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Tri-County Championship to Midgets Meet Hespeler in O.M.H.A. Playoffs

Acton's fast skating Midget hockey team hung on to a one goal margin in the last few minutes of a cliff-hanging battle with Milton Tuesday night here and went on to win a 6-5 verdict in the final game of the best of three group finals.

Close to 300 fans witnessed the game which gave Acton a ticket into the O.M.H.A. playdowns. Each team had squeaked by with a win in the first two meetings but the Acton team went all out to win the important deciding game.

They will meet Hespeler in the first round of the playdowns.

McCrystall Stars
Paved by a three goal, two assist effort from Brian McCrystall the Acton club ran up a two goal lead in the early minutes of the final period. This was nullified by two quick Milton markers but a two goal second period gave the locals a 4-2 margin going into the final chapter.

The teams traded goals in the first minute of the third period. An injury to Milton netminder Timbers seemed to give a badly outplayed Milton team extra spark and when Brian McCrystall completed a hat trick by scoring on the substitute goalie, they roared back with a pair of goals to come within a whisker of tying it all up.

Netminder Good
Tiring the Acton club still hung on although John Leatherland was called to make several important stops in the last few minutes while Milton hemmed them in their own blue line.

Brian McCrystall opened and closed the scoring for the Acton team, his first goal coming at 2:28 of the first period when Peter Marks relayed a pass to him and he fired a low one into the net. Peter Marks made it 2-0 at 15:47 on the first of a pair he bagged on the night, with a long shot from the blue line that caught Timbers unaware.

Acton fired shot after shot at the Milton net but it was poor clearing effort by the Acton defense that enabled Hamilton to score the first Milton goal. In a little more than a minute the visitors scored again to tie the score, this time by Brian McDuffe.

Second Period
Pete Marks gave a pass to McCrystall from behind the net and Brian made no mistake to open scoring in the second period. Again Acton hemmed the Milton team in and twice tricky centre Denis Gibbons set his wings in the clear with passes only to have Timbers stop them from close in.

However, Marks tipped in McCrystall's drive at 9:45 to give Acton a 4-2 lead.

In the third period with Milton short two men doing time in the sin bin, Brian McDuffe intercepted an Acton pass at his own blue line, broke loose and scored on a solo effort. But Ron Mellon banged in Denis Gibbons' rebound at the one minute mark to nullify the Milton tally.

Goalie Out
A severe charity horse sustained by Milton netminder Timbers during a melee around the net necessitated his removal and Bruce McDuffe substituted in the Milton cage. He hardly took over guardianship before Brian McCrystall backhanded Ron Mellon's pass out behind him for Acton's sixth marker and what looked like a comfortable three goal lead.

However, the Milton club went at it hammer and tong and it wasn't long until Hamilton banged a goal-mouth pass behind John Leatherland to make it 6-4. And then with the Acton defense fading, Brian McDuffe slipped in the fifth Milton goal, his third of the evening.

The crowd sat on the edge of their seats, those last few minutes and let loose with a big roar when the final whistle announced an Acton victory.

The win gives Acton their first Hamilton County Championship team in a number of years.

SCORING SUMMARY
First Period
A: McCrystall (Marks) 2:28
A: Marks (McCrystall) 15:47
M: Hamilton 8:32
M: Brian McDuffe 9:46
Pens.—Bailev, Roszell.

Second Period
A: McCrystall (Marks) 3:29
A: Marks (McCrystall) 9:46
Pens.—Mellon, Currie, Hillson, 2 minutes plus 10 minute misconduct, Pedala.

Third Period
M: Brian McDuffe 0:46
A: Mellon (Gibbons) 1:01
A: McCrystall (Mellon) 7:45
M: Hamilton 10:15
M: Brian McDuffe 12:29
Pens.—Slessor (10), Mellon (10), Marks.

Total Damage \$80 In Two-Car Crash

Constable Bob Moreau of the Acton O.P.P. Detachment investigated a two car crash at the corner of Main Street and Knox Avenue Saturday morning when an Eden Mills car driven by Garnet MacDougal of Eden Mills, struck a car driven by Ed Lidka of Acton.

The Lidka vehicle was attempting a left hand turn off Main Street onto Knox Avenue when the MacDougal car at the intersection struck it broadside.

Damage was estimated at \$80 to both vehicles.

TRI-COUNTY CHAMPIONS brought honors to Acton Tuesday evening when they ousted the Milton team in the final game of the playoffs. The Acton-midget team won the third game of the series 6-5 in the Acton arena before a crowd of 300 spectators. Pictured above kneeling left to right are Ian Jefferis, Denis Gibbons, John Leatherland, Bill Dawkins and Brian McCrystall. Second row on left is Ron Malcolm and right Garnet Roszell. Back row left to right coach Ben Bayliss, Peter Marks, Buich Dedels, Roff Mellon, Wayne Mason, Terry Waterhouse and manager Eric Marks.

Damage Not Estimated In Shed Roof Collapse

Two cars and a considerable amount of farm equipment parts and machinery were buried under a heavy wooden roof on Tuesday noon when heavy ice and snow caved in the roof on a storage shed at Rockwood.

The shed approximately 80 x 20 feet is owned by the village of Rockwood and several residents and the Harris Farm Machine company rent space for storage.

Although the stone walls are left standing residents have been warned to stay away from the building. Officials fear one of the walls being supported only by fallen timbers might collapse.

Employees of the farm equipment company were eating lunch in the main plant across the road when they heard the loud crash and saw the roof collapse.

Total damage will not be estimated until the debris can be removed.

Speeds to 90

Five policemen combing Acton in search for car thieves

Five policemen scoured the Acton area early Friday morning for two car thieves after a stolen car they were driving crashed into a hydro pole at the corner of number 7 highway and Main St. north, in front of Earl Van Norman's home.

A Guelph policeman on duty in that city attempted to stop a car for a routine light check when the occupants raced away and the policeman gave chase.

Speeding on Ice
Heading toward Acton the stolen car with the police cruiser following, reached speeds up to 90 miles an hour on the slippery highway.

Constable Bud Buckwald of the Acton O.P.P. detachment on duty at the time, was notified of the chase and parked his cruiser at Frank Tully's service station with the flasher light on.

In a short space of time the stolen car was seen speeding toward Acton and the Acton constable, attempting to flag the car down to no avail, watched the stolen vehicle attempt to make the turn at the corner. It spiraled around several times on the slippery pavement striking the hydro pole.

Jumping into the cruiser to race to the scene of the crash, the Acton policeman was joined in a matter of seconds by the Guelph policeman who chased the elders from Guelph.

By the time they reached the scene of the crash the occupants had fled the vehicle and raced away in the morning darkness on foot.

Meanwhile, Guelph city police had received a radio call while the chase was between Guelph and Acton and had dispatched another cruiser, which arrived with two policemen, to join the search.

Guelph O.P.P. detachment had also sent a cruiser with two O.P.P. officers to the scene and, with in a few minutes five policemen

Hits Tree Head-on Man is Hospitalized

An Eden Mills man was released from Guelph General Hospital yesterday (Wednesday) after treatment for scalp, facial and leg injuries received in a single car accident on Highway 25 north of Speerside Tuesday morning.

Const. William Bennett of North Halton O.P.P. said Forbes Cole was driving and crashed head-on into a tree. The car was wrecked.

Township Warns All '57 Tax Delinquents

Nassagaweya Township's 1957 tax delinquents have until the end of this month to pay up, or tax certificates will be registered against their properties, council decided at the regular meeting last week. It was noted there were still a few with outstanding 1957 tax bills.

A request was sent to Esqueping Council asking the dissolution of the Union School Section at Milton Heights, an Esqueping school. It was decided that to simplify bookkeeping and billing, councils would pay on a cost per pupil basis.

Dogs Need Licence

Procedure in collecting dog taxes was authorized to be changed, and in future residents will have to buy dog licences instead of paying the tax on their assessment account. Assessor Don McMillan, currently making his rounds for assessment purposes, will be carrying the tags with him, or they may be purchased at the township hall. Fees will remain the same as last year.

Convention

The council and clerk were authorized to attend the annual Rural Municipalities' convention, with expenses paid. Accounts totalling \$509.77, plus a road superintendent's voucher for \$2,054.51.

Wide Experience

Mr. O'Brien was born in Vancouver and employed between 1937 and 1945 as a marine refrigeration engineer with the Union Castle Line. From there, he moved to Toronto and has been associated with various refrigeration companies. He is a member of the American Society of Refrigeration Engineers and also Refrigeration Service Engineers.

He has felt for some time that there is an excellent opportunity in this area for industrial and commercial refrigeration service, and moved with his family to Acton in October of last year.

Mr. O'Brien advised that he has been pleased with the help extended by everyone with whom he has come in contact since arrival in Acton and, in particular, with the co-operation and encouragement received from the industrial committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

First Tenant

This is the first tenant in this building since the Wool Combing Corporation ceased operation in 1957, and citizens of Acton will be pleased to see activities resumed.

Friends of Mr. O'Brien wish him success in his new venture and hope it will not be long before he will require additional space.

On Tuesday, Constable Bob Moreau investigated an accident when a Direct Winters transport pulling into the Frank Tott Motors service station on No. 7 highway, struck a plastic sign on the gas pump.

Damage was slight to the sign, amounting to approximately \$40 and the truck received no damage.

On Wednesday Corporal Ray Mason investigated an accident at the corner of Mill and Main Streets when two cars received a total of \$75 damage.

A car driven by Mrs. J. Whitlam of Acton and a vehicle driven by Vera Ruth Contini of Guelph collided at the intersection.

Helping Hands

Friends and neighbors of Fred McArthur came to his assistance last week when a portion of the barn roof caved in under the strain of the heavy ice and helped clean up the debris. They are busy this week making repairs.

Newly-Formed Lions Club Sets Date for Charter Night

The regular dinner meeting of the Acton Lions Club was held on Monday evening, at 7:00 p.m. in the Station Hotel with president Lion Alex Johnson calling the meeting to order.

Guests for the evening included the executive secretary of Lions International, District "A", Mr. W. Dalton Higgs from Toronto and Egon Clarence Ho-lop and George Williams from the sponsoring Georgetown Lions Club.

Last meeting's minutes were read by the secretary-treasurer Lion Jack Doherty and a brief treasurer's report was given.

Tail Twister Lion Tony Ross side enriched the treasury somewhat on his initial attempt at "Tail Twisting".

Two new members were welcomed to the club by the president. These members were Lion Raymond Arbie and Lion Tom Mullen.

Lion Dalton Higgs, the executive secretary was guest speaker for the evening and spoke on "The Little Things that Count", enumerating on how grateful many people have been for help extended to them by various Lions Clubs.

Extensive plans were made for the coming charter night for which the date has been set at May 6 at the Acton Canadian Legion Hall.

Lion Frank Terry was appointed general chairman for the charter night arrangements and a committee of six was set up. Congratulations were extended to Lion Vic Morris on his first effort at publishing a bi-monthly Lions News which was sent out to all members and potential members.

Quiet Thief

Quiet thieves had a little practice in tire changing Monday evening and ended up with two wheels and two tires for their work.

John O'Gordon, R. R. 2, Rockwood, reported the two rear wheels were missing off his car on Tuesday morning. It had been parked in his Campbellville district farm lane overnight.

Refrigeration Services First Tenant Since '57

Dennis O'Brien of 71 Roseford Terrace has announced that he has leased space in the Canada Packers building formerly occupied by Wool Combing Corporation and will begin operations consisting primarily of installing and servicing industrial, commercial and domestic refrigeration and air conditioning equipment, under the name of "Refrigeration Services".

Work is now progressing to install telephone and power service to make the occupied area a self-contained unit.

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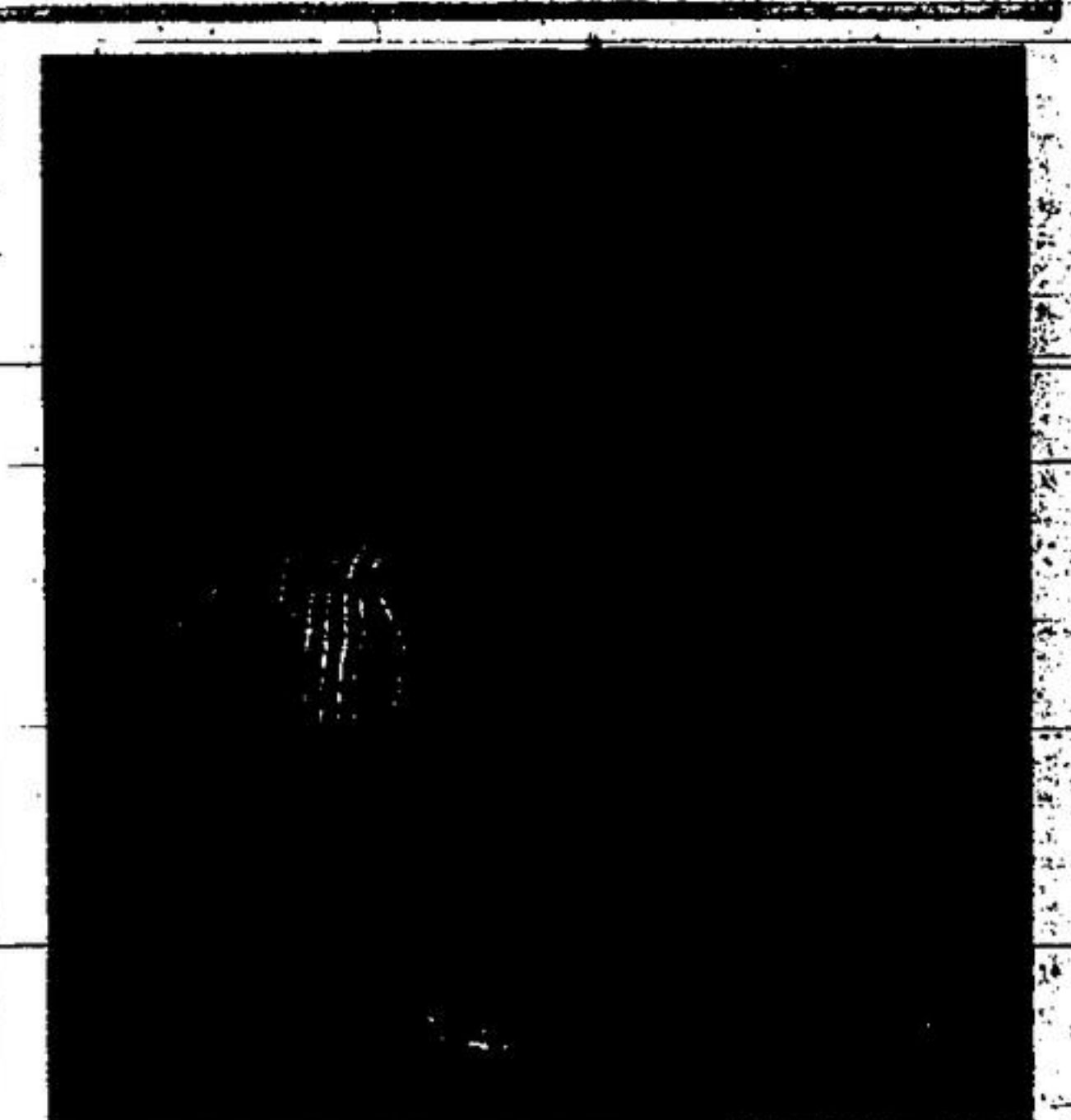
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MAKING SURE

the puck bulged the twine for Acton's first counter, Wayne Mason peers through the back of the Milton net. Denis Gibbons and Ian Jefferis of the midget team, on a combination play, broke through the Milton defense to even the tally during the second game against Milton on Thursday, February 4. Although Acton lost this game, they won the tri-county championship on Tuesday night in Acton.



ACTON LOST the second game of the tri-county finals on Thursday, February 4 to Milton but came back strong on Tuesday night to win the championship. A face-off in the Milton zone is pictured above during the second game. Acton now meet Hespeler in the first round of the O.M.H.A. playoffs.