

Acton - New Hamburg match makes for close competition

O.M.H.A. playoff dates for the first round series between Acton and New Hamburg in novice, pee-wee, bantam, midget and juvenile were finalized this week.

The two towns are meeting in the first round of the O.M.H.A. "B" classification playoffs for the second consecutive year.

Last year the burgers captured the pee-wee, bantam and juvenile series, while Acton prevailed in novice and midget. A total of 14 games were played in the five series with each town winning seven. Acton held a slim 44-39 margin in goals scored, but bowed in series wins. The pee-wee and juvenile sets both went the full limit of games. Seven of the 14 games were decided by a margin of one goal.

New Hamburg juveniles eventually reached the provincial finals, before losing to Essex and the bantam burgers went as far as the quarter-finals, bowing to St. Mary's.

Hamburg in league play this year, with two wins and a tie in four games. Y's Men's pee-wees lost all three games against the burgers. Firefighter bantams won two and tied one in three games with New Hamburg. CFAW midgets managed only a tie in three games, but lost twice by a single goal. Lions juveniles tied the defending Ontario finalists recently, after dropping the first three games.

Odd games

New Hamburg earned the right to home ice for the odd game in the pee-wee, midget and juvenile series this year, by finishing ahead of Acton in the Waterloo-Wellington league. Acton novices nailed down the home ice advantage in their series by virtue of their first place finish.

A toss of the coin gave New Hamburg bantams the odd game. The burgers held a slim one point advantage in league play, but Acton had four games remaining, which they were not allowed to play.

A-B novices took five of a possible eight points from New

Peninsula next

Survivors of the pee-wee, bantam, midget and juvenile series all advance to the second round against the winners of the Niagara Peninsula league, Beamsville, Merritt, Niagara-on-the-Lake or Ancaster.

Winner of the novice series meets either Hagersville or Waterford in the next round of the zone playoff.

A list of playoff dates follows:

NOVICE (best of five)
Sat. Feb. 5 at Acton 1:15 p.m.
Sun. Feb. 6 at New Hamburg 5 p.m.
Sat. Feb. 12 at Acton 1:15 p.m.
Sun. Feb. 13 at New Hamburg 5 p.m. (if necessary)
Sat. Feb. 19 at Acton 1:15 p.m. (if necessary)

PEE-WEE (best of three)
Sun. Feb. 6 at New Hamburg 8 p.m.
Sat. Feb. 12 at Acton 2:15 p.m.
Sun. Feb. 13 at New Hamburg 8 p.m. (if necessary)

BANTAM (best of three)
Sun. Feb. 6 at New Hamburg 7 p.m.
Thurs. Feb. 10 at Acton 8:15 p.m.
Sun. Feb. 13 at New Hamburg 7 p.m. (if necessary)

MIDGET (best of three)
Sun. Feb. 6 at New Hamburg 8 p.m.
Thurs. Feb. 10 at Acton 8:15 p.m.
Sun. Feb. 13 at New Hamburg 8 p.m. (if necessary)

JUVENILE (best of five)
Thurs. Feb. 3 at New Hamburg 8 p.m.
Tues. Feb. 8 at Acton 8:15 p.m.
Thurs. Feb. 10 at New Hamburg 8 p.m.
Tues. Feb. 15 at Acton 8:15 p.m. (if necessary)
Thurs. Feb. 17 at New Hamburg 8 p.m. (if necessary)

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In AIHL Heller's put heat on leaders

Gary Ritchie and Cecil Stuckless scored two goals apiece to help Heller's upset Blow Press 7-5 and move within a point of the league leaders in Sunday night's industrial hockey league action.

Ron Mellon, Fred Buchanan and Mike Miller netted the other Heller's goals. Mellon also drew

five assists.

John Cunningham scored twice and Dave Ryder, Gary Kelley and Lorne Gordon counted once each for Blow Press.

Coast to win

Lakeview Centre built up a 5-1 lead at the end of two periods and

coasted to an 11-5 win over Nielsen's Clothing in the second game.

For the second week in a row John Mason was the big gun for Lakeview. Mason scored five goals and assisted on three others to move into third place in the league scoring race.

Russ Masales added a pair of markers for the winners. Bill Cook, Gus Holmes, Dave Cooksey and Jeff Goy tallied a goal apiece.

Nielsen's marksmen were Gord Mason, Ray Stull, Stu McDonald, Dave Papillon and John Kavanagh.

Entry list complete

Kitchener Centreville pee wees will be looking for their third straight championship in the third annual Acton Legion

branch 197 pee wee house league hockey tournament, slated for the community centre Saturday and Sunday February 26 and 27.

Four new entries Ancaster, Lorne Park, Erindale and Eringate have been accepted. They join Preston, Hespeler, Georgetown, Elmira, Streetsville, Listowel, Orangeville, Hillsburgh, Beeton, Milton OSD and the host Acton club, all returnees on the tournament slate.

Teams will be divided in "A" and "B" divisions according to population. Preliminary games are scheduled for Saturday February 26 with the "A" and "B" championship games and grand championship slated for Sunday afternoon, February 27.

Tournament tickets can be purchased from any Legion Minor Hockey executive member. Purchase of a ticket entitles the buyer to a chance at a \$50 bond.

Splash!



Acton youngsters enjoy swimming in Guelph pool

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List race results

Snowmobiles raced in 10 different classifications at Waterfalls Park, near Limehouse Sunday afternoon. A complete list of race results follows.

Stock 0-250 cc—Jeff Stewart, Erin Moto-Ski, Muff Hunter,

Acton Ski-Doo.
0-300 cc—Dave Carson, Hornby, Skiroule, Fred Kurulak, Oakville, Skiroule, Jim Mullin, Campbellville.

0-350 cc—Rob Allison, Georgetown, Ski-Doo, J. D. Carrie, Milton, Moto-Ski, Ted Britton, Acton, Ski-Doo.

0-400—Ed Stewart, Erin, Rupp, Bill Weir, Georgetown, Rupp, Jack Haynes, Toronto, Rupp.

0-450—Dave Carson, Hornby, Skiroule, Ed Stewart, Erin, Rupp, Bill Weir, Georgetown, Rupp.

Modified 0-295 cc—R. Britton, Acton, Ski-Doo.

0-340 cc—Ted Britton, Acton, Ski-Doo, Wayne Innlis, Caledon, Ski-Doo, Bill Britton, Acton, Ski-Doo.

0-440 cc—Bill Weir, Georgetown, Rupp, Jack Hayes, Toronto, Rupp, Rob Allison, Georgetown, Ski-Doo.

0-650 cc—Dave Carson, Hornby, Skiroule, Ed Stewart, Erin, Rupp, Jack Haynes, Toronto, Rupp.

0-800 cc—Dave Carson, Hornby, Skiroule, Ed Stewart, Erin, Rupp, Alan Knight, Georgetown, Polaris.

Midgets prep for playoffs

Acton CFAW midgets tied Brantford 1-1 last Tuesday night and dropped a 3-2 decision to Elmira Thursday night the final two games of their regular Waterloo-Wellington league schedule.

Steve Marshall scored a third period goal from George Artem and Ken Withers to give Acton their tie Tuesday.

Third time

Marshall and Henry Toebes were the midget marksmen in Thursday's game. It was the third time this year Elmira has beaten Acton by the 3-2 score. Jim McNabb, George Artem and Wade Knight picked up assists.

Farr, Martin and Briezynski scored for Elmira.

New coach

Bill Knight, who managed the team last year, will take over coaching duties until regular coach Jim James is given a doctor's okay to return. James spent five days in Guelph General Hospital last week, after experiencing severe chest pains following Thursday night's game.

To prep for Sunday's O.M.H.A. playoff opener in New Hamburg, midgets will play an exhibition game against Elmira here tomorrow (Thursday) night at 8:15. Acton finished the season in fourth place with a record of seven wins, 10 losses and three ties.

Chargers beat Beavers 6-4

Chargers defeated Beavers 6-4 in Ballinafad hockey action at Hillsburgh arena Sunday night.

John Snow, Jim Sanderson, Wayne French, Marvin MacDougall, Paul Hamilton, Mike Ferris and Clare Snow all scored goals.

There were no injuries and very few spectators.



HIGH WINDS and cold temperatures last week provided perfect weather conditions for young Christopher Conroy to enjoy one of his favorite sports ice-boating, a rare one in these parts, but none-the-less a thriller. Fairy Lake was the setting.—(Staff Photo)

Minor hockey standings

Waterloo-Wellington Pee Wee Standings				Waterloo-Wellington Midget Standings			
F	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts	
+Fergus	15	11	2	2	76	33	26
Elora	16	10	4	2	50	28	26
+New Hamburg	17	11	4	2	51	28	26
Kitchener	16	9	5	2	43	32	20
Acton	19	7	10	2	53	53	16
Elmira	16	6	9	1	37	43	13
+Orangeville	14	5	8	1	34	32	11
Erin	16	0	16	0	10	106	0

Juvenile Standings				SCORING LEADERS			
+Orangeville	20	16	4	0	89	30	32
+New Hamburg	17	12	1	4	62	29	28
Erin	19	7	9	3	77	66	17
+Acton	20	5	13	2	32	91	12
Fergus	18	2	15	1	36	69	5

Y.M.C.A. news and happenings

As perhaps you are aware through all the publicity, January 29-February 6 is Acton 'Y' Week. There is an open house for all the youth clubs, so parents and friends please come out. The 'Y' banquet will be held tonight Wed. Feb. 2 at the Dominion Hotel at 7:30, in great festive spirit, with steak and wine. There will be a guest speaker Bob Smith from Y National Council. The 'Y' executive for 1972 will be elected at this meeting.

There will be a book sale by the Y's Menettes on Thursday, Feb. 3 from 6-8 p.m.

Rally and snowmobile races will take place on Saturday and Sunday Feb. 5 and 6 arranged by the Y's men. Trophies and prize money will be awarded. Also there will be novelty skill and cross country races. So join the happy throng, but don't forget to dress warmly!

The Judo Club got underway January 26 at the high school. This club meets between 7 and 9 p.m. I was not able to be there to take the memberships as I was at another meeting. This week I will be at the Y Annual banquet. You can always come to the 'Y' on Monday and Tuesday evenings. I am there to take memberships, and to do other things.

The Ladies' slim and trim is very successful and I received a letter from a lady in Hillsburgh who wishes to participate in this class. Our fame must be spreading (or is that the correct word) near and far. At least some people are willing to come for miles when they know a good thing. There are others who won't venture away a few hundred yards from their nice warm homes to support these programs.

The Free Press came and took pictures of our swimming group, and we (and I say we!) posed ready for that "click", but, alas, not all of us were lucky enough to get out pictures in the paper. Anyway, better luck next time, eh! Denis? Actually we were not supposed to appear to be posed, but look as natural as possible, diving bobbing up and down etc. etc.

Saturday at 10 a.m. We must thank the library for letting us use their wonderful facilities once again. We have one or two vacancies still left. All for now. See you at the 'Y'.

Hunter's delight

The Varying Hare (snowshoe rabbit) is the delight of the hunter with good hounds. This species does not "hole up" and even though it may lead the hounds to a point out of hearing from the hunter, it usually circles back to where it had started, and seldom leaves the swamp. This hare prefers large, conifer and mixed swamps and it is more abundant in the northern part of Wellington and Huron Counties and in Bruce and Grey Counties where more extensive areas of preferred habitat are present.

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