



CAPTAINS AND COACHES of the five legion minor hockey house league champions accepted trophies on behalf of their teams at Saturday's Legion banquet. Pictured l. to r. are Blair Slipp and coach Eugene Ferguson, Jamie Ellerby and coach Henry Kroes, Wade Vickery and coach Stu McDonald, Marvin McNabb and coach Fred Buchanan, Charlie McCrea and coach Ross Budgell. —(Staff Photo)

## Banquet, trophy presentations cap off Legion hockey season

Capping off their most successful season yet, Acton Legion Minor Hockey Association hosted players, coaches, managers and referees at their annual banquet and trophy presentation in the Legion Hall, Saturday afternoon.

The Association provided house league hockey for close to 200 boys this winter, the most they have ever had, and there were few absences, when the bell rang for a delicious roast beef dinner served with all the trimmings by the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary.

Legion executive member Gord James emceed the program with help from minor sports chairman Ted Pope.

Other head table guests included Legion minor sports executive members Charlie Thomson, Bob Louttet and Kerwin McPhail and Acton Tri-county Minor Hockey president Ron McKnight.

Mr. Pope thanked coaches and managers for their help throughout the season. He also hinted the Association may return to playing games Saturday afternoon instead of Saturday morning next year.

On behalf of the Branch 197 executive, Mr. James thanked Mr. Pope and his committee for their efforts.

Highlight of the annual event was the presentation of individual and team trophies for outstanding performances during the year.

Captains and coaches of the five championship teams were the first to receive their silverware.

Captain Wade Vickery and coach Stu McDonald accepted the John "Ding" Kentner trophy for Guelph atoms, captain Marvin McNabb and coach Fred Buchanan the Tom Watson trophy for Hamilton novices, captain Jamie Ellerby and coach Henry Kroes the Acton Creamery trophy for Cleveland pee wees, captain Charlie McCrea and coach Ross Budgell the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary trophy for Buffalo bantams and captain Blair Slipp and coach Eugene Ferguson the Legion Branch 197 trophy for St. Louis midgets.

Next in line were the most improved players in each of the five age groups.

Kenny Woodman was judged most improved player in the atom division and carted off the G. A. Johnson trophy.

Most improved novice was Bruce McPhail. Bruce won the Claude Pipher trophy for his efforts.

Thomson trophy as most improved midget.

High scorer trophies went to Bert Post of Guelph atoms, Marvin McNabb of Hamilton novices, Ricky Baginski of Baltimore pee wees, Paul Daley of Buffalo bantams, and Carl Reed of Los Angeles midgets.

Bantam goalie David Allan was judged most improved goaltender of the year, an honor that won him the Acton Limestone Quarry trophy.

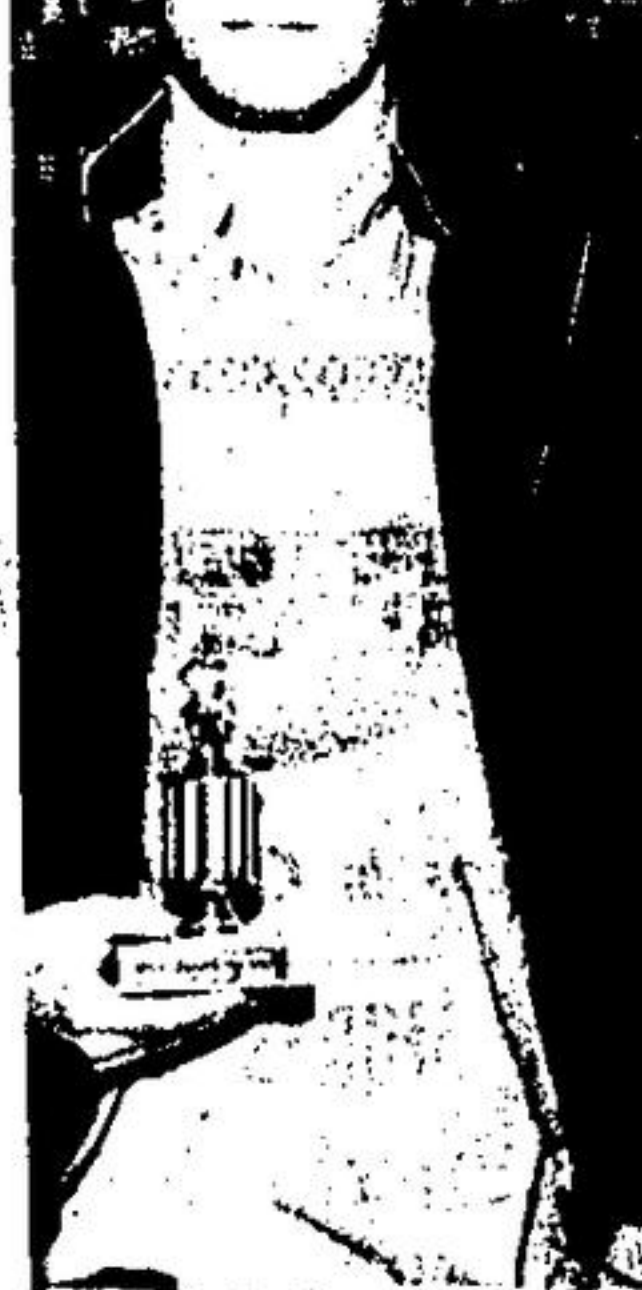
Buffalo bantam coach Ross Budgell, who is returning to Newfoundland to undergo an operation presented a special trophy to his captain Charlie McCrea.

Special awards were also made to referees John Jordan, Dan McGalloway, Gerru Van Der Eyken, Tim McIntyre, Terry Lygate, Ken Withers and Ted Muelbacher who helped with refereeing.

Terry Slaven thanked the Legion ladies on behalf of the players.

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LEGION MINOR HOCKEY scoring champs received their trophies at Saturday's banquet in the Legion Hall. Top scorers were l. to r. Carl Reed (midget), Bert Post (atom), Marvin McNabb (novice). Back row l. to r. Ricky Baginski (pee wees) and Paul Daley (bantam). —(Staff Photo)

## Free Press Sports Page

### Rams to host Green Gaels in exhibition boxla tilt

Acton's new junior "C" lacrosse entry, the Rams will host potential Minto Cup champion Oshawa Green Gaels in an exhibition game in the community centre, Friday April 24.

Ram coach Howard Dwyer completed arrangements for the game with Oshawa officials on the weekend.

Green Gaels have been a powerhouse in the O.L.A. Junior "A" loop for years under the guidance of Jim Bishop and are expected to be contenders again this year with new coach Bob Hanna at the helm. Hanna coached Kitchener's entry in the professional league last year, after performing as a player with Detroit Olympics.

Gaels will stop off for an exhibition tilt with Oakville juniors, Tuesday April 28.

Rams will continue to workout in the Y.M.C.A. building until all the ice has left the community centre.

Elora Mohawks provide the opposition for Rams' regular season home opener Monday May 11.

### Minor soccer plans trip

Players in the Acton Minor Soccer Association are in for a real treat Saturday May 9. Officials are making arrangements to take the lads to Toronto to see the game between Manchester United and Glasgow Celtic.

### 400 club winners

Lucky winners in last week's 400 Club draw were: Dunc Anderson, Bert Draper, Tulle Larsen, Don Price and Glen Jackson.

### Midland ousts Raiders in five

Georgetown Raiders suffered 7-5 and 9-5 losses at the hands of Midland last week and bowed out of the O.H.A. Intermediate "A" semi-finals in five games.

Raiders ran out of steam in the third period of both games against the classy Midland crew. Phil Lavell fired a hat trick and Bill Dwyer and Paul Robinson added one apiece for Georgetown in Wednesday night's 7-5 loss.

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### Draw winners

Prize winners in Acton Firefighters bantam hockey team draw are:

\$5.00 Ray Webster; pen set, George Bowman; hockey stick, Valerie Lazenby; hockey stick, Madeline Manes; meat, Bev McKnight; cake, Ed Leatherland; serving tray, Doug Coleman; glass, Bob Louttet; case of pop, Bob Louttet, 2 cases of pop, Charlie Auger; candy bowl, Kay James; \$3, Marg McNabb.

### Dominion Hotel cops trophy

Dominion Hotel won the championship shuffleboard trophy in Milton Saturday.

Members of the championship team are Jeff McLaren, Steve McLeod, Bob Woodcock, Murray Rody, Wayne Wilson, John Vlietstra, Forbes Cole and Jeff Denny.

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### Name coaches and managers Acton minor soccer entries

Coaches, assistant coaches and managers have been chosen for Acton's entries in the Halton-Peel Minor Soccer Association.

Dave Dawson will coach the atom "A" team, while Gil Malcolm will serve as assistant coach. The atom "B" team will be coached by Ron Schmidt, assisted by Fred Symons. Colin Bennell will act as manager for both atom teams.

Bill Gentles will coach the mosquito "A" team with help from Earl Jensen, while Rose Gentles will handle the manageria duties.

The mosquito "B" team will be coached by Len Graham. Mick Davis has been named assistant coach and his wife Crystal, manager.

The pee wee entry will be guided by Iain Galbraith with help from Maurice Hill. Tom Hickey will serve as manager.

### Final baseball registration

The Acton Minor Baseball Association will hold its final registration at the community centre, this Saturday morning from nine until 12.

Last Saturday's initial registration attracted 29 players.

So far, 75 boys have signed to play minor soccer. However, more players are needed in the pee wee age group. Any boys wishing to play soccer in any age group should register at the M. Z. Bennett school grounds Mondays or Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Larry Quinn of Acton has been chosen to attend a special soccer coaching school at Earl Haig Collegiate. Larry played both minor and senior soccer in Acton.

### Georgetown jives at Winnipeg

Georgetown juveniles won two games over Riverton and Virden, before being eliminated by East Elmwood at the Fort Garry "Tournament of the Century" in Winnipeg during the winter holidays.

Their top scorer Marty Fowler suffered a severe shoulder injury during the tournament and was flown home for emergency treatment.

Georgetown went undefeated in regular season Tri-county league play, but were eliminated from the O.M.H.A. playoffs by Orillia.

### Roller skating may start

Arena manager Harold Townsley reports there is a good possibility roller skating will start Wednesday night April 22 from eight until ten.

Ice has now completely vanished from the community centre floor and Mr. Townsley and his staff are ready to give the floor a thorough washing to prepare it for summer use.

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AWARD WINNERS in the most improved player category at Saturday's Legion minor hockey banquet were: front row l. to r. Kenny Woodman, Bruce McPhail, Terry Slaven. Back row l. to r. Earl Jackson and Ken Jordan. —(Staff Photo)

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