



The Andover Blue Team won the 2014 Kearsarge Valley Minors Division Championship. Shown with their trophies are Jeremy Johnson, Wesley Koziol, Coach Upton, Joey Upton, Jesse Niemyer, Elliott Norris, Colby Jones, Ryan Carey, Coach Carey, Brandon Dukette, Jarrett Benson, Zealan Therrien, Lag-an Salathe, Coach Johnson, Tyler Champagne, and Bryson Cate. Missing is Fenn Davis.

Andover Youth Baseball Wraps Up a Successful Season

Andover Blue team goes 13-1, wins championship

By Justin Carey
President, Andover Youth Baseball

Another successful youth baseball season has officially come to an end. The 2014 season saw 63 young boys and girls learn the fundamentals of playing the game we love so much. This year we fielded four teams: t-ball, Rookies (coaches pitch), and two Minors teams.

Our busy season began immediately after the snow disappeared from Blackwater Park on Lawrence Street. Volunteers worked hard and donated their time to get the field ready, while our teams got to work preparing for the upcoming season, and all of our teams had tremendously successful seasons.

Our t-ball team improved greatly, as did our Rookies team. Our two Minors teams, Andover Blue and Andover Red, had very successful regular seasons and entered the playoffs as the #2 and the #4

seed out of 11 teams in the Kearsarge Valley League. Our Andover Blue team won the Minors Championship and ended with a record of 13-1. This is the second championship at this level for Andover teams in the past three years.

We are very excited about the future for our baseball program. This season we designed a new "A" logo which is easily recognized on our player's hats and jerseys. We also were able to use the new Rec Building at Blackwater Park (although it is not 100% complete) for concession purposes, which was a success.

We are constantly looking for ways to improve our field and have many new ideas in the works. Without the generous donations and sponsorships from the community, our program would not be able to succeed.

I would also like to thank all the volunteers who helped out wherever needed, as well as the coaches and parents for your support and wonderful sportsmanship. Thank you all!

Andover Blue Team Wins Divisional Championship!

Caps 13-1 season with championship shut-out

By Justin Carey
Andover Youth Baseball

The Andover Blue Team won the 2014 Kearsarge Valley Minors Division Championship.

Andover ended the regular season with a 10-1 record and began the play-offs as the #2 seed. After a convincing win against Bradford, Andover struggled but got a win against New London by the score of 3-2, which put them in the championship game against Sunapee.

Colby Jones and Jesse Niemyer

dominated the opponents all year from the mound, and the championship game was no different. Colby and Jesse kept the Sunapee hitters at bay, while Andover's offense pounded out hit after hit.

To start the fourth inning, Sunapee was on the attack and loaded the bases with two outs before Brandon Dukette made a great catch in center field to get Andover out of trouble. Then Andover Blue took care of business and pulled out the win, a convincing 11-0 victory.

We are very proud of the way the boys carried themselves and the effort that they have put forth to deserve this championship as a team. Way to go boys, and good luck next season!

Last Day to Sign Up for Soccer is August 13

Get out those shin pads and cleats!

By Heidi Murphy
Andover Rec Soccer director

It is that time of year again to get out those shin pads and cleats, dust off those long socks, and get ready to run, dribble, and score.

The last day to sign up for the fall soccer program through the Andover Recreation Department is Wednesday, August 13. The Andover Soccer Director, Heidi Murphy, will be at Blackwater Park from 5:30 to 7:30 PM for anyone who would like to sign up for the fall program. If you wish to come and kick around a ball or two to get your kicking legs ready, feel free to stop by.

If you would rather mail the registrations for your young players, feel free to contact Heidi at AndoverRecSoccer@gmail.com, and she can send you the proper paperwork.

The Merrimack Valley Soccer League consists of 18 towns from around the central New Hampshire area. This year, our goal in Andover is to have enough girls and boys to have separate teams for each level.

Michelle Dudek will be coaching the first and second graders. Claudio Marcus will be coaching the fifth and sixth grade girls, while Robert Koziol will be coaching the fifth and sixth grade boys.

We are still looking for anyone interested in coaching the third and fourth grade teams! Please call Heidi at 735-4494 if you are interested.

We also have opportunities for anyone, seventh and eighth graders included, who would be willing to referee the games. The games are held on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays starting on Tuesday, September 2, and continuing through Saturday, October 11.

Did you know? US Midfielder Michael Bradley ran an average of about 8.5 miles per game during the 2014 FIFA World Cup Tournament. The average World Cup soccer player ran approximately 7 miles per game. (Information taken from USNews.com.) That is a lot of running!!

August Soccer Tip: Shielding a ball is often overlooked as a skill to learn. Shielding means not letting another player take the ball from you.

Always keep your body between the ball and the person who is trying to take it. To practice, you will need two people. While you are dribbling, have your partner try to take the ball from you. Put yourself between the ball and your partner. Continue to dribble the ball with the inside and outside of your foot. Switch roles.

Have fun, and stay hydrated.

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Register Now!

Last chance for grades 1-6 for the 2014 season! Please sign up at

Blackwater Park
on August 13 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM

or e-mail Heidi at
AndoverRecSoccer@gmail.com
with any questions.