

GAME TIME

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**First National Bank
Rink**

Happenings with the GM

It seems like it was just last week since our last newsletter, but it's been almost three months! I wrote the last time about all our upcoming tournaments and events and am pleased to announce one more... Triple Crown's National In-Line Hockey tournament is coming back

to O.D.'s in mid-July 2003. I'm very excited to have them back and anticipate this tournament to be a bigger success than last year's!

O.D.'s has had so much happen over the past two months. We installed new turf for the soccer side, have added new menu items and TVs to concessions,

and have seen all of our programs (especially the Mini and Junior Av's hockey program, Flag Football, Youth Lacrosse, Youth Soccer, and Open Skate) rapidly grow. I realize that none of this would be possible without our customer's loyalty and support, and the dedication of the O.D.'s managerial and administrative staffs.

I write it in every newsletter: "If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please don't hesitate to drop by, send an e-mail, or give me a call"! For those of you that have taken me up on this- I truly appreciate your feedback. I've gotten some wonderful ideas for O.D.'s that we have implemented with terrific results.

O.D.'s is your facility! If there is anything you would like to see added, removed, or improved upon LET ME KNOW!!!

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Flag Football

Football is in full swing at O.D.'s Sports Crossing. This season, we have a record number of teams playing in the league since offering the sport at the facility. This session's league consists of 12 teams, which are made up of two returning teams and ten new additions. It is extremely exciting for us to have such a good turn out for Flag Football, because it shows that O.D.'s is taking the steps to expand and accommodate our sports community.

For those readers who are not familiar with our Flag Football program here is a little bit of information: Our league is unlike any other flag football league played in the nation. Since it is played indoors, and on a rink that is mainly designed for indoor hockey and soccer, it is tailored to a more arena style of football. There are three main reasons that make O.D.'s arena flag football different, and better than outdoor recreational leagues. 1. It is a much faster paced game due to the fact that is played on a smaller field as well as indoor turf. 2. It is much more physical than normal leagues. At O.D.'s we allow full contact blocking instead of

just having our linemen "shadow block", this creates a level of intensity that really improves the game. 3. We allow teams to kick field goals and extra points. There are numerous other differences that makes our leagues unique. Check out our brochures as well as rule sheets located at the front desk.

Due to such a high demand for our fall session of flag football, we were forced to place some teams on the waiting list. We look forward to having a lot more turf availability for the spring session. It is our goal to make flag football a well recognized sport at O.D.'s Sports Crossing and this fall has been an excellent start to doing so. The spring session will be here before we know it. Leagues will begin again in late February with even larger turn-outs expected.

For more information please contact our Football Director, Cord Mossberg at 282-1112 Ext. 43 or e-mail cordm@hotmail.com

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Soccer Coach of the Fall Season

Andy Collela: Eagles team

High School Girls

When asked to identify the qualities of a good coach, it is easy to come up with a list of qualifications relating to an individual's experience, proficiency or knowledge of a sport. An equally important measure of a coach's character may be shown by how a coach reacts to the highs and lows of competitive play. The "highs" (winning) are not hard to handle. Getting a team through the "lows" (not winning; sometimes not winning by a lot) is much trickier.



One coach who has these qualities is Andy Collela, Coach of the Eagles High School Girls team. I had the opportunity to watch Andy in action over the course of the 2002 fall season. His team was in the early stage of development as the season began; some players were relatively new to soccer, some were playing their first season of indoor soccer, and most were learning to play together as a team. They faced some strong teams during the season, consisting of varsity or premier players who were skilled and experienced at playing at high levels. Needless to say, the Eagles did not have the opportunity to experience the "highs" that come from a winning season.

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Though the Eagles may have been down by a few goals in games; Andy never allowed his team to get down on themselves or on each other. Andy was composed and supportive through every game; praising players for their efforts, encouraging them when they struggled, and gently correcting their mistakes. When players came off the field, Andy was there patiently telling each one what he wanted her to do, and how to do it, before sending them back to try again. If scoring proved difficult, Andy had other goals for his team to accomplish such as settling the ball, completing more passes or tighter marking on defense. Instead of worrying about the scoreboard, Andy kept his players focused on playing each game to the best of their ability.

The Eagles ended their inaugural season as the underdogs in league play. But they improved, both technically and tactically, over the course of the season. As significant, after a tough season, they still enjoyed playing soccer, playing together as a team and playing for Andy, and they were looking forward to playing another season of indoor soccer. The Eagles were able to survive the "lows" and will someday experience the "highs" because they have a good coach, Andy Collela to lead the way.

Hockey

O.D.'s ALL STARS SEE THEIR FIRST ACTION

On the weekend of November 16th and 17th, O.D.'s hosted the Six Pac USA Fall Classic Inline Hockey Tournament. Great teams from around the state competed around the clock for local bragging rights and the chance to be a champion.

This tournament also marked the debut of O.D.'s All-Stars, a new program designed to offer more competitive hockey to our house league participants. Open try-outs were held in late October and teams were developed in the 10 and under, 12 and under and the 14 and under age categories. Each of these teams played well, showing great sportsmanship coupled with hard work and obvious talent.

What a fantastic start for this new, promising program. So what is next for the All-Stars? Another try-out date will be set, with the intention of gearing up for the busy tournament season of the spring/summer 2003.

For more information please contact our Hockey Director, Joe Hartman at 282-1112 Ext. 16 or e-mail joe@ods-sports.com

A huge thank-you to all the players and parents involved with the inaugural All-Star teams. Your support and class, is second to none. See you soon, and remember, keep your head up and your stick down.

O.D.'s Reaches out into the community with Special Events

In September, O.D.'s was host to the Fort Collins Parents of Multiples Club (FCPOM) who had their bi-annual Garage Sale on the FNB floor! From 6 pm on a Friday night until 2 pm the following Saturday, hundreds of shoppers emerged onto our hockey floor and purchased thousands of baby, toddler, and children's 'gently used' merchandise.

The FCPOM Club's primary goal is to reach out to those families who are about to have or have very young sets of twins and triplets who cannot afford the often overwhelming expense of their newborns. The sale was a huge success.

October brought the O.D.'s families outside! For the first time we participated in the CSU Homecoming Parade! It was a windy, chilly morning but 14 brave roller hockey kids, 7 determined soccer girls, 9 toddlers along with over 25 parents walked the 2 ½ mile route waving to the crowds, performing skating routines and giving out flyers to families along the way. As an added bonus, our entry was chosen for a Third Place Award in the community entry category!

In November, one of our primary sponsors came to our facility for a Corporate Awards Ceremony and DJ Skate Party. First National Bank and 60 of its employees enjoyed food, drinks and lots of fun skating on our floor while our DJ orchestrated the Hokey Pokey, Limbo, and Dance Contests!

Throughout the fall months more than 12 elementary schools from the Fort Collins and Loveland school districts have come to O.D.'s to raise money "Skating for their School". We dim the bright lights, turn on the disco lights and turn up the music!

What fun and great success students are having fundraising hundreds of dollars for their school here at O.D.'s!

Celebrate your next Birthday Party at O.D.'s!



PLAYTIME for Parents and Toddlers

Tuesday & Wednesday (All year)
Friday (Nov.-March)
10am-12noon

\$1.00 per/child
Ages 1-5

**For further information please contact our Special Events Director,
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Happy Holidays to all our Partners

From all of us at O.D.'s Sports Crossing!



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