

Novices grand champs at Port Colborne

Acton A-B novices have added an international victory to their already impressive list of wins for the 1971-72 hockey season.

With a large contingent of Acton parents and minor hockey supporters cheering them on, the hustling A-B squad sidelined Niagara Falls minor novices, Saltfleet, and Fort Erie, then came from behind to upset Syracuse N.Y. 3-2 Sunday and capture the grand championship of the Port Colborne novice tournament.

Playing the sound defensive hockey coach Barry Insoce and manager Gus Holmes have been teaching them since the start of the season. Acton held their opponents to a total of only six goals in the four games.

"The defensive play of our whole team from the forwards, to the defence right back to our goaltenders was what pleased us most," a jubilant coach Barry

Insoce told the Free Press. "In the championship game Syracuse didn't have a single two on one break on us."

Finals winner
Defenceman Randy Van Fleet fired the winning goal for Acton in the grand championship game. Syracuse, a much bigger team, had held a 1-0 lead for the first period and a half. Players on both teams were

introduced individually prior to the grand championship game and all Acton players received individual trophies in an impressive post-game ceremony, presided over by the tournament prince.

Team captain Scott Malcolm accepted the championship trophy on behalf of the team, as the Acton players were given a standing ovation.

A-B's put on their best offensive performance, blanking Niagara Falls 8-0 in their first game Friday night. Dave McGilloway paced the Acton scoring attack with a hat trick and Derrick Neeley posted the shut-out in goal.

Bounce back
Against Saltfleet Saturday,

Bruce McPhail scored twice in the final five minutes to ice a 4-1 Acton victory. Saltfleet grabbed a 1-0 first period lead, but Acton bounced back to take the lead in the second. McPhail's second goal was scored into an empty net, as Saltfleet pulled their goalie to try to tie the game up.

Fort Erie, a scrappy squad that had knocked off the powerful host Port Colborne team the previous day, fell 6-3 before a fired-up Acton club in the semi-finals Sunday morning. Coach Insoce scouted the Fort Erie team and put what he learned to good use.

Scott Malcolm and Dave McGilloway shared tournament scoring honors for Acton, bagging five goals apiece. Bert Post and Bruce McPhail counted three each. Randy Van Fleet and Steve Van Der Eyken, Todd McIntyre and Wade Vickery one apiece.

Derrick Neeley and Chris Swetman split netminding chores in the Saltfleet and Fort Erie games and Swetman went all the way in the title game.

Treated royally
Acton players were billeted in Port Colborne homes both Friday and Saturday nights and parents stayed in a motel. In between games, the boys were taken swimming at the beautiful Port Colborne indoor pool. Many of the Acton couples attended a minor

hockey dance Saturday night. "The Port Colborne people were just terrific to our kids,"

coach Insoce said. "It was a very friendly tournament." A veteran of several minor

hockey tournaments, the Acton coach described the Port Colborne event as one of the best he's ever

been associated with.

Among the good wishes received by the Acton team before the final game was a telegram from Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gibson, who are holidaying in England. A-B defenceman Ricky Gibson is their son.

Double winner
Centre Shane Withers was a double winner at the tournament. He won himself a free week at the Billy Harris-Dave Keon hockey school in a lucky draw for participating players.

Acton won the consolation championship last year with a team made up of mostly first year players. Six Nations upset Niagara Falls N.Y. for the consolation title this year.

Also entered were teams from Hamilton, Grimsby, Beamsville, Caledonia, St. Catharines, Dunnville, Rochester N.Y. and Englehart in northern Ontario.

Members of the championship Acton club are: Chris Swetman, Derrick Neeley, Peter Musellius, Randy Van Fleet, Bruce McPhail, Ricky Gibson, Scott Malcolm, Dave McGilloway, Lee-John Bonnell, Tom Rosenbersky, Shane Withers, Bert Post, Todd McIntyre, George Brown, Wade Vickery, Steve Van Der Eyken.



FOUR BIG reasons Acton A-B novices captured the grand championship at the Port Colborne tournament are 1. to r., Peter Musellius, Ricky Gibson, Bruce McPhail and Randy Van Fleet, the team's defence brigade.

This is the second year in a row Acton has returned from Port Colborne with a trophy. A-B's were consolation champions last year.—(Staff Photo)



STICKS AND gloves went flying, as Acton players mobbed goalie Chris Swetman, after the final buzzer sounded in the championship game.—(Photo by Gabe Rosenbersky)

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Second Section

Bennett boys battle way to hockey championship

M.Z. Bennett and Georgetown Centennial walked off with championship trophies in the six school hockey tournament, hosted by Acton's Robert Little school here Monday.

Trailing their cross-town rivals Robert Little 5-3 with less than two minutes remaining in the "B" championship game, M.Z. Bennett scored twice to force the contest into overtime and won the trophy by outshooting Robert Little 2-1 in the five minute overtime session.

Mike Luty, a goaltender by trade, narrowed the count to 5-4 and Ricky Holmes got the equalizer in the final minute, his second goal of the game. Luty earned seven assists in three games.

Nine goals
Captain Wayne Allan bagged the other two Bennett goals, bringing his tournament total to nine in three games. Luty, the game's top playmaker, drew four assists. Allan and Jim Gentles also picked up assists.

For Robert Little, Gord Toth tallied two goals and Fred Allen, John McCutcheon and Kent Kentner shot singles. Assists went to Kent Kentner, Joe Kentner and Jim Hurley.

The two Acton schools also played to a 3-3 tie in the opening game of the tournament.

Gord Toth, Marvin McNabb and Kent Kentner scored for Robert Little. Wayne Allan netted all three M.Z. Bennett goals.

Both Acton schools defeated Brookville to earn the right to meet again for the championship.

Marvin McNabb potted a pair of goals and Gord Toth, Kent Kentner and Jim Hurley added singles in a 5-2 Robert Little victory. Joe Gardin and Howard repiled for Brookville.

Wayne Allan's four goal effort led M.Z. Bennett to a convincing 7-2 win. Kevin Hills added a pair of Bennett goals and Ricky Holmes netted a single.

Brookville marksmen were Joe Gardin and Steve Buchanan. B. J. Legate assisted on both goals.

Georgetown Centennial went undefeated in three "A" series games, edging Oakville Montclair 4-3 and dumping Stewarttown 3-1 and 3-0 in the championship game.

Stewarttown made the final with a narrow 2-1 win over Montclair. Nick Volpe, coordinator of physical health and education for the Halton County Board of Education presented the "B" series trophy to M.Z. Bennett captain Wayne Allan. Tournament convener John Kavanaugh presented the "A" trophy.

A large share of the credit for the success of the tournament belongs to Harold Townsley and the Acton arena staff and to high school students from Acton and Georgetown, who volunteered their services as referees.

Tournament Scoreboard
"A" Series
Centennial 4 Montclair 3
Stewarttown 2 Montclair 1

Centennial 3 Stewarttown 1
Championship game
Centennial 3 Stewarttown 0

"B" Series
Robert Little 3 M.Z. Bennett 3

M. Z. Bennett 7 Brookville 2
Robert Little 3 Brookville 2

Championship game
M. Z. Bennett 3 Robert Little 5
(M. Z. wins on shots on goal in overtime period 2-1)



WHOM DO we give this to? Convener John Kavanaugh and referee Bruce Nevin scratched their heads, after M. Z. Bennett and Robert Little school teams played to their second consecutive tie in Monday's school hockey tournament here. The Bennett team finally were awarded the trophy for outshooting the R.L. squad 2-1 in a five minute overtime period.—(Staff Photo)

A-B's tie third game Thursday

Bruce McPhail scored twice in the third period to enable Acton A-B novices to tie New Hamburg 2-2 Monday night in the second game of the best of five Waterloo-Wellington league final series. Both teams failed to score in a 10 minute overtime period.

Acton now leads the series three points to one (a win and a tie) heading into the third game, which will be played here in Acton tomorrow (Thursday) night at 7.

Fresh from their championship win in the Port Colborne tournament the previous day and participation in the Brampton tourney, A-B's were just plain worn out. They'd played 10 games in eight days.

Chris Swetman started in the Acton nets. Derrick Neeley took over in the second period and shut the burgers out the rest of the way.

Renew license for dragway

Esquering Council has approved issue of an operating license to Toronto International Dragway for the 1972 season. Operators must renew their license with the township yearly.

SURPRISING how much more snow there is just a few miles north of here. There are high road-side banks in Hillsburg and Grand Valley areas.

Acton enters baseball loop

Acton will enter pee wee, bantam and midget teams in a newly-formed Halton County Minor Baseball Association "B" league this summer.

At a meeting in Milton last week, representatives from Acton, Milton, Brampton, Bramalea, Burlington, Oakville and Georgetown decided to enter teams. Campbellville and Streetsville are also possible entrants.

Entries from Milton, Brampton, Bramalea, Burlington, Oakville and Georgetown will be the second or "B" teams from those towns. All six already have "A" teams.

Pop Main and Harold Speaker represented the Acton Minor Baseball Association at the meeting.

The association is holding a dance at the Acton Legion this Saturday night. Members are also busy selling tickets for the \$500 a month draw. Date of the first draw is May 28.

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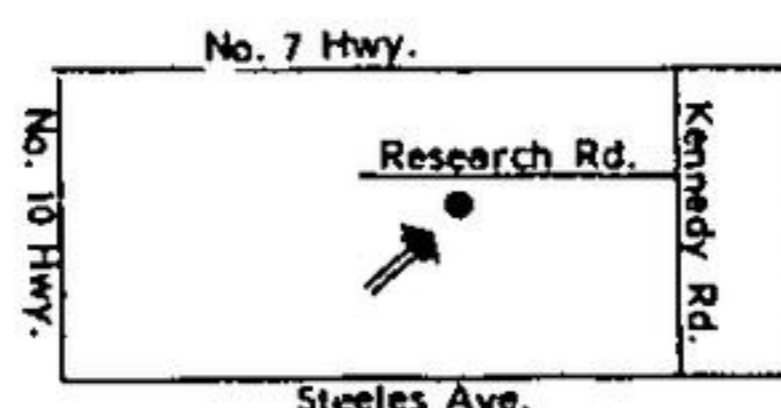
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