

Four town tourney here March 27

Acton community centre will be the site of the annual Four Town Tournament, Saturday March 27. House league select teams in the novice, peewee, bantam and midget age brackets from Acton, Georgetown, Streetsville and Orangeville will take part in this year's tournament.

Tournament was originally slated to be held in Fergus, but Acton took up the torch when Fergus teams decided to pull out of the annual event. Streetsville was accepted as a replacement for Fergus. Georgetown teams won all four championships last year.

Acton Legion Branch 197 Ladies' Auxillary will cater for a hot meal at staggered times for teams who wish to take advantage of it. In addition to the four trophies up for grabs, all players will receive participants' crests.

Purpose of the tournament is to give boys who don't normally play against players of their own calibre from other towns, an opportunity to do so in a tournament.

A complete tournament schedule will appear in next week's Free Press.

Thunderbirds bomb A-B novices 15-2

Acton A-B novices encountered a bit of "Flack", when they hosted Streetsville Thunderbirds in their final Tri-County league game, here Saturday afternoon. Thunderbirds shot down their hosts 15-2 in what Acton coach Barry Incoe described as "the poorest effort by an Acton novice team in years."

Ken Whitham were the other Streetsville marksmen.

Scott Malcolm scored both Acton goals. Assists went to Jeff Shields and Bruce McPhail. Streetsville led 5-0 at the end of the first period and 11-1 at the end of the second.

Room at will
A-B's failed to forecheck or give their goalies much protection. Thunderbirds roamed around at will for most of the game.

The locals meet Hespeler in the first round of the Tri-County playoffs this week. They'll also travel to Port Colborne to play in a tournament, March 28, 27 and 28.

Dynamic duo

Flack's first name was Paul and together with linemate Marc Sinclair he accounted for 13 of the 15 Streetsville goals. Flack scored seven goals and earned two assists, while Sinclair scored six times and assisted on five other goals. Ricky Hughes and

Rams to play 24 game junior lacrosse sked.

Acton Rams lacrosse club officials received their tentative 1971 schedule at an O.I.A. conveners' meeting in Brampton on the weekend.

Rams will play a 24 game schedule, facing Niagara, Mississauga, Oakville and Brampton four times each and Elora, Windsor, Kitchener and Hamilton twice each.

Rams' only trip to Windsor is slated for Saturday, June 6. Windsor pays a return visit here Sunday, June 13.

A complete schedule of Ram games will appear in a future edition of the Free Press.

Coach Bruce Sears has been putting the team through preliminary workouts at the M. Z. Bennett school gym in preparation for the league opener in Kitchener May 12.

Starting this week workouts will be held Wednesday nights instead of Tuesdays at 7.

Legion

town league tallies



PLAYOFFS

ATOMS - Brampton upset Weston 3-2 in the second game of a total goals series, but Weston won the series 5-3, since they recorded a 3-0 shutout in first game, Saturday.

Todd Cook scored all three Brampton goals unassisted. Gary Scoyne scored the first Weston goal and assisted on the second - one by E. Lee. Weston marksmen in the first game were Gary Scoyne, Ted James and Brian Muirhead. Assists went to Scoyne, Muirhead and Gordie McArthur.

Dixie earned the right to play Weston for the championship, even though they lost 1-0 to Guelph, Sunday. Dixie won the opener 4-2.

Derrick Neely, Brent Vickery, John Griese and McDowell scored for Dixie in the first game. Neely and Lance Alton earned a pair of assists apiece.

Clint Girdwood assisted on both Guelph goals by Don Brouillard and Jamie McDonald.

McDonald's unassisted goal in the third period was the only scoring play in Sunday's game.

NOVICES - It took three penalty shots, after regulation time, to decide the total goals series between Niagara Falls and St. Catharines. Flyers won the first game 3-2, but Black Hawks bounced back to win the second game by the same score, Saturday.

Out of three chances, Greg Johnston and Mike Nicholls were successful for Niagara Falls, while Marc McKerracher was the only St. Catharines player able to connect. Niagara Falls therefore advances to the finals.

Frank Andrews scored twice and Marc McKerracher once for St. Kitts in Sunday's game. Mike Nicholls and Steve Tremills replied for Niagara Falls.

Hamilton reached the finals with a 5-1 win over Oshawa, Saturday. First game ended in a 2-2 tie.

George Brown fired a hat trick and Dave Haverly scored twice for Hamilton. Haverly earned two assists and Mike Jollymore and Jeff Hamilton notched one apiece.

For Oshawa, Ron Guest scored

two goals and Duncan Waldie netted one. Dennis Manes and Duncan Waldie picked up assists.

PEEWEEES - Springfield and Cleveland advanced to the peewee finals with convincing wins. Springfield doubled the score on Rochester 6-3 to win their series 15-4 and Cleveland won their set 7-0 on the strength of 5-1 and 2-0 victories.

Cliff Britton led the Springfield attack with three goals. Tom Haverly, Ron Kulken and Nathan Hills added singles. Kulken earned three assists and Kevin Hills, Ray Kingsmill, Wayne McKerracher collected one each.

For Rochester, Norm Thornhill scored the first two goals and assisted on the third by Les Forrest. Mark Hamilton also earned an assist.

Springfield grabbed a one game lead in the best of three series for the league title when they nipped Cleveland 5-4 Monday night.

Ron Kulken scored two goals for the winners. Wayne McKerracher, tallied the other goal. Cliff Britton collected two assists and John McHugh and Tom Haverly picked up one each.

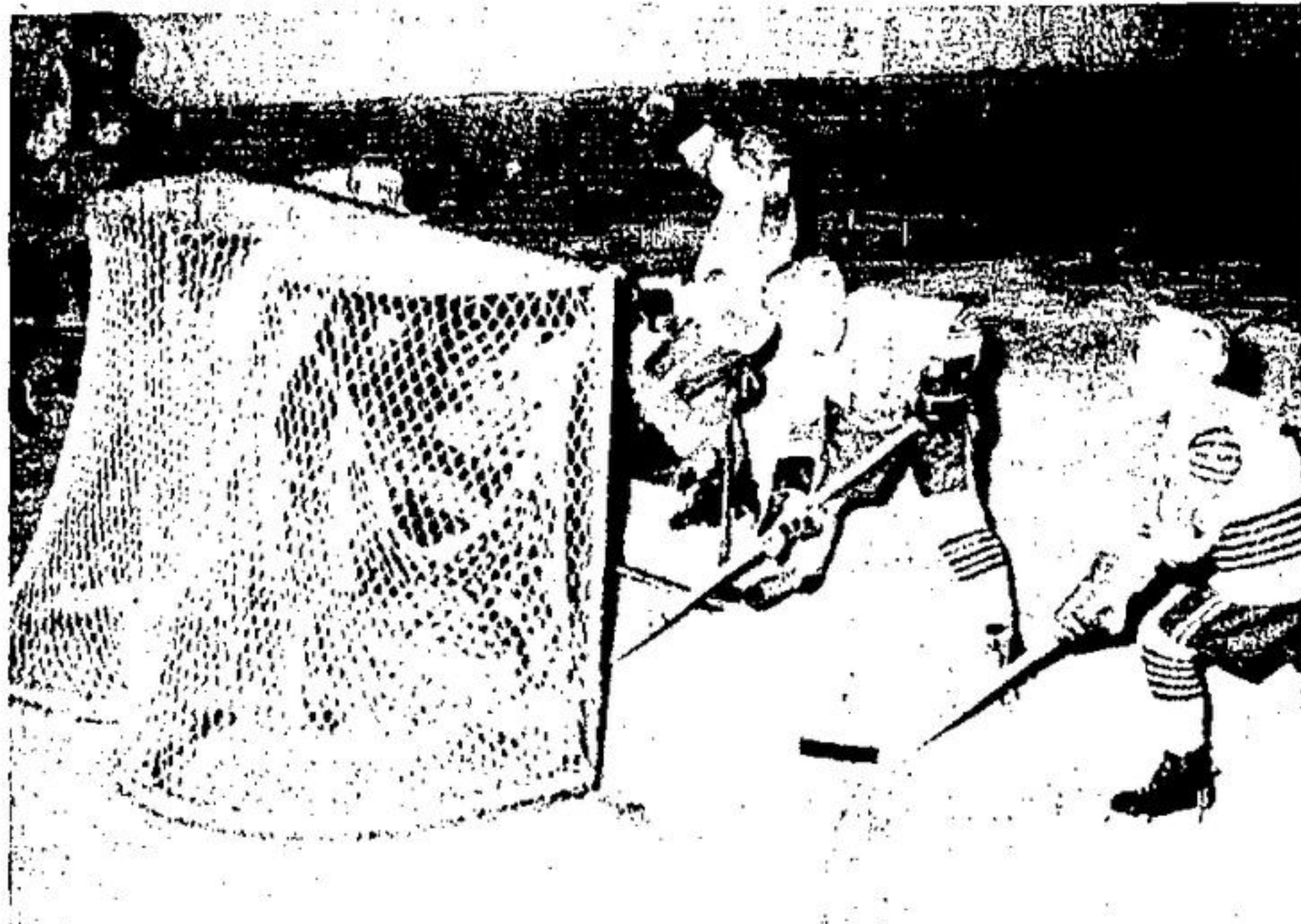
Jim Matthews with two goals and Ted Waites and Ed Ensing with one apiece were the Cleveland marksmen. John Scoyne assisted on three of the goals. Waites, Ensing, Jamie Ellerby and Jack Vos earned one assist apiece.

BANTAMS - Buffalo scored in every period to whitewash Pittsburgh 9-0. Charlie McRae fired a hat trick, Paul Daley scored two goals and John Dyer, Mike Ferguson, Ken Withers and Larry Hepburn added one apiece.

Assists went to McRae, Ferguson and Hepburn with two each and Withers and Dyer with one apiece.

MIDGETS - St. Louis edged Los Angeles 3-2 on goals by John Fuchs, Blair Slipp and Randy Ferguson. Martin Dupuis earned two assists and Rene Schuts, Sid Barans and Randy Ferguson picked up one apiece.

Los Angeles scorers were Bob Krul and Garth Taylor. Krul and John Jordan earned assists.



ACTION AROUND the Acton A-B novice net Gibson and Wade Vickery battle Streetsville's Paul Flack for the puck.-(Staff photo)

Junior hockey meeting set for Monday night

Possibility of formation of a junior "C" hockey team in Acton for the 1971-72 season, hinges upon the amount of additional interest shown in a second organizational meeting, set for the M. Z. Bennett school Monday night, March 22 at 8.

About 20 interested junior "C" supporters attended the inaugural meeting, chaired by former O.I.A. convener Bob Marshall in the community centre Thursday night.

Definite interest

All those attending the first meeting indicated a definite interest in seeing the team established and are willing to help the team in some minor capacity. However, most were reluctant to let their names stand in an election of officers, because of minor hockey commitments they already have.

Topics discussed included sources of player talent, possible fund-raising projects, availability of ice time in the community centre and formation of a group with towns in a 40 mile radius.

Feeling was unanimous that a junior hockey team is a sore need in Acton. Some of those at the meeting were players who have been victimized by lack of a junior team in the past. Yes, after year boys graduating from juvenile hockey have had to join industrial leagues in order to keep active.

To be eligible for junior hockey a player must not have reached his 20th birthday prior to the first day of January in the year he intends to play. What this means is that all boys born before January 1, 1952, are ineligible for next year.

Chairman Bob Marshall is quick to point out however, that pressure is being brought to bear on the O.I.A. to have another year added to the age limit. The question will probably come up again at the O.I.A.'s annual meeting, the last Saturday of April. Players who are ineligible for play next season according to the present rule are therefore asked to attend Monday night's meeting.

A slate of officers will be elected at Monday's meeting and all persons willing to let their names stand for office or even helping in some small way are urged to attend.

Those elected at the meeting will meet with other interested parties from Galt, Guelph, Elmira, Fergus, Bramalea, Erin, Orangeville and Georgetown to discuss league formation, before the O.I.A. annual meeting.

Down Nielsen's 5-3

Lakeview leads industrial set

Sparked by Jim Barden's brilliant play, Lakeview Discount downed Nielsen's Clothing 5-3 in the first game of a best of three series for the Acton industrial hockey league championship, Sunday night.

Besides scoring two goals and setting up a third, Barden served as a second goalkeeper on the Lakeview defence, as he blocked shots from all angles. Lakeview

goalie Jim Bullough and Nielsen's netminder, Frank Anthony both put on spectacular displays of goaltending. Lakeview held a slim 2-1 lead going into the final period.

Chippy play
Referees Bob Andrews and John Jordan called a total of 13 minor penalties, seven to Lakeview and six to Nielsen's. Play was chippy and both teams were guilty of over-zealous play.

Gary Taillefer, Dave Ryder and John Cunningham scored the other Lakeview goals. Harry Phillips earned two assists and Barden, Taillefer, Gus Holmes,

Alan Hall and Denis Gibbons contributed one assist apiece.

Best player on the ice for Nielsen's was Jim McDonald, who scored two of the three goals and was robbed on several other occasions. Bill Coon triggered the other Nielsen's goal. Assists went to Gerry Van Der Eyken and Steve Townsley.

Second game of the best of three set is slated for the community centre Sunday night at 8.30.

First Period
L - Ryder (Phillips, Hall) 10.35
N - McDonald 11.20
L - Cunningham (Barden, Gibbons) 14.20

Wellesworth league

Centennial sneaks past Sight and Sound 6-5

Centennial edged Sight and Sound 6-5 and Renforth battled to a 1-1 tie with O'Farrell in Wellesworth midget hockey action at the community centre, Saturday afternoon.

Scott Ingleby scored two goals and Brian Johnston, Gary Bauer, Randy Young and Wayne Proctor added one apiece for Centennial. Brian Stubbs with two goals and Pat Mycan, Dave Chancey and

Dave Priest with one apiece were the Sight and Sound marksmen.

Pete Stephens scored the Renforth goal, but Jim Fielder tied it up four minutes later in the third period.

FINAL STANDINGS

	W	L	T	Pts	G	A
O'Farrell	11	3	4	26	69	35
Renforth	7	7	4	18	47	48
Centennial	7	8	3	17	50	64
Sight & Sound	5	12	1	11	46	58

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36 teams

Defending champs head juvenile tourney list

Two defending division champions, Waterloo Juniors and Toronto Dorset Park head the list of 36 entries for the 13th annual Tri-County Juvenile Hockey Tournament, slated for Milton arena, April 3-10.

Waterloo, last year's "A" champs and Dorset Parks, last year's "B" titlists, will be joined in the "A" series by Guelph, Georgetown, Burlington, Brampton, Oakville, Oshawa, Welland, Chinguacousy, Lindsay and Leamington. Georgetown juveniles return to the tourney after a two year absence. Leamington was a standby team, last year. All other teams are returnees. Named as "A" division standby teams this year, were Orillia and Mount Hamilton.

Second chance
Milton Pontiac Tempests, recently eliminated from O.M.H.A. play by Thornhill, could meet their conquerors once again in tournament play, as both clubs were accepted as "B" division entries. Hounding out the "B" division slate are Markham, Gannock, Bowmanville, Orangeville, Byron, Streetsville, CFB Borden, St. Thomas Preston and Hespeler. Standby team is Stonebrook.

Midgets tie

Acton C.F.A.W. midgets played to a 1-1 tie with Streetsville in the first game of a best of three Tri-County league semi-final series, last night. Both teams scored in the first period.

Dan McGiloway scored for Acton with Harry Lawson and Henry Toebes assisting. McGiloway usually is the team's back-up goalie.

Second game of the series is slated for Streetsville tonight (Wednesday).

Lions are in
Acton Lions will be out to win their first "C" division crown against entries from Waterford, Amherstburg, Port Perry, Hagersville, Unionville, Woodbridge, Tecumseh, Elmvale, Alderwood, Oak Ridge and Applewood, a team from Miss-

issauga. Standby teams are Caledonia and New Hamburg. Port Perry was a standby team last year.

Waterford will provide first round opposition for Acton, Saturday, April 3 at 11.30 in the morning.

Firefighter bants nose out 4-towners

Acton Firefighter bantams had to score three times in the third period to defeat the local Legion four-town bantams 4-2, in an exhibition game at the community centre Saturday afternoon.

Four-towners built up a 2-0 first period lead on goals by Mike Ferguson from Paul Daley and Charlie McRae, and Charlie Meltae from Paul Daley.

Townsley scores
Jeff Townsley took Gerald Barden's pass and put the duke on Terry Webster for Firefighters' first goal at 11.55 of the second frame.

John Hansen tied the score on a pass from Gary Barden early in the third period, then scored the winner on a pretty solo effort with less than three minutes remaining in the game. Russ Van Fleet added an insurance tally 13 seconds later. Jeff Townsley and Kent Kentner assisted on the goal.

Lots of chances
Mike Luty played a fine game in goal for Firefighters. Four-towners had lots of chances but couldn't get the puck past Mike.

Referees Stu McCulloch and Harry Incoe handed out a total of 18 penalties, 10 to Firefighters and eight to the 4-towners. Third period play especially, was marred by a lot of unnecessary hacking, boarding and roughhouse tactics by both teams. A full scale brawl erupted at the closing buzzer, in spite of the fact the referees clamped down.

Peewees tie Hillsburg

Acton (Legion) 4-town peewees turned in one of their best efforts of the season, when they earned a 2-2 tie with Hillsburgh Saturday.

Mark Hamilton put Acton in front on a goal from Barry McKerracher and Mike Morris at 4.15 of the first period. John Scoyne scored from Nathan Fields to make the score 2-0 in the second period.

Third period goals by McIntyre and Birkholzof Hillsburgh tied the score. Each team served three penalties.

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O.H.A. JUNIOR "C"

HOCKEY MEETING

M. Z. BENNETT SCHOOL

Monday, March 22
at 8 P.M.

Anyone interested in helping to organize a Junior "C" hockey team to represent Acton in the O.H.A. next season, is urged to attend this meeting. Junior-aged players, especially, are asked to attend.

Eight other towns, Galt, Guelph, Erin, Orangeville, Georgetown, Fergus, Elmira and Bramalea have been contacted and all have shown interest in playing in a group with Acton next year.

Mr. Bob Marshall, well-known locally and in the surrounding district for his work as an O.H.A. convener, will chair the meeting. It is hoped a team executive can be elected in order that Acton officials together with representatives from the other towns may apply for entry at the O.H.A.'s annual meeting in April.

A meeting, held in the community centre, last week attracted 20 people all of whom expressed great interest in icing a team.