



Danny Nelson clears a jump at the first Hopkinton Fair Motocross races. Later in the race, Danny jumped and landed on another racer who hadn't jumped, and they both crashed.

The other guy got up, got on his bike, and rode off. Danny just lay there. He finally got up and limped off the track. He went to the ER the following morning, had it x-rayed, and has a broken ankle. He's done for this year.

Photo: Sue Nelson



Bailey Powers works the ball toward the goal as teammate Kelsie Berry (third from right) watches in a soccer game against Warner. Photo: Alan Hanscom

Andover Recreation Soccer

By Alan Hanscom
Andover Recreation Committee

Watch a professional soccer match and you will see seemingly effortless kicks right where they want the ball to go. They did not learn that overnight.

They learned it at places like Blackwater Park and Corson Field. They needed the help of coaches like Judi, Nicole, Leighton, Jeff, Michael, Amy, and Gregor. Mom and Dad and their friends and family supported them by driving them to practice and cheering at games.

Most of all it is the players. They are learning to share the ball, knowing that their teammate will share back. They trust that their friend will defend the goal or score at the other end. You do not see the pros bunching or running to the opposite corner, because they know their teammate has their back.

Come to Blackwater Park most afternoons or evenings during the week or anytime on Saturday. One of Andover's teams is likely to be practicing or playing against another team in the league. See team building in action.

As you read this, another successful soccer season is rapidly winding down. The fifth and sixth grade tournaments are Saturday, October 4. The third and fourth graders will be playing in a New London jamboree later in October. Watch the schedule posted on the bulletin board at Blackwater Park or check MVSL.org for the latest information.

More detailed information on the soccer season and the tournament outcomes will be shared in the November issue of the Beacon.

Thank You!

The student athletes of the Andover Recreation Soccer League want to thank the Town of Andover and everyone who helped make this a winning season for the 78 of us:

- Our Coaches: Judi Casey, Nicole Donovan, Amy & Gregor Makechnie, Jeff Holman, and Leighton Terwilliger!
- All of the excellent referees!
- Howard George and Alan Hanscom for taking care of the fields!
- And Most Of All — Our Parents!

After all, our moms and dads and special others are really what makes it all work out.

We can't wait until next year!

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