

## Andover Rec Soccer: 3/4 Co-Ed



Front (l-r): Ryan Methven, Nelson Makechnie, Todd Holman, Sofia Weber. Back: Finn Weber, Britta Johnson, Jessie Wagner, Camden Donovan, Luke Weber. Coaches: Kurt Weber, Jeff Holman. Missing: Sadie Dukette, Jason Lewis. Photo: Karen Holman

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Front (l-r): Aiden Cox, Jack Newton, Betsy Abraham. Back: Coach Craig Perreault, Koby Perreault, Matthew and David Reynolds, Hayden Buswell, Miles Powers, Hannah French, Noah Newton, Samantha Parkman. Missing: Aiden Kellogg. Photo: Doreen Perreault

# Andover Recreation Soccer

By Coach Jeff Holman  
Andover Rec Soccer

Rocketing to a 4-0 record in the first four games, Andover Arsenal, the grade three and four co-ed team, had a very exciting and fun season. The thrills didn't end there, as the last two games of the season each ended in come-from-behind ties.

Across the field, the coaches could feel the tension and heartbeats of the parent spectators while they remained calm under pressure to orchestrate the talented team!

More impressive than their undefeated record was the fact that, through the two weekly practices and Saturday games, they became a team – respectful and supportive of each other – while playing every position with goalie swaps every quarter.

The next team appearance will be at the Bob Andrews Memorial Soccer Jamboree, then a short break before World Cup 2018 ... Game On!

By Coach Amy Makechnie  
Andover Rec Soccer

This was my first season coaching a fifth and sixth grade soccer team. It was so much fun I think I'll be back for more.

The very first practice was indicative of what I could expect the rest of the season: enthusiasm, eager learners, hard workers, and lots of athleticism. The season is quite short – only about seven weeks – but I tried to focus on fun, equal playing time, basic foot skills, and a basic knowledge of positioning.

By the last game, I was happy with those goals. There was a tremendous difference between the beginning and the end of the season.

This year brought a good mix of novice and experienced players to the field. We had sixth graders who had never played soccer before, and fourth graders who were moved up to the grade five and six team due to lack of numbers on the grade three and four girls team. The age group was large and experience



Will Cox winds up for a pass during Andover's tournament game against Hillsborough. Staff photo: Bob Bussey

varied, with a roster of 14 girls.

At tournament time our record was six wins, four losses, and one tie. This put us into the B bracket, playing four other competitive teams in Bradford on October 17.

We played four games, tying twice and losing twice. The losses were hard to take – each just by 1 point – but it put us in fourth place at the end of the day. Though we had some sad faces, I was still happy with the incredible effort we gave and the sportsmanship shown.

A big thank you to Lindsay Brown of Proctor Academy, goalie extraordinaire. I had the pleasure of coaching her at Proctor about 10 years ago when she was a phenomenal goalie for our varsity girls team.

Thank you to all the parents for spending hours in the car driving kids, filling water bottles, carrying balls, and watching my other children. Thanks to our soccer director and referee Alan Hanscom and to Leighton Terwilliger, who always showed up to blow that whistle.

And finally, thank you to my girls on the team who were so wonderful to be with – I'm already looking forward to next year!

By Coach Leighton Terwilliger  
Andover Rec Soccer

What a year! Mike Bolte and I had the pleasure of coaching the grade five and six boys soccer team. We have

## Andover Rec Soccer: 5/6 Girls



(L-r): Chloe Methven, Cope Makechnie, Coach Amy Makechnie, Kaitlyn Barton, Danika Kolesar, Elizabeth Labrie, Lauren Boisvert, Alisha Smart, Annika Johnson, Emma Davis, Mackenzie Donovan, Katelyn French, Jacqui Morris. Missing: Shania Nichols, Cerridwyn White. Photo: Chelsea Thompson

## Andover Rec Soccer: 5/6 Boys



Front (l-r): Kevin Barry, Logan Marcus, Reilly Walsh, Joel Beauman, Adrian Bolte, Keith Davis, Jared Duquette, Riley Anderson. Back: Noah Berry, Coach Michael Bolte, Matthew Braley, Coach Leighton Terwilliger, Tyler Holman, Will Cox, Josiah Wagner. Missing: Max Kolesar, Carl Hubbard. Photo: Becky Walsh

coached this group of kids for the last five years, and the kids have made great progress.

This year started in mid-August with practice and drills. We started with some very basic kicking, passing, and throw-in drills. By the first game we

had them playing sound position soccer and thinking about where they needed to move to be in the best position to receive a pass or score a goal.

The team won their first five games. Then we went to play Loudon – this

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