork completed later, the parks were not officially opened until last week.

Skaters from St. Thomas came to compete with local boarders on Canada Day for the first competition at the park.

"It was nice to see a competition. We'd love to see more going on," said Goncalves.

She said since the park was built most of the skateboarders and BMX bikers have moved off the streets and into the park.

"We proved ourselves right. We got them off the street," said Goncalves, glad to see how much the park is being used.

They only thing she wasn't glad

about was the graffiti that was painted on the ramps a few days before the opening.

Recreation Director Jeff Slater said obscenities and symbols were painted on the park in an oil-based paint that makes it hard to remove.

By Friday, they had the graffiti removed and are preparing to paint areas where there are concrete blocks to make it easier to remove any future graffiti if an incident happens again.

The park is for the kids and Goncalves is hoping they will continue to take good care of it.

She is also asking the boarders and bikers to use safety equipment.

Not one of the more than 15 competitors on Canada Day had used safety equipment.



The West Lorne Bowling Play-Off Champions include Edna Schleihauf, Hubert Vergeer, Ted Vandenberg and Eva Kirschner (pictured above). Those earning "100 pins over average" include Eva Kirschner, Bill Beaudoin, Lothar Weber, Doris Sudicky and Joe Kovacs. The league high single and high average include Doris Sudicky and Joe Kovacs. The league high triple honours went to Eva Kirschner and Gary Neil.

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Donation toward new equipment

West Lorne Minor Soccer president Chris Leys was a guest at the Optimist Club of West Lorne's recent meeting where he received a donation of \$1000 toward new equipment for our local soccer teams. Presenting the cheque is Optimist president Karen Goncalves. The Optimist Club will also be providing their food booth during this years soccer cup day held at Miller Park this August.

More than 1,000 play in soccer cup tournament

AUG. 14 2003

By Chris Leys

More than 1,000 players and coaches on 64 teams arrived in West Lorne last Saturday to participate in the SWEMSA annual soccer cup tournament.

In addition to the players and coaches there were a large number of siblings, parents and grandparents on hand to cheer on their teams.

The league consists of teams from Rodney, Glencoe, Wallacetown, Shedden and West Lorne and covers age groups from Under 5 to Under 17.

A total of 112 games were played on Saturday and in the week leading up to the tournament. Despite the heat and humidity, the turnout for the event was exceptional and the players

gave it their all for their respective teams. The day started at around 7 a.m. as volunteers arrived to ensure that the fields were ready as well as setting up the concession stands.

The first games of the day kicked off at 8 a.m. and the last game ended at around 6:30 p.m.

The success of the day was due to the hard work of the SWEMSA league, the West Lorne Soccer Club, the West Elgin Legion, the West Lorne Optimists, the West Lorne Shootings Stars Under 12 Girls team and parents, all the referees, the players, coaches and a special effort by the Parks and Recreation staff who ensured the fields were in perfect condition.

The day was very exciting

for all participants and was played in the spirit of fair play as there were no significant issues or complaints raised.

The league consists of 11 separate age divisions and all but one of these had been settled before the tournament.

West Lorne and Shedden lead the way with four league titles each, followed by Glencoe and Wallacetown with one each. The Under 16 Girls title requires one final game between Wallacetown and West Lorne to decide the league championship. The league Champions were Under 5 - Wallacetown "A", Under 6 - West Lorne Cougars, Under 7 - Shedden "B", Under 8 - Glencoe "A", Under 9 - Shedden "A", Under 11 Girls

- West Lorne, Under 11 Boys - Shedden, Under 13 Girls - West Lorne, Under 14 Boys - West Lorne, and Under 17 Boys - Shedden. On Saturday the teams were playing for the ten Cup championship titles available. After many hard fought games the winners were eventually determined.

Under 6 - West Lorne Cougars, Under 7 - Shedden, Under 8 - Wallacetown "B", Under 9 - Glencoe "B", Under 11 Girls - West Lorne, Under 11 - Boys Shedden, Under 13 Girls - Wallacetown, Under 14 Boys - West Lorne, Under 16 Girls - West Lorne and Under 17 Boys - Shedden.