

Bulletin Sabres forfeit series

Acton Sabres' hockey season has come to an abrupt end following an emergency meeting in Orangeville last night (Tuesday) at which representatives of the team executive decided to forfeit the present group quarter-final series with Stayner rather than follow an order from convenor Bill Church to play the fourth game of the set on neutral ice in Bradford tonight (Wednesday).

The order followed up a claim by Church that all teams had agreed to have quarter-final series completed by March 1. The Acton-Stayner series was to have started in Stayner last Wednesday night, but because ice was not available there, the series opener was switched to Acton Friday night. Second and third games were played in Stayner Saturday and Monday nights, but the fourth was not scheduled until this Friday, March 1 here in Acton, since community centre ice is booked up tonight and tomorrow night. Stayner held a 2-1 lead in games in the best of five affair.

Meanwhile, the league's other quarter-finalists Bradford and Schomberg followed the original playoff schedule. Church claims was agreed upon, assuming four games into five nights. Bradford won the series 3-1 by winning 7-5 in Schomberg Sunday. Fergus leads Alliston 3-0 in a best of seven semi-final and could wind up that series with a win in Alliston tonight (Wednesday). "There is no way we would have agreed to play in Bradford. Then he was talking about arranging ice time in Shelburne for a possible fifth game Thursday night," Sabre president Kerwin McPhail told the Free Press.

"It would have cost us over \$150 to bus the team to the two games and the only people we'd have

there would be those who made the trip. I don't think either team properly understood that the original schedule was agreed upon by everyone."

Stayner will play the first game of a best of five semi-final series in Bradford tonight. The teams will also play Thursday,

Saturday, Monday and Wednesday to have the series completed within a week.

Coach Bill Dawkins has called a players meeting for Friday night at 8 at the community centre to discuss the sudden turn of events.

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SUPERB GOALTENDING by Murray Lowe of the Stayner Siskins ruined Acton Sabres' chances of winning the first game of the South Central Junior "D" group quarter-finals here Friday night. Lowe pulled off at least a dozen

big saves like this one on Sabre sharpshooter Johnny Snow, as Stayner won the series 6-1. Siskin winger Rick Coker reaches out to try to stop Snow, as Ted Harmer moves in from the right for a possible rebound. Sabres

upset Stayner 6-4 on Stayner ice Saturday night, but lost the third game 10-2 in Stayner Monday night. Fourth game is slated for the community centre Friday night at 8.30.

(Photo by D. Gibbons)

Centreville three time champs of Legion peewee tournament

Girls lose final match

Burlington M. M. Robinson defeated Acton High Junior girls three games to none in the final game of the HCAC volleyball schedule here last week.

A school badminton tournament is in full swing this week and coach Bruce Andrews hopes to begin indoor workouts soon for the Redmen soccer team.

Centreville peewees edged Milton 4-3 Sunday afternoon to win their third Acton Legion peewee house league tournament championship. Centreville won the inaugural event in 1970, repeated as champions in 1971 and made it to the finals before losing to Hillsburgh last year.

True to form the championship game was a spine tingler all the way. Glen Craven scored the winning goal for Centreville with less than three minutes to play.

Mark Curtis kept Milton in the game with excellent goaltending in the first two periods. Bill Goencz scored two goals and Randy MacDonald netted one for Milton.

Centreville eliminated Lorne Park 3-1, Hespeler 6-2 and Preston 3-2 to earn the right to play in the championship game.

Milton, playing in the tournament for the first time knocked off Barrie 4-2, and Listowel 6-0, then edged a stubborn Acton team 2-1 in the semi-finals.

The local Legion 4-town peewees provided one of the biggest tournament surprises, whipping New Hamburg 5-2 in the first round and ripping a tough Elmira squad 2-1 in the second round.

Gordon Scott, Dave Haverty, Rick Widmont, Nick Humeniuk and Bob Hudson scored for Acton in the win over New Hamburg.

Barry Billings converted passes from Nick Humeniuk and Rick Widmont into a goal with less than four minutes to play to

bring Acton victory against Elmira. Steve Trotter netted the first Acton goal with help from Steve Tremblis.

Mike Nicholls was the lone marksman in the exciting game against Milton. Randy MacDonald scored twice for Milton.

Goalies duel
For two periods the game was a tough goaltenders duel between Mark Curtis of Milton and Acton's Paul Bowen. There was no scoring until the third period. Bowen allowed only five goals in three games for the Acton team, which was coached by Bruce Sears and managed by Jim Mitchell.

Competition was keen in most of the games. Nine of the 15 contests were decided by a margin of two goals or less and one, the tournament opener between Hespeler and Georgetown ended in a tie. Hespeler won the game 6-5 on penalty shots taken after the final buzzer.

Teams from 16 different towns competed in the two day event that began at 7:30 Saturday morning. All competitors received crests and all were treated to meals served by the Branch 197 Ladies' Auxiliary in the Legion auditorium.

Chairman pleased
Tournament chairman Alan Hall was pleased with the sportsmanship shown by visiting

teams and the cooperation of Branch members that helped make the tournament a success. The Legion Minor Hockey Association may stage an even bigger tournament for Acton's Centennial next year.

James Hartman of New Hamburg was the lucky winner of a \$50 bond in the tournament draw. Robbie Artendale of Shelburne received a new wrist watch for selling the most tickets and John Van Sam of Hespeler won himself a free week at the Keon-Harris hockey school in a special draw for competitors.

Gordie Bell, a popular centre with Acton Tanners Intermediate club coached the Milton team to the finals.

A complete list of tournament scores follows.

TOURNAMENT SCOREBOARD	
Hespeler 2, Georgetown 2 (Hespeler wins 6-5 on penalty shots)	Centreville 3, Lorne Park 1
Preston 4, Streetsville 1	Shelburne 5, Erin 4
Acton 3, New Hamburg 2	Elmira 4, Ancaster 2
Listowel 6, Elara 0	Milton 4, Barrie 2
Centreville 6, Hespeler 2	Preston 10, Shelburne 0
Acton 2, Elmira 1	Milton 8, Listowel 0
Centreville 3, Preston 2	Milton 2, Acton 1
CHAMPIONSHIP GAME Centreville 4, Milton 3	

Lucky winner

Jean Naylor, 27 John St., Port Credit was the lucky winner of \$500 in the Acton Minor Baseball Association's monthly draw for February. Seller of the lucky ticket was Susan Lee, 312 Westcott Rd., Acton.

400 club

Lucky winners in last week's 400 club draw were G. McCutcheon, G. Usher, H. Lambert, D. Noseworthy and N. Gibbons.

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TOURNAMENT chairman Alan Hall presented the handsome championship trophy to the Centreville captain following their 4-3 win over Milton. Centreville has won the Legion tournament three out of the four years it has been in existence. (Photo by D. Gibbons)

League MVP stars for Blow Press

Named the league's MVP in a vote of players last week, John Goy proceeded to prove he deserved the award by scoring four goals and setting up two others, as the Acton industrial hockey league pennant winners Blow Press trounced Nielsen's Clothing 8-1 Sunday night.

Bob Andrews, a contender for the MVP award and Dan Kavanaugh, who shared the regular season scoring championship with Goy both fired hot tricks to lead Ken's Auto to a surprising 7-3 win over the Unknowns in the first game of the other semi-final series. The best of three sets continue this Sunday night at the community centre.

Blow Press goals and Jake McKenzie earned two assists. Gord Mason spotted the shutout of Blow Press goalie Ray Smith, when he connected on a pass from Ron Mellon in the third period.

Spot goals
Ken's Auto spotted the Unknowns a pair of first period goals by John Kavanaugh and Denis Gibbons, then bounced back to score seven times, before Jack Pignatelli netted the third marker.

Gary Kelley with a goal and three assists and Bill Coon with two assists also played well for the pressmen.

Nominees for the MVP award were John Goy of Blow Press, John Kavanaugh of the Unknowns, Craig Weldon of Nielsen's Clothing, Bob Andrews of Ken's Auto, Jim Piehl of Heller's and Ray Stull of Lakeview Centre.

Legion playoff schedule

Legion Minor Hockey house league playoffs get underway at the community centre Saturday. A complete schedule of games is listed below.

PEEWEE (Two games total goals quarter-finals)

6.50 Tidewater vs. Cleveland
7.40 Baltimore vs. Richmond
8.40 Springfield vs. Rochester

NOVICE (Exhibition games)

9.20 London vs. St. Kitts
10.20 Hamilton vs. Niagara Falls
Round robin series to begin March 10.

ATOM (Two games total goals quarter-finals)

11.20 Weston vs. Welland
12.10 St. Thomas vs. Dixie
1.00 Brampton vs. Guelph

BANTAM (Exhibition games)

5.40 Quebec vs. Winnipeg
6.40 Ottawa vs. Alberta

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