

Oust New Hamburg A-B's in semi-finals

Acton A-B novices have finally eliminated New Hamburg and advanced to the OMHA novice "B" zone 2 semi-finals against Waterford.

A-B's edged New Hamburg 2-1 in the 'burg Sunday night on Dave Brown's second goal of the game after four minutes and 45 seconds of overtime play. It was the eighth game of a best of seven series that was not unlike the thrilling Team-Canada-Soviet Union series in September.

With Acton leading the series 3-2, New Hamburg forced a seventh game by gaining a 2-2 overtime tie on their own ice Thursday night. Only 43 seconds remained in regulation time when the burgers scored. Murray McNabb netted both Acton goals with assists going to Lee-John Bonnell and Dave Brown.

Seventh game

In the seventh game at the community centre Saturday night, Bob Allsop put Acton ahead 1-0 with a goal at 3:45 of the first period. Mike Marshall and Todd McIntyre drew assists on the play.

New Hamburg bounced back to tie the score on a second period goal by Pettigrew and gain the win on a third period marker by Steffler.

"It was a team effort from our forwards, to our defence, right back to our goalies," a jubilant coach Fred Buchanan commented following Sunday night's series clincher.

Close games

Four of the eight games ended with a 2-1 score (each team winning twice) and three games went into overtime.

The novice win also bore some significance for Acton minor hockey as a whole. Together with earlier pee-wee and midget series wins over New Hamburg, it gave Acton a 3-2 edge in series victories for the first time in three years. The two towns remained deadlocked in the games won-lost records, which ended up 10-10-4.

A-B's now enter the zone 2 semi-finals, travelling to Waterford tomorrow (Thursday) night and returning home for the second game Saturday afternoon at 2:30. This will be a best of five series.

ACTON: Andy Ellerby, Derrick Neely, Bob Allsop, Don Brouillard, Scott Timbers, Todd McIntyre, Todd Cook, Dave Brown, Mike Marshall, Gordie McArthur, Gary Lumbers, Gareth Turner, Lee-John Bonnell, Murray McNabb.

SPORTS Scoreboard

SOUTH CENTRAL JUNIOR "D" PLAYOFFS

SERIES "A"
Fergus 10 Alliston 8
Fergus 5 Alliston 3
Fergus 3 Alliston 1

Fergus leads best of seven semi-final 3-0.
Tonight (Wed.)
Fergus at Alliston

SERIES "B"
Schomberg 6 Bradford 4
Bradford 1 Schomberg 4
Bradford 5 Schomberg 0
Bradford 7 Schomberg 5

Bradford wins best of five quarter-final 3-1.

SERIES "C"
Stayner 6 Acton 1
Acton 6 Stayner 4
Stayner 10 Acton 2
Stayner leads best of five quarter-final 2-1.

OMHA PLAYOFFS
NOVICE
Acton 2 New Hamburg 2 (ovt.)
New Hamburg 3 Acton 1
Acton 2 New Hamburg 1 (ovt.)

Acton wins best of seven series 4-3 with a game tied.
ZONE 2 SEMI-FINALS (best of five)
Thurs. Mar. 1
Acton at Waterford 7:30
Sat. Mar. 3
Waterford at Acton 2:30

PEEWEE
Niagara 9 Acton 1
Niagara wins best of five series 3-0.

MIDGET
Niagara 4 Acton 3
Niagara leads best of five series 2-1.
Tonight (Wed.)
Niagara at Acton 8 p.m.
Fri. Mar. 2
Acton at Niagara (if nec.)

WATERLOO-WELLINGTON LEAGUE PLAYOFFS
BANTAM
Fergus 8 Acton 0
Fergus wins best of five series 3-0.

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BEANBAG tossing champion of the CFL, Argonaut halfback Bill Symons lets go with a toss at Monday night's sportsmen's dinner, as Nassagaweya fan Joe Gardin looks on. (Photo by D. Gibbons)

Small crowd greets celebrities at Sportsmen's dinner

Celebrities almost outnumbered fans at the Acton Centennial Commission's second sportsmen's dinner held in the Legion auditorium Monday night. A disappointing crowd of about 80 people showed up to welcome an interesting group of sports world celebrities Jack Carpenter and Joe Gardin brought to town for the evening.

Five members of the Toronto Argonauts, Eastern Football Conference lineman of the year Jim Stillwagon, Bill Symons, Tony Moro, Dave Cranmer and Pete Martin dined at separate tables with Acton fans.

Also on hand for the evening were former NHL player Dave Creighton, who at one time was the only player to have belonged to all six NHL clubs, pro golfer John Gilbert of Toronto, Ontario Master Bowler's Association president Walter Heany, who recently moved to Acton and Terry Thomas of CKCO-TV Kitchener.

Special guests
Special guests were youngsters Greg Holmes and Scott Carmichael, who scored 32 and 28 touchdowns respectively in the Mississauga minor football league which Pete Martin is convenor.

Added entertainment attractions included a film entitled "NFL Follies", which recorded unusual plays from the NFL, a film on the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds and draws for a host of door prizes including two sets of NHL hockey tickets, a pair of box seats to a Marlie Junior

"A" game, sets of three Slazenger golf balls and autographed pictures of Argonaut players.

Celebrities were interviewed by M. C. Jack Carpenter in an informal manner, then chatted and signed autographs for fans as long as was necessary.

Bill Symons explained the exercise he goes through scaling the C.N.E. stadium steps with another player on his shoulders in place of the normal running exercises.

"I hate running as Leo found out. That's why I didn't get the ball all year", he joked.

Dave Cranmer told of how he was dubbed "Zippo" by his teammates.

"I once had a lung operation, then this year I had three feet of intestine removed. I've now got a scar from my front right around to my back bone," he reported.

"Wagon" speaks
Stillwagon was critical of the Toronto press in explaining Argonaut misfortunes this past season, but admitted the team would have to accept most of the blame.

"We made our own grave by making too many mistakes in vital parts of the game," he said.

On the subject of hockey expansion-Creighton, who started this season with the WHA Philadelphia Blazers predicted that within 10 years good calibre pro hockey will return, because of the number of youngsters playing the game now. Creighton is a partner with Eddie Shack in the new Vaughan Valley Golf Club at Maple.

Present gifts
M. C. Carpenter presented all guests with leather wallets donated by Beardmore. Door prizes for the evening were

donated by Civiore Construction, Bovis Corporation, Slazenger Golf, Toronto Argonauts and the CFL.

The dinner will be a financial loss, but most agreed it was a

social success.

"I don't know what we can do with this thing," said Carpenter. "We've had top-notch guests both years and yet nobody shows up."

Mayor Les Duby also

expressed his disappointment at the small turnout and added, "We on council do appreciate the efforts of Jack Carpenter in working towards our Centennial in 1974."



STAR-STUDED CAST of Monday night's Acton Centennial Commission sportsmen's dinner included l. to r., ex-NHLer Dave Creighton, Toronto Argonaut gridders Jim Stillwagon, Bill Symons, Dave Cranmer, Tony Moro and Pete Martin, Ontario Master Bowler's president Walter Heany, pro golfer John Gilbert and Mississauga minor football league stars

Greg Holmes and Scott Carmichael, who scored 32 and 28 touchdowns respectively this year. (Photo by D. Gibbons)

Peewees bow out

Acton Y's Men's peewees bowed out of the OMHA playoffs when they lost 9-1 to Niagara-on-the-Lake Friday night in Virgil. Niagara swept the best of five series in straight games, although the first two games were decided by one and two goal margins. Acton ousted New Hamburg in the first round.

"The difference in Friday's game was that they came out skating," said Acton coach Barry Incoe. "They had a big team, but we were able to skate with them in the first two games."

Dave McGiloway, one of 13 first year Acton players, who will be returning next year scored the lone Y's Men's goal. Only goalie Gary Medland, Jeff Shields and Bill Manes go overage this year.

By comparison the Niagara team loses 14 of its 16 players to banham.

Y's Men will play in a tournament in Lucan this weekend



HAMMING IT up at Monday night's sportsmen's dinner, Argonaut Dave Cranmer tries to distract teammate Tony Moro during a bean bag tossing competition arranged by M.C. Jack Carpenter. Watching the action is Joe Gardin Jr. (Photo by D. Gibbons)

Tanner old boys to host golfers

Acton Tanner Oldtimers will face a team made up of CPGA golf pros, including ex-NHL players Dave Creighton and Andy Bathgate in a special exhibition hockey game at the community centre, Friday, March 23.

Acton Centennial Commission is arranging the game and proceeds will go into the Centennial fund.

Jim James is lining up a team of Tanner Oldtimers for the evening. He hopes to have members of the 38-39 O.H.A. Intermediate "B" championship team take a few shifts on the ice. Most of the team will be made up of ex-Tanners from the last decade like Jim Casburn of London, who served as Acton's recreation director.

Creighton played 18 years of pro hockey and started this season with the Philadelphia Blazers of the World Hockey Association.



STEADY GOALTENDING by Paul Bowen, shown here steering aside an Elmira shot helped Acton Legion 4-town peewees reach the semi-finals of Saturday's tournament, before bowing 2-1 to Milton. Paul gave up only five goals in three games. Protecting the net are Acton defencemen Tom Rosenbersky and Rick Gibson. Acton wore blue and gold Long Branch Monarchs sweaters belonging to coach Bruce Sears during the tournament. (Photo by D. Gibbons)

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