

Free Press Sports Page

Best of luck boys!

Acton's O.M.H.A. hockey teams have been receiving compliments galore on their colorful new double blue and

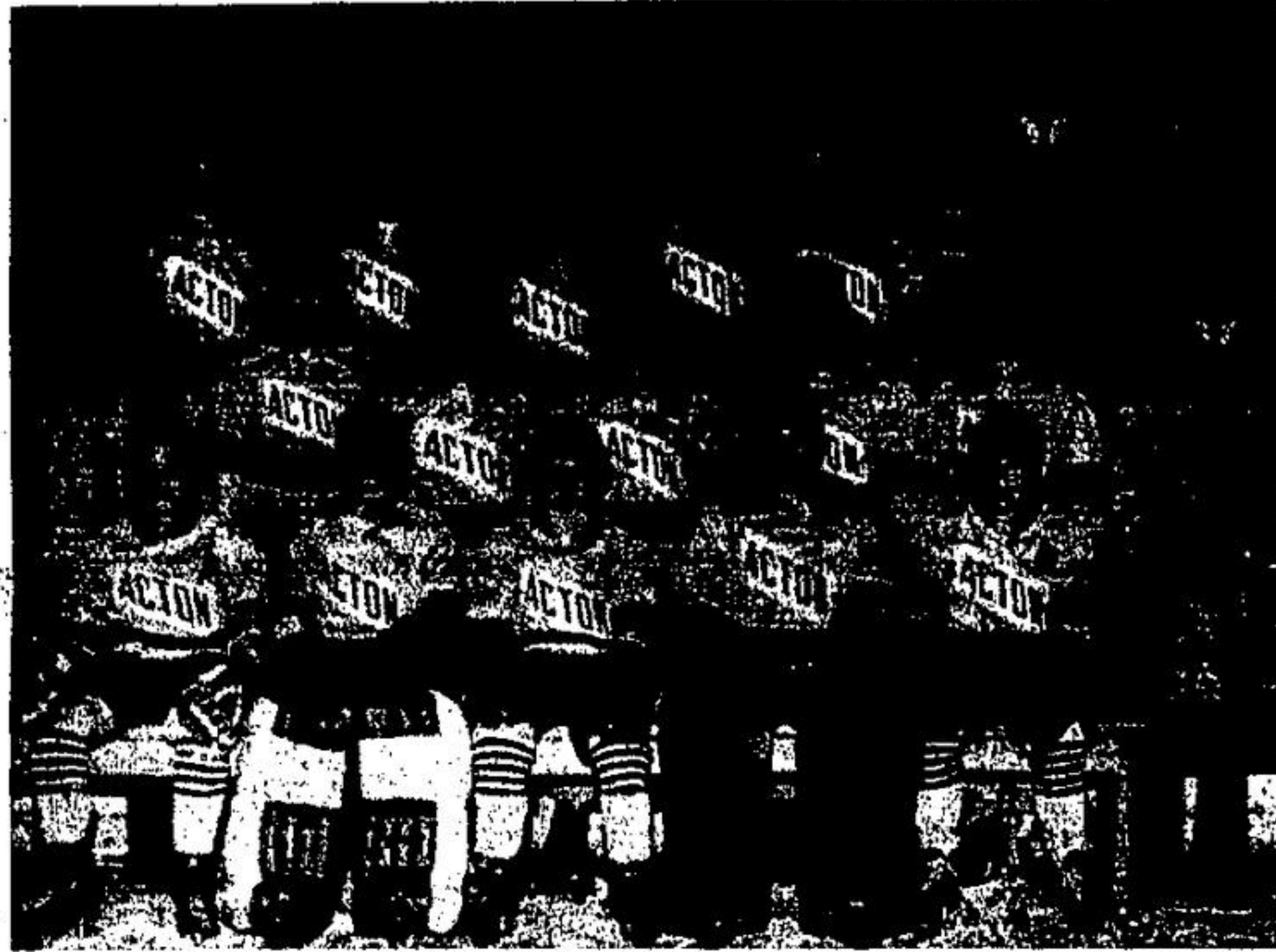
white uniforms. Uniforms are complete with sweaters, socks and matching helmets and pants. This week the Free Press

salutes Acton's representatives as they enter the provincial playoffs. Best of luck to all teams.



ACTON A-B novices are awaiting word of their first round opponents in the O.M.H.A. zone playoffs. Pictured front row l. to r. are: manager Don Van Fleet, Wade Vickery, Gary Medland, Scott Malcolm, Russell Lee, Bert Post, coach Barry Inscoc. Middle row l.

to r. are: assistant coach Gus Holmes, Shane Withers, Tom Ryan, Billy Manes, Rick Gibson, Larry Brown. Back row l. to r. are: Dave McGilloway, Jeff Shields, Bruce McPhail, Randy McIntyre, Tom Rosenbersky. —(Staff Photo)



ACTON Y'S MEN'S peewees begin their O.M.H.A. playoffs with New Hamburg this week. Pictured front row l. to r. are: Gord Toth, Mark Morrison, B. J. Legate, Robin Inscoc, Jim Hurley. Middle row l. to r. are coach Don Legate, John McCutcheon, Len

Brown, Joe Kentner, Brad Buchanan, Steve Buchanan, assistant coach Ron Schmidt. Back row l. to r. are: Marvin McNabb, Jim Gentles, Steve McKnight, Ford Alton, Scott Oakley, manager Charley Harrison. Missing when photo was taken was Ricky Holmes. —



ACTON FIREFIGHTER bantams meet New Hamburg in the first round of the O.M.H.A. playoffs, next week. Pictured front row l. to r. are: Steve Brunelle, John Hansen, Mike Luty, Jeff Townsley, David Allan, Russ Van Fleet, Terry Slaven. Middle row l. to r. are: Kent Kentner, Gary Barden, Russ Coultrup, Gerald Barden, Steve Papillon, John McAdam. Back row l. to r. are: coach Harold Townsley, manager Steve Goy and assistant coach Jan Riddall. — (Staff Photo)

Peewees ousted from tournament

Acton Y's Men's peewees ran into some tough competition and were eliminated from the Delhi peewee tournament in two straight games on the weekend. Tillsonburg scored a 4-1 win over the Acton lads Friday night

and a classy Bowmanville outfit blanked the locals 9-0, Saturday morning. Acton players were billeted in Delhi homes Friday night and all received the royal treatment from their hosts.

Solid team effort falls short Tanners bow to Durham 5-4

Although they came up with a solid team effort, Acton Tanners went down to a 5-4 defeat at the hands of Durham Huskies at the community centre Friday night. Tanners' second straight one goal loss stretched their current losing streak to six games.

Tanners battled the northerners on even terms in the first period which ended with the score tied 2-2. Durham grabbed a 4-3 lead at the end of the second and maintained the one goal advantage in the final 20 minutes in spite of the fact Tanners had some golden scoring opportunities.

Jim Aitken tallied two goals to pace the Huskie attack. Ex-pro

Butch Graham, Dale Rahn and Ike Piche netted the others. Jim Nixon and Chuck Niesen had two assists apiece for the visitors.

Townsley bags brace
Veteran Harold Townsley showed his younger teammates the way, potting two of the four Acton goals. Gary Naylor and Gordie Bell were the other marksmen. Team scoring leader Dave Norton drew assists on both Townsley goals.

Vern Fraser, filling in for Bruce Thomason in the Acton nets, played a whale of a game, as he robbed Huskie sharpshooters time after time. Rookie Lloyd Smallwood continued his fine play behind

the Acton blueline.

Second Durham goal at 10:28 of the first period was accidentally shot into the Acton cage by Tanner defenceman Brian McDuffe, who was attempting to clear the puck. Dale Rahn received credit for the goal.

The visitors took eight of the 12 minor penalties in the game.

Elmira here Friday
Tanners take on the speedy Elmira Polar Kings at the community centre Friday night at 8:30, then travel to Mayfield Arena in Chingquacousy Sunday afternoon to tackle Cheltenham Harvesters.

Harvesters have been classified Intermediate "C" by

the O.H.A. which means the battle for the fourth and final playoff spot is strictly between Tanners and Fergus Flyers, who meet head on in the final two games of the regular schedule.

Scoring Summary

First Period
D—Aitken (Balle Nixon) 7:05
A—Townsley (Norton) 9:19
D—Rahn 10:28
A—Bell (Hall Buchanan) 15:40

Second Period
D—Aitken (Rahn Nixon) 9:29
A—Naylor 9:35
D—Graham (Nelsen) 11:44

Third Period
D—Piche (Graham Nelsen) 3:33
A—Townsley (Naylor Norton) 7:50

Tanners Top Ten

G	A	P
Dave Norton	4	9
Kevin Hall	6	5
Gary Naylor	4	7
Ed Hillier	3	8
Jan Riddall	8	2
Fred Buchanan	5	4
Dan Arbie	8	2



VERN FRASER
Shines in goal

Front runners maintain supremacy in AIHL

Lakeview Discount and Nielsen's Clothing continued their dominance of the Acton Industrial Hockey League with easy wins Sunday night. Lakeview bombed Blow Press 15-2 and Nielsen's whipped Heller's 11-3.

Nelsen's must win their game with Lakeview this Sunday night to stay in the race for first place. The discounters have a six point advantage with only four games remaining in the schedule. Lakeview have already gained three wins in four games against the clothiers.

Lakeview got off to a slow start, scoring only three goals in the first period, and then scored four times in the second and added eight more markers in the third.

Holmes and Denis Gibbons added single tallies. Holmes, Gibbons, Hall, Phillips and Gord Van Gils earned two assists apiece, while Talliefer and Hillier chipped in one each. Jim Barden sparked defensively for the league leaders.

Stu McDonald netted both Blow Press goals. Ron Schmidt and Bob Waller picked up assists. Jim Bullough had little work in the Lakeview nets, but Blow Press goalie Alan Pennell faced a constant barrage of rubber.

Heller's held Nielsen's to a 1-1 second period standoff, but the "green machine" chalked up 5-1 advantages in the first and third frames.

each and Stull, Bill Coon, Fred Kirton and Ron McClintock picked up one each.

Heller's marksmen were Chick Milne, Gary Ritchie and John Mason. Milne assisted on Ritchie's goal. Frank Anthony handled netminding chores for Nielsen's and John Leatherland guarded the twine for Heller's.

Catty cuts up
John Cunningham fired four goals and assisted on three others for the winners. Gary Talliefer bagged a hat trick. Alan Hall, Harry Hillier and Harry Phillips counted a brace apiece and Gus

Mellon nets five
Ron Mellon tallied five of the 11 goals for the winners and helped out on two others. Ray Stull fired a hat trick and Grant McCallum, Gerry Van Der Eyken and Steve Townsley netted one goal apiece. Townsley also chalked up four assists, while Van Der Eyken and Jim McDonald earned a pair

STANDINGS

Team	W	L	P	GF	GA
Lakeview	13	1	26	135	67
Nielsen's	10	4	20	123	57
Blow Press	3	11	6	52	129
Heller's	2	12	4	61	128

TOP SCORERS

Player	G	A	P
Harv Hillier	35	16	51
Ron Mellon	35	16	51
John Cunningham	21	25	46
Jim McDonald	21	15	39
Harry Phillips	21	18	39
Gerry Van Der Eyken	16	17	33
Denis Gibbons	16	17	33
Gus Holmes	10	22	37
Steve Townsley	14	12	28
Gary Talliefer	11	14	25
Jim Barden	8	17	25
Chick Milne	14	9	23
Ray Stull	13	9	22
Gary Ritchie	16	3	19
Bill Coon	7	12	19
Ron McClintock	11	6	19
Grant McCallum	2	16	18
Bob Waller	7	11	18
Ron Heller	8	10	18

Notes and Quotes

from the world of sport

By Denis Gibbons

For over 350 boys playing O.M.H.A. and house league hockey in Acton, Minor Hockey Week is every week of the winter from November to April.

This particular week, January 23 to 30, has been chosen especially as Minor Hockey Week in Canada by the C.A.H.A.

With O.M.H.A. playoffs coming up next week, Acton's five entries have been working out in preparation. House league hockey is carrying on its regular schedule, however, with a full slate of games carded for Saturday.

Participation in minor hockey certainly is not the sole way to build outstanding citizens. There are several youth organizations which achieve the same end through varied means.

However, since playing minor hockey can aid a boy to develop physically as well as mentally and emotionally, we feel it deserves the special recognition the C.A.H.A. is giving it this week.

How can you be a part of Minor Hockey Week? You not spend a couple of hours cheering the lads on this Saturday morning instead of grabbing those useless extra hours of sleep.

Acton Legion house league play begins Saturday morning with pee wee games at 7 and 8, novice games at 9 and 10 and atom games at 11 and 12 noon. Bantam and midget house league games are played Monday nights at 7 and 8.

If you take in a game this Saturday, it probably won't be the last time.

Minor Hockey is something that not only helps develop better citizens on the ice, it produces a sense of satisfaction for those who take time to show an interest in it.

Acton lads meet New Hamburg in first round of playoffs

New Hamburg teams will provide the first round O.M.H.A. playoff opposition for Acton minor hockey entries from peewee to juvenile, Tri-County rep. Fred Buchanan learned this week. Convenors are still working on the draw for the novice zone playoffs.

No dates had been finalized at press time, but tentative arrangements have Y's Men's peewees opening a best of three series in New Hamburg this Saturday. Firefighter bantams would open in New Hamburg Wednesday, February 3 and the midget series would begin here in Acton Tuesday, February 2. Length of these series has not yet been determined. All three series must be completed by Sunday, February 14.

since the 'burgers still have three group games left to play. The teams have until February 28 to declare a winner and chances of arranging a best of seven series are good.

Acton novices met New Hamburg in O.M.H.A. play in 1968 and 1969 and defeated them both times.

A-B novices show improvement in play

Acton A-B novices displayed a vast improvement in play, in spite of two weekend losses.

Novices were edged 2-1 by Guelph minor novices in Memorial Gardens Saturday afternoon, in a regular Tri-County league game. Playing at home Sunday afternoon, the Acton lads dropped a 4-3 decision to South Peel minor peewees in an exhibition game. The South Peel team are all 11-year-olds.

Scott Malcolm scored the Acton goal Saturday, unassisted. Coach Barry Inscoc reports his squad had several more good scoring chances but failed to capitalize on them.

Acton marksmen in Sunday's game were Scott Malcolm, Shane

Withers and Billy Manes. Novices played both games without their best forward Jeff Shields.

Midgets are snowed out
Acton C.F.A.W. midgets were to have played Clarkson in the opening game of the annual Georgetown midget tournament last night (Tuesday), but hazardous highway conditions prevented the team from making the jaunt to Georgetown.

Tournament directors may try to reschedule the game. Winner of the game was to advance against the Etobicoke-Chingquacousy survivor, Saturday morning.

16 teams are entered in the tournament which continues tomorrow (Thursday) night, Saturday and Sunday.

Meet Niagara
In each instance survivor of the series advances to the second round against the Niagara district "B" champions, Beamsville, Merritton or Niagara.

Start of the juvenile series between the local Lions and New Hamburg will probably be delayed until late next week.

Be enthusiastic about minor hockey.

Tanner players, fans shuffle off to Buffalo


A busload of Acton hockey fans travelled to Buffalo Sunday night for the Buffalo Sabres - Philadelphia Flyers NHL game. Thirty-four fans, mostly Acton Tanner players, wives and girlfriends, made the jaunt aboard the Norton Bus Lines' bus.

Highlight of the night for minor hockey statistician Ron McKnight was a visit with players of both teams following the game. Ron received autographed sticks from Sabres' all-star Gil Perrault and Flyers' Simon Nole and also met Philadelphia coach Vic Stasiuk and defenceman Larry Hillman.


Nole and Perrault are both natives of Victoriaville, P.Q. Buffalo won the game 6-4. The group left early Sunday afternoon, had supper in a Buffalo restaurant and returned immediately after the game.

Meets the Tanners
A three year veteran of intermediate play, Bruce McDuffe has always been one of the league's top playmakers. Bruce played his minor hockey in Milton and also performed for the junior "C" Milton Merchants. Bruce and his wife Molly now live on the farm Bruce operates at R.R. 2 Rockwood.

MEET THE TANNERS



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TOWN OF ACTON

Minor Hockey Week in Canada

WHEREAS, the week of January 23, is being observed throughout Canada as a period to focus public attention on the physical, character-building and other benefits of hockey for our youth, and

WHEREAS, the game of hockey is recognized as Canada's National Game which teaches our youth to develop a competitive spirit, co-operation with others, body-building and respect for authority, and

WHEREAS, it is the hope of every municipality to develop one or more players capable of representing Canada as a member of Canada's National Team, and

WHEREAS the Minor Hockey Association in this community has earned the commendation and support of every citizen, and

WHEREAS Minor Hockey is the foundation from which accomplished hockey players develop,

NOW THEREFORE, I, as Mayor of the Town of Acton do hereby declare the week commencing January 23 be observed as

"MINOR HOCKEY WEEK IN CANADA"

and request that all parents and others support this observance by attending games during Minor Hockey Week and thereafter until the minor hockey season ends.

L. A. DUBY, Mayor

Don't SEND . . . TAKE your boy to the arena
. . . And STAY to see him play