

Sportlite

with Denis Gibbons

Tighter than the proverbial drum. That's how close OMHA play between Acton and New Hamburg teams have been over the past five years since the two towns first met in a first round atom series in 1968.

Since then the towns have clashed in 17 OMHA playoff series from the atom to juvenile age brackets with New Hamburg winning nine and Acton eight. Of the 55 games played the burgers, have won 29 Acton 25 and there has been one tie. New Hamburg teams lead in total goals scored 150-120.

Of the 55 games played, 27, better than 50 per cent have been decided by a margin of two goals or less. A single goal has been the margin of victory in 19 of 27.

Acton leads in series wins 4-1 in atom and 2-1 midget, but trails 2-1 in both peewee and bantam and 3-0 in juvenile. Acton has the edge in games won in three age brackets 10-7-1 in atom, 5-2 in midget and 5-4 in peewee, but New Hamburg holds a wide 6-2 margin in bantam and 10-3 lead in juvenile.

The Acton-New Hamburg rivalry has produced many memories. The Acton IGA atom team victory in the first series ever played between the towns was the first stepping stone to the Zone 2 OMHA championship, the only OMHA honors this town has ever gained.

In 1971 New Hamburg won the best of five juvenile series in five games, then marched all the way to the OMHA finals before losing to Essex. In that series the local Lions won both games on New Hamburg ice, but dropped all three in their own arena.

Atom and bantam series in 1972 produced the biggest upset and most dramatic finish respectively. New Hamburg atoms polished off the Acton A-B squad which had coasted to the regular season pennant in three straight games. The Firefighter bantams, who had been unjustly deprived of the extra home game in their best of three series responded to the decision by ousting New Hamburg right in their own backyard when Russ Van Fleet blasted home a 60 foot slapshot in overtime of the deciding game.

The 1973 atom series would undoubtedly take the prize for the spine-tingler. In a best of seven series Acton A-B Supermarket atoms finally won in the eighth game in New Hamburg. The teams were tied with three wins apiece and one tie after seven games. Score in four of the eight games was 2-1.



READY TO RUN in the 4 x 80 metre relay in the high school division of the Maple Leaf Indoor Games at Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto Friday afternoon, these four members of the Acton High track club have been training particularly hard over winter. The four l. to r. Rodger McEachern, Scott Somerville, Frank Houston and Glen McKenzie turned in an excellent time of 8.24.5 for the 4 x 880 yard relay in a recent qualifying meet in Toronto. Converted into metre times, the mark would have placed them second among Ontario high schools in last year's race at the Maple Leaf Games. All four were members of the AHS Halton

County secondary schools senior cross-country championship team. McEachern, Houston and McKenzie have run the 880 in under 2.05 and Somerville has done it in 2.08. Coach Bruce Andrews reports that anything under 2.00 flat is in the college athletic scholarship area. The relay team is in a heat with W. A. Porter Collegiate of Scarboro, East Northumberland High, Markham District High, St. Jerome's of Kitchener, East York Collegiate, Confederation H.S. of North Bay and Hamilton Westmount. The race will start about 4.30 Friday afternoon at the Gardens.

Centreville pucksters eye championship

Centreville peewees, who have dominated the Acton Legion Minor Hockey peewee house league tournament since it began in 1970 will be trying for their fourth championship win in five tries when they take on Streetsville in this year's tournament opener, Saturday, February 23.

Hillsburgh, an OMHA registered team in the finals. The second year they won they defeated Erin, also an OMHA registered team. House league teams from Elmira and Milton bowed to the perennial champs in the finals in 1970 and 1973 respectively. Georgetown 4-town peewees have gone down to Centreville in the semi-finals three times in four years.



BANTAM—Brian Moore scored for Ottawa and Mike Morris for Quebec as the teams played to a 1-1 tie. Shutout goaltending by Glenn Jaque and a two goal effort by Cliff Britton sparked Winnipeg to a 4-0 victory over Alberta. Ron Guest and Jim Matthews also scored for the Jets.

MIDGET—Dave Morris' third goal of the night proved to be the winner for Detroit in a 5-4 win over Montreal. Steve Kelly scored the other two Red Wing goals. Rick Baginski bagged a hat trick and Gord Toth scored once for the Habs.

Steve Marshall, Terry Slaven and Dave Moore tallied two goals apiece for Toronto, as the Leafs whipped Vancouver 7-1. Carl Gidden was the other Leaf scorer. Bernie Taylor averted the shutout by scoring for the Canucks.

NOVICE—A first period goal by Blake Norton and shutout goaltending by Paul Morrison was all Brampton needed to knock off Weston 1-0.

Dave McKnight (a protégé of the Sabre coach of the same name) fired three goals for Dixie, as the Beesives doubled the score on Guelph 4-2. Ryan Hurrell also scored for Dixie. Guelph goalkeepers were Ted (not "Terrible Ted") Lindsay and Greg James.

Teams from Georgetown, Milton, Hespeler, Orangeville, Shelburne, Listowel, Ancaster, Caledon, Streetsville, Erin, Elora, New Hamburg, Elmira, Barrie and Acton are also entered in the fifth annual Legion tournament which has produced four straight single goal decision championship games, in spite of the Centreville dominance in early rounds.

Preliminary games begin Saturday morning February 23 at 7.30 and run all day. Semi-finals and the championship game are scheduled for Sunday afternoon February 24. The tournament is one of the few in Ontario strictly for house league teams.

Legion schedule

League	Location	Time
PEEWEE	Tidewater-Richmond	7:30
	Rochester-Baltimore	7:30
	Cleveland-Springfield	7:30
ATOM	London-Oshawa	7:30
	Hamilton-St. Kitts	7:30
	Kingston-Niagara Falls	7:30
NOVICE	Osage-Weston	7:30
	Brampton-Guelph	7:30
BANTAM	Quebec-Alberta	7:30
	Ottawa-Winnipeg	7:30
MIDGET - Sunday	Montreal-Toronto	1:00
	Detroit-Vancouver	1:00

In AIHL

Ken's are first

Ken's Auto Service took over first place with their ninth straight win and Lakeview Centre clinched the final playoff spot in the Acton Industrial Hockey League Sunday night.

Dan Kavanagh fired four goals. Bill Coon and Dan McGilloy added two each and Jim McDonald one for Ken's Auto in a 9-1 conquest of Station Hotel. George McPhail scored for the hotelers.

Kavanagh and Ernie Waller counted one each. Wayne "Hot Dog" DeForest netted both goals for the leatherworkers.

Team	G	W	L	T	F	A	P
Ken's Auto Service	16	11	5	0	96	73	22
Van's Welding	16	9	4	3	107	73	21
Blow Press	16	9	5	2	111	83	21
Lakeview Centre	16	9	7	0	91	89	18
Station Hotel	16	6	9	1	75	85	13
Hellers	16	1	15	0	76	141	2

Wi' Rock and Broom

Lakeview Centre knocked off Van's Welding 7-5, as Steve Townsley scored twice and Norm King, Bill Severinski, Lorne Gordon, Gary Kelley and Eric Stone tallied once apiece.

Dan Hillier netted two goals and Ken Owen, Dave Papillon and Skeeter Hill one apiece for the welders.

Blow Press walloped Hellers 8-2 with Gary Lewis bagging a hat trick, Jack Pignatelli scoring two goals and John Kavanagh, Jim

Acton Curling Club standings to Feb. 9, 1974.

Monday, 7 p.m.	B. Robertson 8, F. Archibald 6, T. Nicol 4, C. Swackhamer 4, W. Beatty 3, B. Dumars 3, T. Bell 2, R. Reid 2, 9 p.m., P. Brisley 7, C. Baker 5, M. Jordan 5, H. Campbell 4, T. Tyler Jr. 3, B. Armstrong 0.
Tuesday, 7 p.m.	B. Robertson 5, C. Cook 4, D. Hickling 4, D. Timmings 4, T. Stapleton 3, P. Brisley 2, B. Ewan 2, L. Smith 0, 9 p.m., C. Anderson 4, M. Blow 4, H. McArthur 4, B. Toth 4, L. Lovell 3, B. Moore 2, V. Patrick 2, T. Tyler Sr. 2.
Wednesday, 7 p.m.	F. Archibald 8, J. McIntern 6, M. Holmes 6, B. Dumars 5, A. Robinson 3, D. Hickling 3, G. Romanchuk 4, A. Ellerby 2.
Thursday, 9 p.m.	B. Drinkwater 10, M. Jordan 6, L. Lovell 6, A. McKenzie 6, D. Howley 5, H. Campbell 4, B. Toth 2, T. Tyler Sr. 0.
Friday, 7 p.m.	N. Campbell 4, A. Fraser 2, B. Leatherland 2, D. Maudlin 2, H. Otterbein 2, P. Patrick 2, B. Bell 1, J. McPhail 1.
Saturday, 7 p.m.	F. New 8, M. Holmes 6, G. Reed 6, T. Stapleton 5, A. Ellerby 4, L. Smith 3, T. Nicol 0, D. Robertson 0.
Sunday, 9 p.m.	F. Archibald 14, B. Drinkwater 14, A. Robinson 14, D. Hickling 10, P. Campbell 8, M. Jordan 8, B. Robertson 8, G. Romanchuk 8.

A-B atoms last less than 24 hours

OMHA playoff action lasted less than 24 hours for the Acton A-B Supermarket atoms this year. Elmira Lions, pennant winners in the Waterloo-Wellington league advanced to the group atom "A" finals against either

Orangeville or Fergus by ousting Acton 5-1 and 9-0 on the weekend.

Gareth Turner scored the only Acton goal of the series in the first game in Elmira Saturday afternoon. Lions led only 1-0 after two periods, but

took advantage of four Acton penalties in the third period to score four times.

League scoring champ Brent Buehler scored twice and Paul Lies, Fred Wideman, Jeff Sider, Paul Porter, Brent Matthews, Kevin Martin and Kevin Hodgins tallied once each for Elmira in the second game here Sunday. Lions grabbed a 6-0 lead in the first period, as Acton goalie Andy Ellerby was peppered with shots. Dave Anderson took over in goal for the third period and was beaten on only one shot.

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Lions face elimination

Acton Lions must win in New Hamburg tomorrow (Thursday) night to force a fifth game in their best of five OMHA Juvenile "B" playoff series with New Hamburg.

New Hamburg took a 2-1 lead in games with a 2-2 victory here last night (Tuesday). Russ Coultrup and Wayne Allan scored for Acton.

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Five Acton boys are among the loop's top 10 scorers. Ken Kavanagh leads the league with 17 points.

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