

What was the rush? Bradford still waiting

The great rush to get the Central Ontario Junior "C" group final series between the Sabres and Bradford started and over with by March 10 apparently needn't have occurred.

At press time Bradford, who eliminated Acton, Friday, March 1 was still waiting for a winner to be declared in the Muskoka Junior "C" loop. Sundridge Beavers and Bracebridge Bears finished the first seven games of their group final with three wins and a tie each and will play a sudden death game on neutral ice in Huntsville tonight (Wednesday).

Winner of the game will host the Central group champion Vaseys in the first game of the O.H.A. Junior "C" quarter-finals Friday night with the second game scheduled for Bradford Sunday night. Meanwhile, Bradford has tried to keep sharp with exhibition wins over the Owen Sound Junior "C" team 9-1 and Schomberg Cougars 5-1.

Sabre officials agreed to start the group final in Bradford, Wednesday, February 20 just two nights after they had eliminated Penetang, even though the Acton team had played five playoff games in eight nights involving two 200 mile round trip bus rides and two regular season games in the three days preceding the playoff opener.

Bradford manager Bruce Collings told the Free Press at that time he would have agreed to delay the start of the group finals until Friday, February 22 which would have given both teams three days of badly-needed rest. Bradford won the series in four straight games.



DRESSED IN COSTUMES of the past behind piper Don McEachern are Lee Wansbrough of Toronto, Charlie Kirkness of Acton, Ralph Nellis and Lorne Gordon also of Acton and Mike Humchack of Montreal. These were only a few of the costumed curlers who participated in the fifth annual Northern Stag Bonspiel, Saturday at the Acton Curling Club. Curlers from across the country were present.

Peewees blank Fergus on goal by Malcolm

Scott Malcolm scored the only goal of the game at 7:25 of the second period here last night (Tuesday) to give Acton Y's Men's peewees a 1-0 win in the first game of their best of three Waterloo-Wellington league semi-final series with the Fergus Legionnaires. Second game is scheduled for Fergus Friday night at 8 with the third back in Acton Saturday afternoon at 3:30, if necessary.

Rick Whitmont and George Brown assisted on Malcolm's goal in what coach Harry Insoe called his team's best effort since before the O.H.A. playoffs against Delhi. Derrick Neely registered the shutout in the Acton nets and the entire team checked very well against the tough Fergus team.

Y's Men wrapped up their Milton Tridents trounced Team Caledonia 9-3 last night (Tuesday) to take a 2-1 lead in their best of seven O.H.A. Intermediate "B" quarter-final series.

Milton ints. one game up

BULLETIN!
Georgetown Raiders will play host to Fort Erie in the O.H.A. semi-finals Friday night at 8:30.

Stayner in quarter-finals

Stayner Siskins finally eliminated Schomberg Cougars 3-1 in the sixth game of the Central Ontario Junior "D" group final series in Schomberg Thursday night. Stayner won the first three games of the series, but Cougars bounced back to win the next two. Siskins advance to the O.H.A. Junior "D" quarter-finals against the WAAA Junior "D" champion either Arthur or Wingham.

Legion stats
230 Club - 147, Legion "A" - 143, Firemen "B" - 140, Choraleers - 139, Boat Club - 135, Legion "C" - 131, Campbell's Construction - 131, Diston Saw - 130, Outsiders - 128, Firemen "A" - 107.

quarter-final series with the Elora Hawks in straight games with a 10-2 win in Elora Saturday afternoon. Scott Malcolm fired four goals and assisted on two more for Acton. Dave McGilloy and Wade Vlekery potted a pair of goals apiece and Shane Withers and Todd McIntyre netted singles. Bruce McPhillip picked up three assists.

Redmen cage season over

In spite of the lopsided score, Brian Larsen scored 30 points for Acton and little Marvin McNabb showed a lot of hustle. Both referees

commented that these players were on a par with the more experienced Panther starting five. Larsen also scored 27 points in a recent game against Oakville-Tranfgar and although final league scoring statistics have not yet been released, Brian is a sure bet to finish in the top 10 scorers. Redmen finished in last place with a record of 0-12.

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A-B atoms play best hockey but bow out to Orangeville

Acton A-B Supermarket atoms played their best hockey of the season, although they were eliminated in straight games in the best of three Waterloo-Wellington league semi-final series against Orangeville. Orangeville won the first game 4-3 on their own ice last Wednesday night and had to score in the final minute of play to win the second contest 3-2 here Saturday afternoon. Bob Pearson fired the

winning goal for Orangeville in Saturday's game with only 33 seconds left to play. Joe Carter came right back and broke in alone on the Orangeville goalie, but was beaten before the buzzer sounded. Gareth Turner and Gary Lambers netted the Acton goals with Carter and Ronnie Jackson drawing assists. Bob McReynolds and Tom Bracken were the other Orangeville marksmen.

All the Acton players played their positions well and Dave Anderson came up with a good game in goal.

Marzo may be in final

Acton hockey fans might get a chance to see Pete Marzo in action in Toronto later this month.

Boston University Terriers with whom Pete plays have won three playoff games to make it to this weekend's NCAA hockey championships. The NCAA champion will play the Canadian college hockey champions either University of Waterloo or Sir George Williams University of Montreal in Toronto for the North American championship, Saturday, March 23.

400 winners

Lucky winners in last week's 400 club draw were A. Cook 78, D. Noseworthy 307, E. Thatcher 138, B. Reid 321 and B. Fisher.

Softball meeting set for Sunday

The emphasis will be placed on softball in the Acton Minor Baseball Association this summer and a meeting is being held at the Acton Library this Sunday afternoon at 2 to make plans for the season. It is hoped the minor leagues, men's recreational league and ladies' team can be brought together under one organization. Ed Wood attended a

meeting of the Halton Rural Minor Softball League in Boye Sunday and the league agreed to accept entries from Acton again this year. There is a possibility an eight team juvenile league for boys will be formed and Acton would like to enter a team. Anyone interested in helping with softball in any way is urged to attend Sunday's meeting. Volunteers are badly needed.

Legion
town league tallies

NOVICE—Dixie took a four goal lead in their first playoff game, as they defeated Weston 6-2. David Hahn scored twice as did David McKnight for Dixie. Michael Hudson netted the puck once and Michael McNabb also scored once. McNabb assisted once. Steven Lush and Robert Cook also assisted once each. Scott McLaren and Jeff Butchers were the goal getters for Weston. Chris Bottomley assisted on one of the goals. Brampton and Guelph played to a scoreless tie. Paul Morrison kept the Brampton net empty, while his opponent at the opposite end Scott Hibbard also destroyed all scoring attacks.

three assists and Ted Nadhzi received one. Scoring for Springfield was Larry Polo twice. Malcolm McKenzie assisted on both goals with help from Jeff Hamilton on the first. Tidewater took a three goal lead in their series defeating Rochester 4-1. Goal scorers for Tidewater were Dave McAdam, Nick Humenick and Jim Upton. Nick Humenick and Steve Tremills assisted on one of the goals, while Dave McCarty received an assist on one. Freddy Reeve scored the lone Rochester goal with assistance from Peter Muselius.

ATOM—Oshawa defeated Kingston 6-3 to take a three goal lead in their playoff series. Bill McKenzie scored a three goal hat trick for Oshawa and his teammates David Allen, Dennis Kirton, and Dean Hughes each bulged the twine once. Assists went to Rod Whiterly, Paul Gorjop (2), and David Allen.

Richmond replied three times to Baltimore's one goal to put Richmond ahead two goals in the series. David Swanson, Neil McMan and Bob Hudson each scored for Richmond. Assists went to Hudson, Jim Ferguson, and Ricky Gooyers. Randy McIntyre robbed Richmond's goalie of a shutout when he scored in the first period on a pass from Scott Inglis.

Hamilton streaked to a 3-1 victory over St. Kitts putting them two goals up on St. Kitts in the playoffs. Paul Norton, Ricky Smith and Steve Hughes each scored once for Hamilton. Paul Hudson assisted. Bob Brouillard scored the lone St. Kitts goal from Mark Duval.

Niagara Falls outscored London 3-0 during the first game of the playoffs putting them three goals ahead. Don Thornhill scored twice and Rick Greenly once for the winners. Tom McDonough assisted on one of the goals.

PEEWEE—Cleveland took an 8-2 lead in their playoff game with a win over Springfield. Ted Nadhzi led the scoring with four goals. Murray McNabb bulged the twine twice, as Gord Bollert and Bob McClure each beat the goalie once. Bob McClure assisted on six of the goals. Murray McNabb received

MIJGET—Vancouver defeated Detroit 2-1 during their game. Gary Jones and Bernie Taylor were the goal scorers. Jones and Tim McIntyre assisted. Ron Kelly scored an unassisted goal for Detroit. Steve Marshall led Toronto to victory scoring all three goals as Montreal was defeated 3-2. Dave Moore assisted twice and Ivan Hearnis once for Toronto. Brian Storey and Keith Holmes bulged the twine for Montreal. Assisting them was Gord Toth.

Schedule for March 18

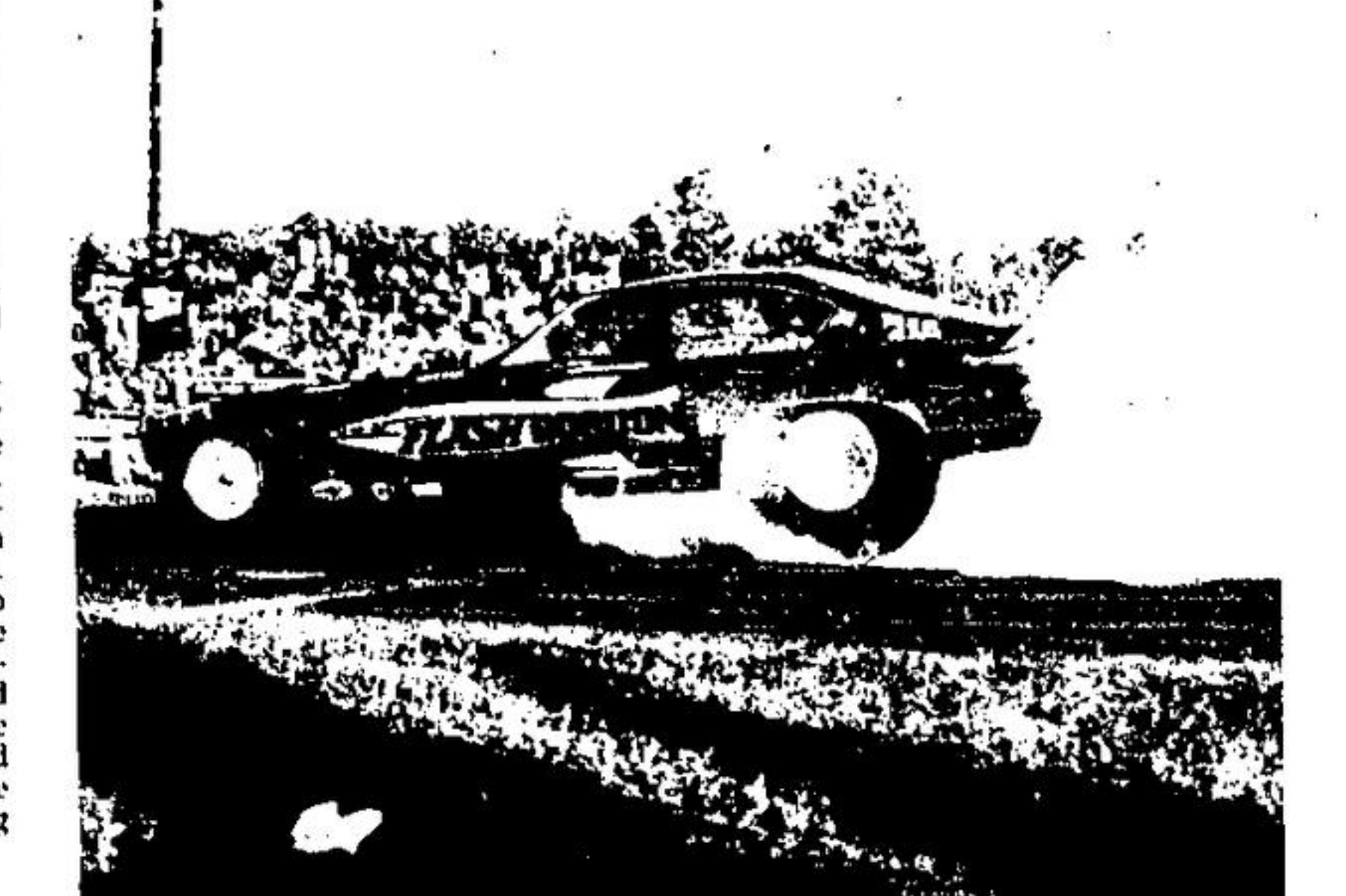
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Atom
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Novice
Murray McNabb—Steven McKnight
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Bantam
Wayne DeForest—John Ashley
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Midget



TORONTO INTERNATIONAL DRAGWAY will once again open its gates this season for a full card of racing. Despite the fact April generally opens the Canadian drag racing season local by-laws restrict T.I.D. to a May 24 opening date. Track owners have requested an earlier opening date with the Town of Halton Hills and racing fans should watch this paper for notice of the opening card.

Bantams play Collingwood

Acton Firefighter bantams will play Collingwood in the first round of the Georgetown Kinsmen International bantam tournament in Georgetown Monday morning, March 18 at 10. The teams will play the second half of their total goals series at 5:30 in the afternoon. Firefighters finished fourth in the Waterloo-Wellington league standings, then were upset by New Hamburg in the O.H.A. group playoffs and Elmira in the league playoffs.

Fergus ousts

Fergus midgets beat the Acton CFAW club 3-2 last Wednesday night and 5-3 Sunday to advance to the Waterloo-Wellington league finals against the winner of the Elora-New Hamburg series. Fergus won the best of five series in straight games. Acton plays St. Mary's in the first round of the Wingham tournament next week.

For AIHL title Blow Press plays Van's Welding

Blow Press spotted Ken's Auto Service a pair of first period goals, then rebounded to score four times without an answer and oust the league pennant winners 4-2 in the deciding game of their best of three Acton Industrial League Hockey semi-final series Sunday night.

Blow Press will now try for their second straight championship in a best of three series against Van's Welding beginning Sunday night at 7:20. Dan Kavanagh and Jim McDonald scored for Ken's Auto in the first period with

Butch Rice assisting on both goals and Bill Coon and Les King on one apiece, but John Roberts bulged the twine for Blow Press with only six seconds left in the period. Mike Miller and Gary Lewis drew assists on that goal. League scoring champ John Kavanagh netted the tying goal in the second period and Jim Kavanagh bagged the winner at 9:10 of the final frame. Gary Lewis added an insurance tally in the last four minutes. Ernie Waller assisted on all three goals and Jim Kavanagh on two.

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