

Legion tourney

250 peewee pucksters here Saturday

More than 250 peewee hockey players from 16 centres will invade Acton this Saturday to participate in the fifth annual Acton Legion Minor Hockey peewee league tournament.

The tournament was first held in 1970 to give house league players a chance to compete against boys from other towns and each year it has grown in popularity. The championship game of each tournament has been decided by a single goal.

Bruce Sears and Jim Mitchell are coach and manager of the local Legion 4-town peewees who will take on Elmira Saturday morning at 10.30. Defending champion Centerville and Streetsville will play in the tournament opener Saturday morning at 7.30.

The color party from Branch 197 will take part in the official opening ceremonies at noon hour. Alan Hall is chairman of the tournament with Legion Minor Hockey executive members helping out.

A schedule of games is listed below:

Saturday, Feb. 23	
Game	
1 7.30 a.m.—Centerville vs. Streetsville	
2 8.30 a.m.—Erin vs. Elora	
3 9.30 a.m.—Georgetown vs. Ancaster	
4 10.30—Acton vs. Elmira	
5 11.30—Shelburne vs. Listowel	
6 12.30 p.m.—New Hamburg vs. Caledon	
7 1.30 p.m.—Hespeler vs. Milton	
8 2.30 p.m.—Orangeville vs. Barrie	
Quarter-final games at 3.30, 4.30, 5.30 and 6.30	
Winner games 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8	
Sunday, Feb. 24	
Semi-finals at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Championship game at 3.	
PAST LIST OF CHAMPIONS	
1970	Centerville
1971	Centerville
1972	Hillsburgh
1973	Centerville
Runners-up	Elmira
	Erin
	Centerville
	Milton

Peewees draw first blood with Delhi

Acton Y's Men grabbed a 3-0 first period lead and went on to beat Delhi 6-1 in the first game of their best of five OMHA peewee "B" playoff series here last night (Tuesday). The series is a square-off between the "B" champs of the Waterloo-Wellington and Southern

Counties leagues. Second game of the series will be played in Delhi, Tuesday, February 26 at 7 and the third back in Acton, Wednesday, February 27 at 7. Delhi won the toss for the extra home game in the series and if fourth and fifth games are needed, they'll

Midgets reverse OMHA form

In a complete reversal of form from their OMHA playoff series when they were upset by the underdog New Hamburg team, Acton CFAM midgets trounced Orangeville 8-1 in the opening game of a best of three Waterloo-Wellington league playoff series here last night (Tuesday).

Second game is tonight (Wednesday) in Orangeville and the third, if necessary back in Acton, Tuesday, February 26.

After a goal by Dave Halls of Orangeville in the first minute of play, Robin Incoe shut the visitors out for 59 minutes, while his teammates filled the Orangeville net.

Atoms whip Fergus

Gareth Turner bagged two goals to spark Acton A-B Supermarket atoms to a 7-1 triumph over Fergus in the first game of a best of three Waterloo-Wellington league playoff series here Saturday afternoon. Second game goes in Fergus tomorrow (Thursday) night.

Randy Smith scored for Acton in the first period. Turner tallied twice in the second and Dave Brown, Mike Marshall, Joe Carter and Gary Lumbers tied the win with single markers in the third. Jeff Gregg scored for Fergus.

In the playmaking department Mike Marshall, Gary Lumbers, Dave Brown,

Elmira upsets Firefighters

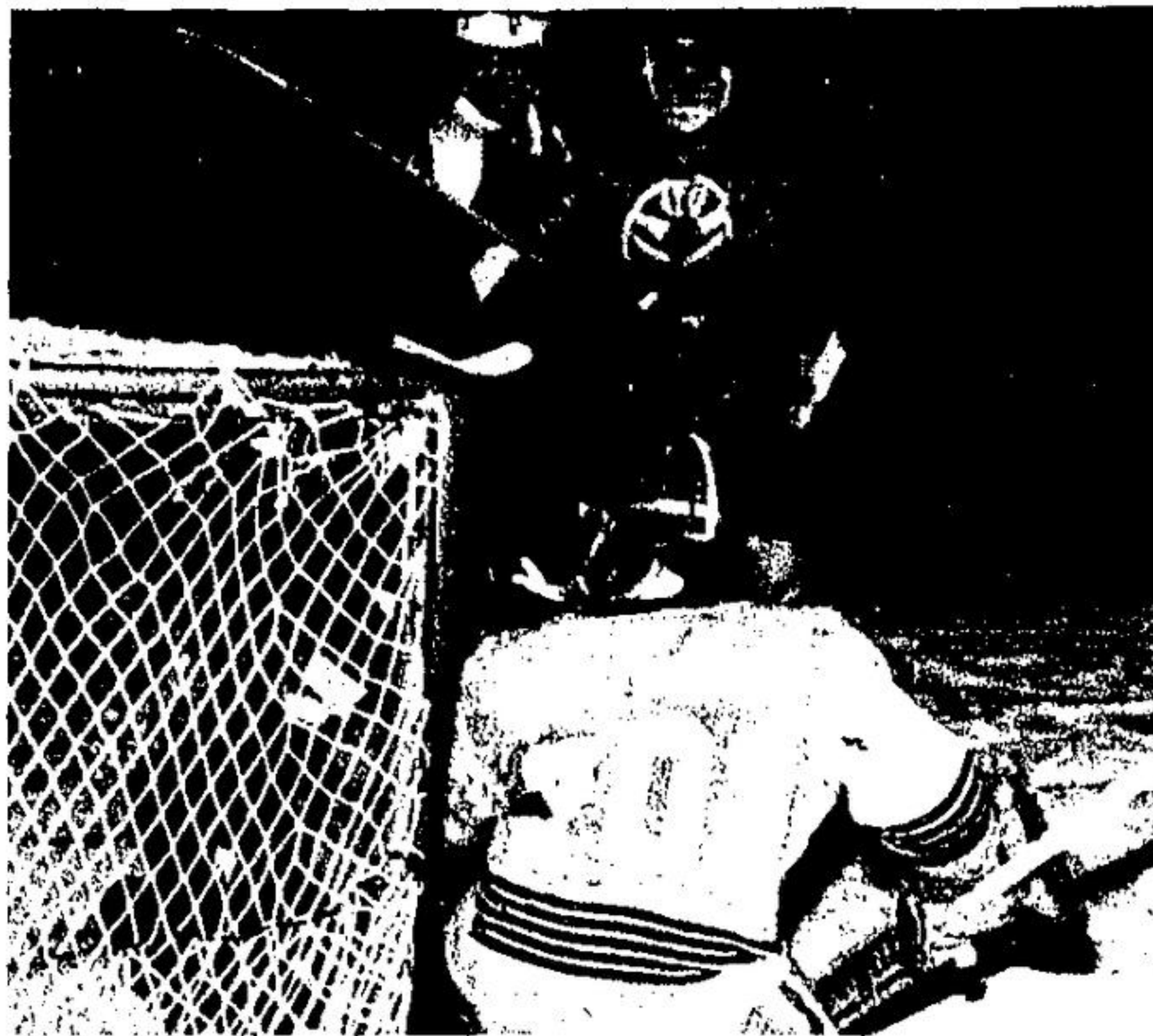
Elmira Polar Kings surprised Acton Firefighter bantams 5-2 in the first round of the Waterloo-Wellington league playoffs here Saturday afternoon.

Doug Martin paced the Elmira offense with a hat trick. Brian Martin and Perry Baker each scored once.

Ricky Holmes and Jeff Shields replied for Acton with Joe Gardin and Rick Van Fleet drawing assists.

Elmira led 2-1 at the end of the first period and 4-2 at the end of the second.

Penetang goes down fighting but Sabres advance to finals



Tomkinson stops a Penetang drive

Group finals open tonight!

The Central Ontario Junior "C" group finals will open tonight (Wednesday) with Sabres travelling to Bradford. Second game is scheduled for Acton Friday night and the third for Bradford Sunday night.

The pennant-winning Vaseys whipped Alliston Hornets four straight in their semi-final series 7-5, 7-6, 6-3 and 8-0 although the first two games went into overtime. Just prior to the close of the regular season Bradford played a three game exhibition tour in New England, losing 8-1 to the Dartmouth freshman, 6-5 to the Yale junior varsity then beating Hamden the defending Connecticut junior champions 5-2.

Brian Beaumont and Gary Turkoz of the Sabres were invited to join Bradford for the tour, but were unable to make the trip. Vaseys also whipped Bracebridge Bears 10-5 and 5-3 in home and home exhibition games. Bears play

in a four team league with Huntsville, Sundridge and Powassan. Winner of the Acton-Bradford series will play the winner of that group in the O.H.A. Junior "C" quarter-finals.

Complete playoff schedule is listed below.

Wed. Feb. 20 at Bradford 8.30
Fri. Feb. 22 at Acton 8.30
Sun. Feb. 24 at Bradford 8.15
Fri. Mar. 1 at Acton 8.30
Sun. Mar. 3 at Bradford 8.15 (if nec.)
Fri. Mar. 8 at Acton 8.30 (if nec.)
Sun. Mar. 10 at Bradford 8.15 (if nec.)

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GARY DEBRUYN

Trainer Gary DeBruyn has held the same position with several Acton sports teams. Before joining the Sabres he worked with the Intermediate "B" Tanners and during the summer he looks after the ills of players on the Acton Rams junior lacrosse club. Gary is also a past president of the Acton Figure Skating Club.

SONNY TOWNSLEY

Acton's "super-star" of the oldtimers, Charles "Sonny" Townsley has maintained his interest in hockey by serving as Sabres' assistant trainer for the past three seasons. During a lengthy playing career the Newmarket native starred for powerhouse senior teams in Stratford and Oakville before moving to Acton to join the Tanners.

ACTON SABRES vs BRADFORD VASEYS
(72-'73 OHA Junior "D" Champions)

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Midget recruit Russ Van Fleet fired the winning goal to give Acton Sabres a 7-6 win over Penetang Hurons here Monday night. The win gave Sabres the best of seven semi-final over Penetang four games to one.

Penetang fell behind 4-0 in Monday's game but battled back to cut the Sabre lead to 5-3 at the end of the second period and tie the score 5-5 in the third with just over 10 minutes to play.

Brian Beaumont, who had made a bad pass leading the fifth Penetang goal then redeemed himself with a smart solo effort to put Acton ahead 6-5 at 9:08. Van Fleet blasted home his winning slapshot a minute later after taking a Beaumont pass on the power play.

Hurons did not give up however and when Jeff Columbus fired the sixth Penetang goal at 16:36, 300 Sabres fans began to bite their nails again. For the final four minutes Penetang buzzed all around the Acton net but just failed to put the puck past Rick Tomkinson. Claude Archer and Chris

Lyons had wide open nets and missed a chance to send the series back to Penetang for a sixth game Tuesday.

Gary Turkoz and Charlie McTear scored twice and Pete Morrison tallied on a breakaway earlier for the Sabres. Chris Lyons had two goals and Claude Archer Roger Dusome and Doug McMann one each for the Hurons.

Sabres won the third game of the series 8-4 here Friday night and took a 3-1 lead in games with a big 4-2 victory on the large Penetang ice surface Sunday night. Gary Turkoz potted a pair of goals and Bob Inglis and Bert Osborne tallied one each for Acton in that game.

Although they proved to have more individual stars Sabres showed they were a distant second to the Penetang club in knowing how and when to pass the puck in the series a fault they will not be able to afford in the group finals against Bradford. Overuse of the slapshot is also costing the team goals. In Penetang Sunday two players wound up

from only five feet in front of the net and both had their sticks lifted before they even touched the puck.

Sabres had the hustle and checking effort when they needed it however. Charlie McTear, Bert Osborne and Bob Inglis forechecked feverishly in Penetang and Steve Taylor the 15 year old rookie from Ospringe played two strong games on Acton's third line.

Penetang should be a definite pennant contender next year. Hurons lose only five players to average and Penetang has some excellent minor hockey teams which will graduate prospects.

SABRES: Rick Tomkinson, Brian Beaumont, Bill McGilloway, Warren Craig, Russ Van Fleet, Charlie McTear, Pete Morrison, Gene Inglis, Bob Inglis, John Sheppard, Rob McEachern, Gary Saul, Lee Young, Doug Patten, Dale Fisher, Gary Fisher, Bert Osborne, Steve Taylor, Rick Bonnette.

No Legion hockey

There will be no Legion house league hockey this Saturday because of the peewee tournament. The following week March 2, the 4-town tournament is being held in Georgetown and only exhibition games for players available will be held. Final standings and the playoff schedule will appear in next week's paper. The Legion Day of Champions will be held Saturday, March 30.

Lions bow

New Hamburg juveniles have eliminated Acton Lions in the OMHA Juvenile "B" group playoffs for the fourth year in a row. New Hamburg beat the Lions 5-3 in New Hamburg Thursday night to take the best of five series 3-1.

The clincher!

First Period
A—Turkoz (McTear) (Morrison) 11
A—McTear (Van Fleet) 2:05
A—Turkoz (McTear) (Morrison) 0:27

Second Period
A—McTear (Beaumont) 2:27
P—Archer (Duquette) 1:42
P—Dusome (Duquette) 6:36
P—Lyons (Incoe) 11:05
A—Morrison 17:08

Third Period
P—McMann 1:16
P—Lyons (McMann) (Duquette) 8:11
A—Beaumont 9:08
A—Van Fleet (Beaumont) 10:13
P—Columbus (Dusome) 10:36

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