

Don Mills North Stars win Centennial tourney



COPE SMITH presents the Mia Chemicals trophy to Don Mills goalie Ron Tofflemire.

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Acton A-B Supermarket major atoms were less than two minutes away from copping the championship of the Acton Centennial atom tournament here Sunday afternoon, when the MTHL Don Mills North Stars tied their championship game 2-2 and won it after only 29 seconds of overtime.

Although the loss was disappointing to Acton minor hockey fans, the championship final and the consolation final between Cooksville and Rexdale, which went into double overtime provided some of the best hockey seen here in years.

Bill Cooke scored the championship winner for the visiting Don Mills team at the 29 second mark of the first overtime period. As minor atoms last year the same North Star team won the "B" championship in the MTHL.

Dan McNeil and tournament scoring leader Jamie Macdonald had scored earlier for the North Stars, while Tim Ferguson and Rick Greenly scored for Acton. Macdonald scored seven goals in four games for the Don Mills team, which reached the final with wins over Rexdale, Martingrove and Salfleet majors.

Here of the three day tournament for Acton fans was A-B goalie Tim Shields, who played superbly in wins against Cooksville and Milton, as well as in the final. The supermarket crew edged Cooksville and Milton both by 4-3 scores and entered the final by default, when Milton Jets had to withdraw from the tournament because of a commitment in the Mississauga Hockey League.

Gordie McArthur scored a pair of goals, with Don Thornhill and Tim Ferguson adding singles for Acton in the win over Cooksville. McArthur, Rick Greenly, Don Thornhill, Paul Phelan and Mark Duval picked up assists.

Against Milton, a Tricounty league major atom squad, A-Bs bounced back from a 2-0 deficit to score four times in the third period. Gordie McArthur's second marker of

Greenly one for Acton. Greenly had two assists and McArthur, Bob Vermullen and Rick Smith one apiece. "They played their hearts out. I couldn't have asked them to give anymore," said Acton coach Fred Buchanan, still hoarse from urging his lads on. The A-B squad, which has only three players with previous OMHA experience is presently in fourth place to the Waterloo Wellington league with a 7-11 record. Fred's son Steve, a winger with the Junior "B" Joseph Williams is assistant coach and Cope Smith manager.

Mike Taylor of Cooksville and Andrew Hills of Rexdale staged a tremendous goal tending duel in the consolation final. Taylor outguessed a Rexdale shooter on a penalty shot in the first overtime period to save the game and teammate Jamie Cambridge finally won it with a shut right

along the ice at the 4:44 mark of the second overtime session. Greg Dobson and Stephen Robinson also scored for Cooksville. Brad Hozeck and Robbie Gass were the Rexdale marksmen.

More than 1200 spectators attended tournament games, which began at noon hour Friday and continued all day Saturday and Sunday. Acton's last mayor, Halton Hills councillor Les Doby dropped the puck at the opening ceremonies of the Centennial tournament and kept the disc as a souvenir. NHL referee Bryan Lewis, who lives near Georgetown and was home for a brief stay handled two Saturday games, much to the admiration of the youngsters.

Trophy donors Cope Smith of Mia Chemicals and Mike Kinal of Acton Home Hardware presented championship silverware to captains of the winning teams Sunday afternoon. Members of the Don Mills and Cooksville teams received individual trophies and every tournament participant was presented with a crest to commemorate Acton's Centennial year.

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"Every committee member did their job. That made mine a lot easier," he said. Working on the committee along with Frank were wife Molly, Jean McPhail, Peter Marks, Alan Hall, Harold Townsley, Ron McKnight, Joanne Inaceo, Bill Knight, Pat Post and Marilyn McEachern.

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the game with less than two minutes to play was the winner. Robert Vermullen and Rick Greenly also connected for Acton.

Bradford nipped the championship finalists in an exhibition game 4-1, when the Milton team failed to show Sunday. Gordie McArthur had two goals and Rick



A-B SUPERMARKET goalie Tim Shields and Acton defenders Dean Hughes, Robert Vermullen and Ricky Smith ward off Milton attackers in the 4-3 quarter-final victory for the Acton squad.

Raiders win

Mike Tarp's Georgetown Chrysler Raiders jumped ahead of Dundas into fifth place in the OHA Intermediate 'A' league standings with a 3-2 win over the Thorold Athletics here Sunday night. Neil Cotton, Paul Burger and Junior Tibbetts scored for the Raiders. Glen Craig and Frank Poone replied for the Athletics. The Raider win snapped a five game Thorold win streak.

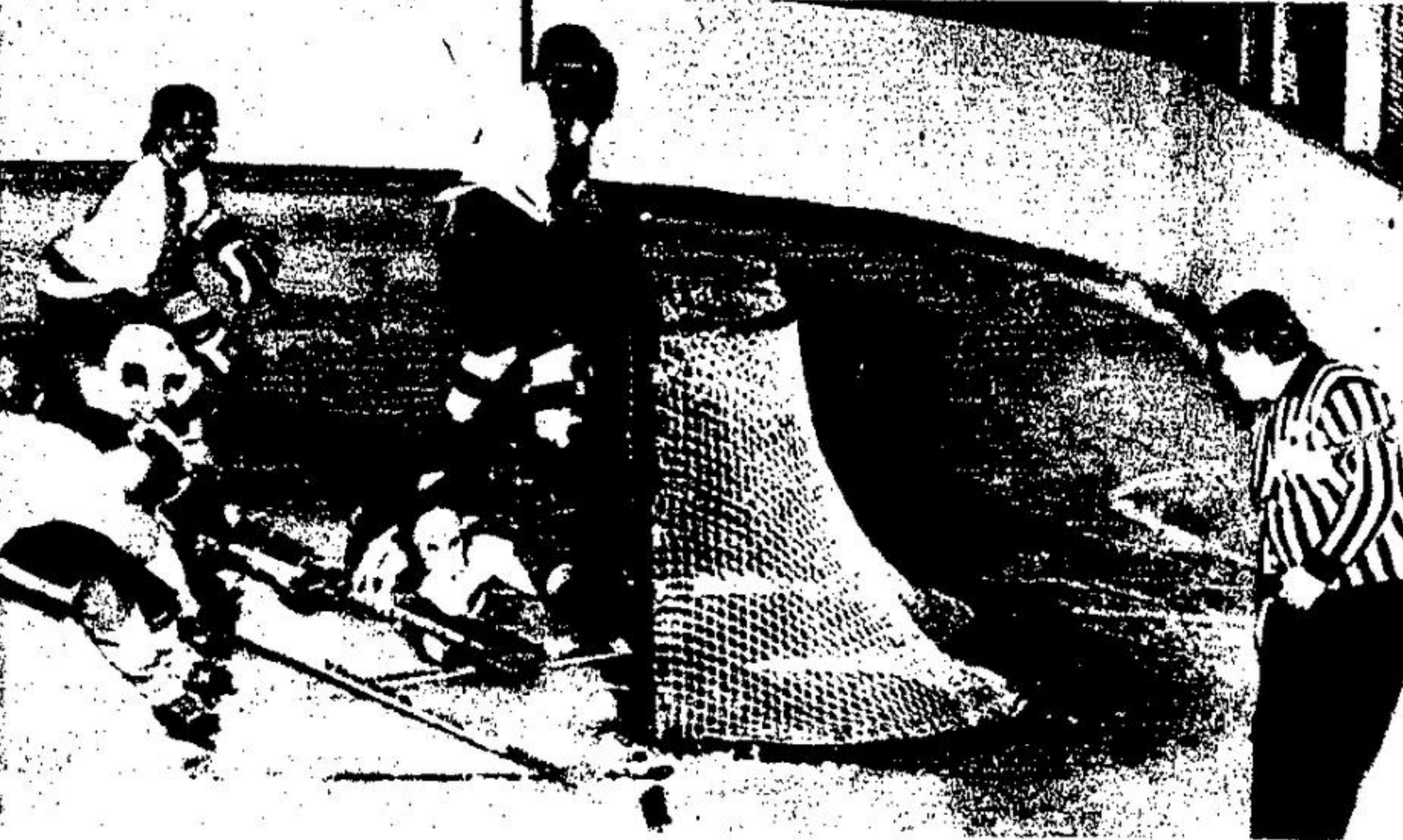
Hot goaltending helps Sabres knock off Stayner

With rookie Ray Dunbar giving the team its fourth straight outstanding goaltending performance, Acton Sabres upset the Mid-Ontario Junior "C" league leaders, Stayner Siskins 6-2 in front of a crowd of 350 happy Acton supporters at the arena Friday night.

Dunbar had been the key figure in Sabres' 6-4 upset of the Bradford Vaseys, December 15. Rick Bonnette followed that game by stymying Schomberg sharpshooters in a 4-1 Acton win December 20 and rookie Robin Incoe shone in the nets, as Sabres edged Penetang Hurons 2-1 in Penetang December 22.

Sabres skated both ways and passed the puck as well as they have all season in handling the Siskins only their second loss in 15 league games. Following a scoreless first period, Charlie McRae, Mark McCauley, Brian Beaumont and rookie Ed Lange connected for Acton in the second, while Jim Bell scored the only Stayner goal. Gary Saul and Steve Quesberry wrapped up the Sabre win with third period markers, following the second Siskin goal by Rick Gowen.

Mark McCauley assisted on three Acton goals as well as scoring once. Quesberry and Kent Kentner were the Sabre scorers in the win over Penetang. Robin Incoe played his best game of the season in the Acton nets. Sabres will be busy this week. They play in Schomberg Thursday night, in Stayner Friday night and in Stayner, Monday, January 6, before returning home to take on Alliston at the community centre Wednesday, January 8. This game was originally scheduled for Sunday, January 5, but rescheduled.



SABRE ROOKIE Ray Dunbar foils a Siskin scoring opportunity.

AIHL games

Hellers play Van's Welding at 7:05, Station Hotel take on Blow Press at 8:15 and Kensmen face Lakeview Centre at 9:30 when the Acton Industrial Hockey League resumes action this Sunday night.

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