

Sportsmen's show mecca for many from area

The Canadian National Sportsmen's Show has been aptly described as "your passport to outdoor Canada."

March 8 is the opening day of the 1968 show, which will run through until the 17th and include Sundays for the first time. Many will attend from this area.

About two million dollars have already been raised for conservation of Canada's natural resources by this annual springtime demonstration. The first show, held in 1947, showed a modest profit of \$13,500 - the second \$45,000 - in 1948, the first grants, totalling \$15,421 were made to conservation.

Founded by a public spirited group of citizens, the show moved with immediate success to becoming the biggest show of its kind in Canada.

An exciting "special" at this year's show will be George Galicz, North America's foremost falconer and trainer of wild birds of prey.

The Outdoors Film Festival, which proved a great success when it was held during the 1967 Sportsmen's Show will again be included in the program, and the giant screen will again go up in the arena. Award-winning outdoor film will be shown daily in a 1 1/2 hour program.

The highly popular demonstrations at the casting pool, the duck decoy makers' contest, the wilderness survival display, demonstrations of sports equipment and the "Moon River" fashion spectacular will again highlight the show.

The 1968 Canadian National Sportsmen's Show will be open to the public from 12 noon to 11 p.m. on weekdays, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturdays and 1 to 9 p.m. on Sundays.

A visit to the Sportsmen's Show is a treat for the whole family and you will be supporting the cause of conservation.

Pennant winners scoring champs in legion league

Official league winners in the Legion town league were announced this week by statistician Charlie Thomson who burned the midnight oil extensively in order to have statistics completed, before playoffs started last Saturday.

In the Acton section the Brampton team took the honors and they started a three-of-five playoff series with Weston.

St. Catharines captured the Novice league pennant while Bellinore wrapped up the Pee Wee series without losing a game. Both clubs are now involved in the league semi-finals, two games with goals to count.

Pittsburg knocked off the Bantam pennant with six wins, three losses and a tie. They are sitting idle until Buffalo and Hershey decide the semi-final and then they'll play the winner.

Scoring statistics in regular league play showed Scott Malcolm of the Brampton team way out in front of the Acton sharpshooters. Scott had 31 goals and seven assists. Runner-up was Jeff Shields of Weston with 27 goals and five assists.

Ricky Baginski of Niagara Falls with 24 goals and 13 assists led the Novice scoring and took the honors.

In the Pee Wee division David Forester of Springfield rapped in 42 goals and collected 16 assists to lead the lamplighters from the four teams.

Ron Loutlet's eight goals and 12 assists were good enough to win him the Bantam scoring title.

Playoffs in the league are proceeding at the same time for all classes on Saturday afternoon.

Novices meet Fergus next in playoffs

Acton Novices will play the first game of the O.M.H.A. Novice "B" semi-finals against Fergus here on Saturday afternoon at 1 p.m. Arrangements for the remaining games in the series will be made here Sunday.

The Acton club is fresh from ousting New Hamburg while the Fergus team eliminated Elmira.

The series must be finished by March 13 so the winner can advance into the next round.

Elmira eliminates Y's Men's Pee Wees

Elmira eked out a 2-0 win in the fourth game of the O.M.H.A. Pee Wee playoffs here Wednesday night eliminating Acton Y's Men's Pee Wees from the round.

In a game which could have gone either way the visitors had the best of the puck bounce while the Acton club was stymied by the alert netminding of the Elmira twine tender.

Score was 1-0 going into the late stages of the third period with the Acton team pressing hard for the equalizer. Elmira broke the Y's Men's back with a lucky shot late in the period. Coach Grant Chambers pulled his goalie in the last minute but his charges couldn't dent the twine.

Although the regular season is over for the Pee Wees they'll be playing exhibitions and entering at least one tournament before finishing up the hockey season.

Plans were made for an exhibition game with Milton tonight at 7 p.m. here. The club will also play in the Tri-County consolation round.

Juves are "cheesed off"

"Cheesed off" is the only word which adequately describes how coach, manager and players of the Acton Lions juvenile hockey team feel about their present plight.

They've been waiting three weeks for the O.M.H.A. to send them a playoff opponent and there's no-one in sight yet.

Two players have been suspended and they haven't had a chance to have a hearing giving their side of some mighty queer doings.

Manager "Pop" Schuts got so worked up this week he closeted with a hockey official and they whopped up a letter to send to O.M.H.A. brass.

The team, despite being a "B" club in an "A" league, gave the top teams in the Tri-County something to think about and were threatening to take the league lead at one juncture late in the season.

Elora wins first game of playoffs

Monday the Acton Girls' Basketball team played their first playoff game against Elora. The play-offs are a two game total point series with the winner advancing to the Cwoessa B Finals to be held at The Ontario School for the Deaf on March 9.

At half-time Acton led but the strong Elora team came on in the third quarter and went on to defeat Acton with a score of 21-15.

The top scorer of Acton was Irene Sewerinski with seven followed by Heather McGeechie with four. Linda Wood scored two, Donna Williams and Britta Larsen had one each.

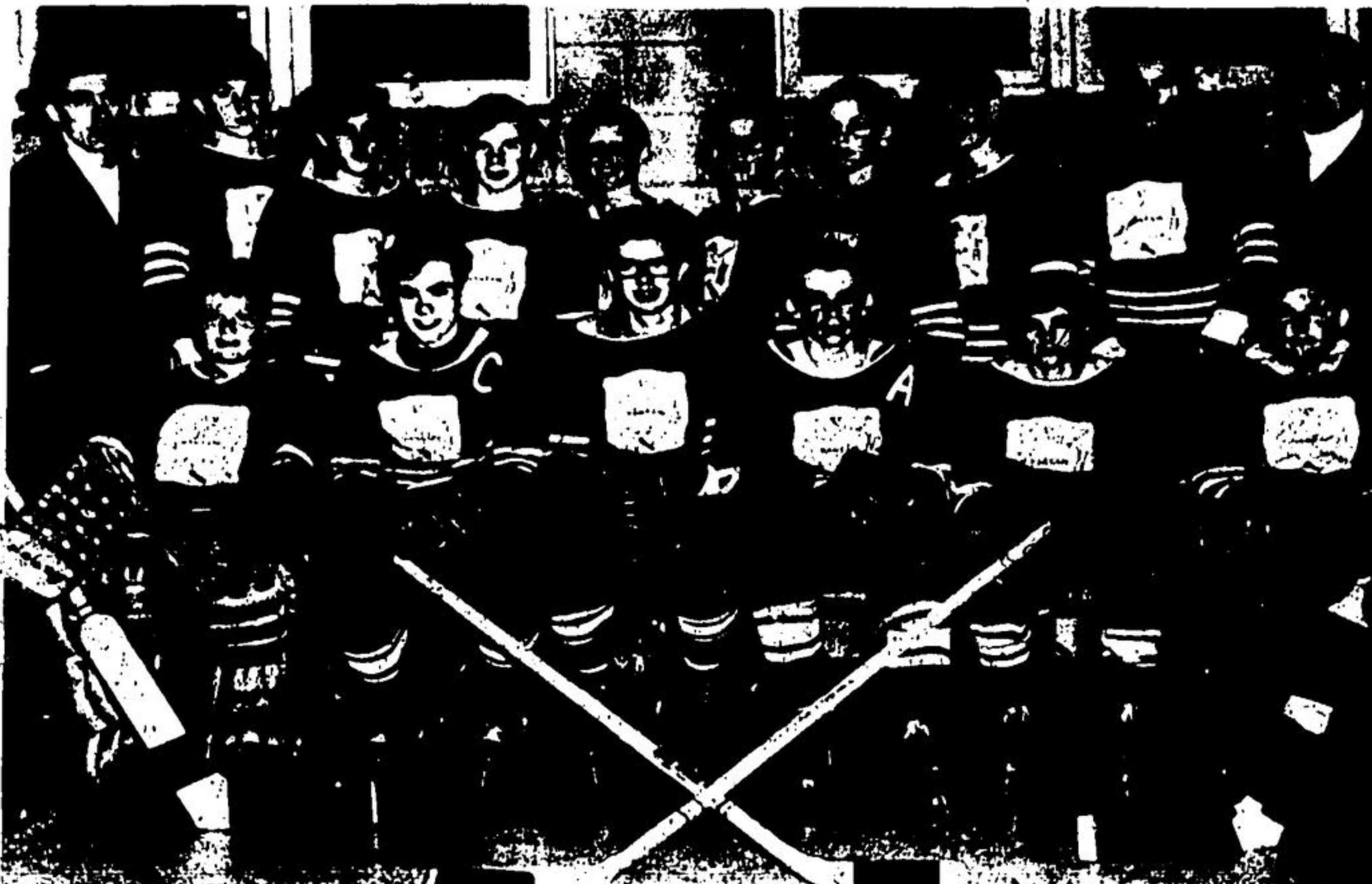
The next and final game will be played in Elora Wednesday.

Midgets lose, out of playoffs

Acton Midgets lost their second consecutive game to Fergus on Wednesday night - a 2-0 decision - eliminating them from the O.M.H.A. "B" playoffs.

Missing ace sharpshooter Peter Marzo, nursing an ankle infection, the midgets gave a good account of themselves nevertheless before bowing out. With any luck they might have had a couple of goals.

Plans are being made to enter the Hepler midget tournament and the club might also play in the Tri-County consolation series.



IF ACTON FIREFIGHTER BANTAMS can come up with one more win in their current series with Fergus, they'll advance to the next round of the O.M.H.A. "B" playoffs. Front row, left to right, is goalie Ted Hagen, Brad Timbers, Mark Nielsen, Randy Weldon, Mike Field, and goalie Steve Webster. Back row, manager Phil Drysdale, Dale Fisher, Dennis Harnden, John Snow, Rene Schuts, Henry Toebe, Harry Lawson, Peter Morrison, George McPhail and coach Harold Townsley. The series resumes Thursday in Fergus. If a fifth game is necessary, it will be played in Acton Saturday night. (Staff Photo)

Loss - win

Bantams lead playoff series 2-1

Recovering from a 4-1 setback in the second game of their best of four O.M.H.A. playoff with Fergus, Acton Bantams scored an exciting 5-4 win Saturday to take the lead in the series again.

Fourth game will be played in Fergus Thursday at 7 p.m. If a fifth game is necessary the series returns to Acton Saturday at 6:15 p.m.

The fast skating Fergus team turned the tables here last Wednesday night after going down 4-0 on their home ice, Saturday was a different story as the local kids broke a 3-3 deadlock in the third period with a pair of goals.

Fergus got one back and pulled their goalkeeper in the last minute of play to add a touch of drama, but they were unable to score.

Key goal in the contest was drilled by Dennis Harnden with help from Brad Timbers. It broke the tie. Dale Fisher's insurance marker turned out to be the winner. He was assisted by George McPhail.

Fans were limp with excitement when the final buzzer sounded. The Fergus club threw everything but the kitchen sink at Ted Hagen in the Acton nets but he turned their best shots aside.

Fergus jumped in front in the first period as Griffin, Mamy and R. Fleming scored with Dennis Harnden and Peter Morrison replying for Acton. George McPhail and Brad Timbers helped Dennis with his marker and Harry Lawson and Rene Schuts assisted on Peter's.

Johnny Snow rifled in the long goal of the second period from Peter Morrison to tie the game up.

Play saw-sawed back and forth in the final stanza until Dennis Harnden, outstanding for the Acton club, pulled the trigger and put them ahead.

Two Acton goals and one by Fergus were scored while the sides played shorthanded. There were 13 penalties, seven of them levied against the local club.

Saturday the Acton team looked like they were going to steamroller over the visitors in the first few minutes of the game and they missed countless chances to score. Fergus notched the first goal, however, and by late in the game had built up a 4-0 margin.

A pair of goals by Randy Fleming and singles by Landoni and Proctor.

The Fergus scooters were especially effective when the Acton club played shorthanded, breaking through the Acton defense. Randy Weldon spotted the shut-out bid late in the game.

School carnival late in March

Arena manager Harold Townsley has set the tentative date for the annual school carnival for Thursday, March 28.

He was assured there would be representatives from all schools invited to a meeting this week but only two showed up. He's convinced there was a misunderstanding, however, and expects entries will still be forthcoming from the schools who had no representation at the meeting.

Competition for the trophy awarded to the winning school is keen each year with Spoyde school wrapping up the laurels the past two carnivals. Since Esquimaux's schools entries only go to grade six now the competition will be limited to the first six grades this year.

Ladies' bonspiel at arena Tuesday

Acton Ladies invited Hillsburg and Ouellet curlers for a friendly afternoon bonspiel at the arena here on Tuesday. A buffet lunch was served for the visitors and their hosts.

There were three rinks each from Hillsburg and Ouellet.

Bent-novice victories in exhibition meets

Acton novice four town tourney team played host to Kitchener on Saturday in an exhibition match. Both clubs battled back and forth only to end in a 3-3 tie.

Tourney team tallies came from Steve Papillon with a pair assisted by Bill Ware and John Scoyne. Rick Baginski counted unassisted for the Acton opener.

Connelly, Rose and Dinkle cashed in the Kitchener markers from Montag and Higgins.

The bantam team entered in this year's four town tournament which takes place March 9, here in Acton, blanked a bantam squad from Brampton 7-0 in the second exhibition battle of the afternoon.

Glen McKenzie earned himself a hat trick with his trio of markers with assists going to Jim McNabb and Mike Ferguson. McNabb tallied on a pair from McKenzie and Fisher as Bernie Taylor and Les Coles rounded up the remaining scores from McKenzie and Marshall.

In an exhibition match between the officials, and the bantam squad, the refs counted their first win of the season.

Stu McCulloch scored a pair of twine binders along with Joe Tarr and K. Weldon.

Brent Irwin, Murray and Ron McCulloch tallied for the bants.



GOALKEEPER RICKY BONNETTE makes a save on the Elmira captain during last Wednesday's Pee Wee playoff in which the Acton Y's Men's Pee Wee team went down to a 2-0 defeat. Elmira's win gave them the series. (Staff Photo)

Elora takes Tues. double bill from Acton girls' cage teams

The Canadian Nats went down to defeat and the Acton girls' basketball teams did not want to let them down. We lost too place in the play-offs.

After the first half Acton was leading by 13-11 due to the exceptional playing of Irene Severinski.

On Tuesday Elora brought their girls' teams to our gym. The Juniors met Elora first. After the first half, the Acton Juniors were leading 12-8. Everyone in the bleachers had their fingers crossed as we thought that the Juniors would win their first game.

The cheerleaders conducted a swift pep rally but this did not help as Juniors went down to defeat in the last half. The final score was 23-18 for Elora.

This game ended the basketball season for Acton Juniors. A very sad team lined up to hand in their uniforms.

The line-up included Bonnie Jones, Trina Van der Polder, Susan McGilloy, Susan Clendinning, Carol Masales, Joan Gibbins, Linda Parry, Julie Smith, Debbie Slingerland, Marg Slaver and Chris Brenneke. Hope to see you all again next year!

Following the Junior game, the Acton Senior girls took to the floor. This was their last league game against Elora. They had to win this game to retain second

After the game the Seniors were informed Elora took first place while Acton was given second place in the playoffs due to Arthur's loss.

The line up included Trudy Morris, Irene Severinski, Linda Wood, Jan Braida, Bev Brunello, Britta Larsen, Donna Williams and Cathy Krul.

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Top score this week went to Keith Mainprize who came up with 25 straight. Brad Malgrize got 19 and George Harris 17. Ian Jeffreys was a visitor at the range this week.

Next Sunday is the start of the new trap shooting season at Maple Rock. The action begins at 1:30 p.m. Prospective new members and visitors are welcome.

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ACTON ARENA SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

6-7 p.m. - Hockey School

7-8 p.m. - Pee Wee (Tri-City) Exhibition

8-9 p.m. - Bantam (Tri-City) Practice

9-10 p.m. - Midgets (Tri-City) Exhibition

10-11 p.m. - Ind. Hockey

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29

2-3 p.m. - Mothers and Pre-School Children

6-8 p.m. - Figure Skating

8-9 p.m. - Legion Hockey

9-10 p.m. - Juveniles (Tri-City) Practice

10-12 p.m. - Ind. Hockey

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

6:30-7:30 - Novice (Tri-City) Practice

9 p.m. - Int "B" Hockey - Durham vs Acton Tanners

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

8-9 a.m. - Hockey Practice (Legion)

9:15-10:45 a.m. - Private Lessons Figure Skating

10:45-12:45 - Figure Skating

1-6 p.m. - Legion Hockey

6:15 - Bantam (Tri-City) - Fergus vs Acton (if necessary)

8-10 p.m. - Public Skating

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

8-11 a.m. - Industrial Hockey

11-12:30 p.m. - Tanner Practice

1-2 p.m. - Tri-City Novice - 2-4 p.m. - Public Skating

4:15-5:15 - Legion Novice Exhibition

5:15-6:15 - Legion Bantam Exhibition

6:15-7:15 - Legion Pee Wee Exhibition

7:15-10:15 p.m. - Industrial Hockey

MONDAY, MARCH 4

Curling

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

Curling