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on the draw.

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The first goal is having fun.

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# MINOR HOCKEY ROUNDUP



## Bandits' fan Ryan Tutton now a member of Jr. C team's staff

Ryan Tutton, long the Cumberland Bandits' biggest fan, has become a valuable member of the Junior C team's staff.

"I'm the key man, the equipment man, I help them out with water bottles, look after the team and their jerseys," Tutton told the *Orleans Star*. "I do whatever they need."

The mentally-challenged 20-year-old also opens the door any time a player is hurt or sent to the dressing room, helps clean up sticks and signage after the games, and makes sure to give each player a fist punch as they go on and off the ice.

Bandits coach Rick Julien says helpers like Tutton are very important and hard to find. "He's very committed to his job," says Julien, who is related to Tutton through his wife.

Tutton's mother Sue says her son's involvement with the Bandits has meant more than simply volunteering to help out a hockey club. It has helped the boy, who has behavioural problems, build self-esteem and confidence.

Tutton takes part in special needs programs for other sports such as alpine skiing, soccer, bowling and baseball, but the Bandits have provided a different type of social acceptance.

The players are regular kids, and they treat him like a regular kid, often taking him out for a burger after their games.



Photo: Courtesy of the *Orleans Star*

### Ryan Tutton helps the Cumberland Bandits during and after their games.

On Tutton's 20<sup>th</sup> birthday, Bandits players Maxime D'Amour and captain J.P. Chartrand – Ryan's favourite player – showed up at the Tutton house and asked if they could take Ryan out to a movie and dinner.

Sue is thankful for the support of the Bandits club, and finds it "amazing" what her son is able to do for the team, which she hopes might prepare him for future employment.

## Midget B Avalanche win Smiths Falls A championship



### The Nepean Avalanche went undefeated to win the Smiths Falls A title.

The Nepean Midget B Avalanche had an amazing day of hockey on Jan. 9 in Smiths Falls.

In tournament play, the Avalanche started on a positive note when goalie Adam Zullo shut out the Smiths Falls B2 team 5-0. Goals were scored by Jacob Lewrey, Ian MacFayden, Adam Sherman and Nolan Becchina, with two.

After an enjoyable team lunch at Rob Roy's the squad returned to the rink for its second game against Vankleek Hill. The non-contact contest ended in a 4-1 win for the Avalanche. MacFayden had a two-goal game with singles from Phil Grant and Francis Campeau. Although a couple of key players

were lost to injuries, the victory cemented the team's berth in the A finals.

With time to rest, the Avalanche prepared to face the Smiths Falls B1 team in the final. The game was scoreless until half way through the second period when Smiths Falls pulled ahead 1-0. The Avalanche fought back, never giving up another goal.

With three minutes left in the third period, Nick Campeau scored for the Avalanche, firing up the team and the crowd! A minute later MacFayden scored to seal the victory.

Great team play made the difference – way to go, Avalanche!