

Sportlite

with Denis Gibbons

There were a lot of managers rubbing their hands in anticipation at the Royal York Hotel last April, when member teams voted at the OHA annual meeting to increase the junior hockey age limit by one year.

Most of them could hardly wait for the chance to prove the "If I had it to do all over again, it'd be different," theory. With their star players back for another year, opponents would be in for plenty of trouble.

What they forgot was that an extra year of eligibility for their big guns also meant the same to those of the opposition.

Final standings and playoff results in the Central Ontario Junior "C" league bear out my contention that when you put the same hockey players on the same ice surfaces, under the same coaching, the end result will be the same, whether it's 1974, 1975, or the year 2000.

As the statistics below show, except for Stayner replacing Bradford as first place finishers and Huntsville and Bracebridge joining the group, the teams held their positions. Sabres' win-loss percentage this year was .567, compared to .615 last year, very close.

If the regular season finish was very similar, group playoff results were very nearly right on what happened last year. Bradford whipped Alliston four straight in series which had two close games and two runaways. Sabres ousted Penetang easily and Bradford then cakewalked to victory over Acton.

Examples of the same can be found in other nearby junior leagues. The Central Ontario Junior "B" finish was almost a carbon copy of last year, with the Oakville Blades once again beating Burlington decisively in the group final. Bramalea Blues appear ready to repeat as Metro Junior "B" champs, while Owen Sound Greys and Hamilton Red Wings are close to making it two straight in their groups.

1975 FINAL STANDINGS

	W	L	T	P
Stayner	27	7	0	54
Bradford	25	7	2	52
Bracebridge	19	15	0	38
Acton	17	13	4	38
Alliston	18	16	0	36
Huntsville	15	15	4	30
Schomberg	4	28	2	10
Penetang	4	28	2	10

1974 FINAL STANDINGS

	W	L	T	P
Bradford	23	3	4	50
Stayner	19	8	3	41
Acton	16	10	4	36
Alliston	13	14	3	29
Schomberg	10	15	5	25
Penetang	9	17	4	22
Fergus	2	25	3	7

Stayner's Gowan Junior scoring champ

Rick Gowan of the Stayner Siskins nosed out defending champion Bill Collins and rookie John Williams of the Bradford Vaseys for the Central Ontario Junior "C" scoring championship by two points.

Gowan finished with 67 points, compared to 65 for the two Bradford players.

Paul Robinson of the Alliston Hornets led the league in goals with 40. Top playmaker in the league was Bradford defenceman Ted Vasey with 36 assists.

Doug Westover of the Schomberg Cougars led the league in penalty minutes with 173 in 22 games.

The league's top 15 scorers are listed below:

	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
Rick Gowan, Stay.	34	32	35	67	30
John Williams, Brad.	34	32	33	65	24
Bill Collins, Brad.	30	32	33	65	61
Andy Furnals, Brad.	32	31	32	63	98
Paul Robinson, All.	27	40	21	61	62
Rick Hopper, All.	30	24	31	55	70
Les Kovacs, Brad.	34	20	30	50	8
Brain Beaumont, Acton	27	18	29	47	60
Doug Anderson, All.	29	32	14	46	14
Steve Thompson, Sch.	33	22	24	46	136
Ted Vasey, Brad.	32	10	36	46	146
Jim Halliday, Stay.	27	26	18	44	10
Greg Conn, Stay.	31	19	19	38	45
Paul O'Leary, All.	29	16	21	37	49

Atoms out Elora Rocks

Acton A-B Supermarket major atoms swept their Waterloo-Wellington league playoff series against Elora in three straight games with an 8-1 victory here Saturday afternoon.

Bob Vermeulen, Rick Greenly and Mike McRae led Acton scorers with two goals each. Jeff and Barry McNabb netted a goal apiece.

Vermeulen and Tim Ferguson earned a pair of assists. Single helpers went to Todd Smith, Rick Smith, Dean Hughes, Don Thornhill, Rusty Elliott and Barry McNabb.

Kevin Pring replied for Elora.

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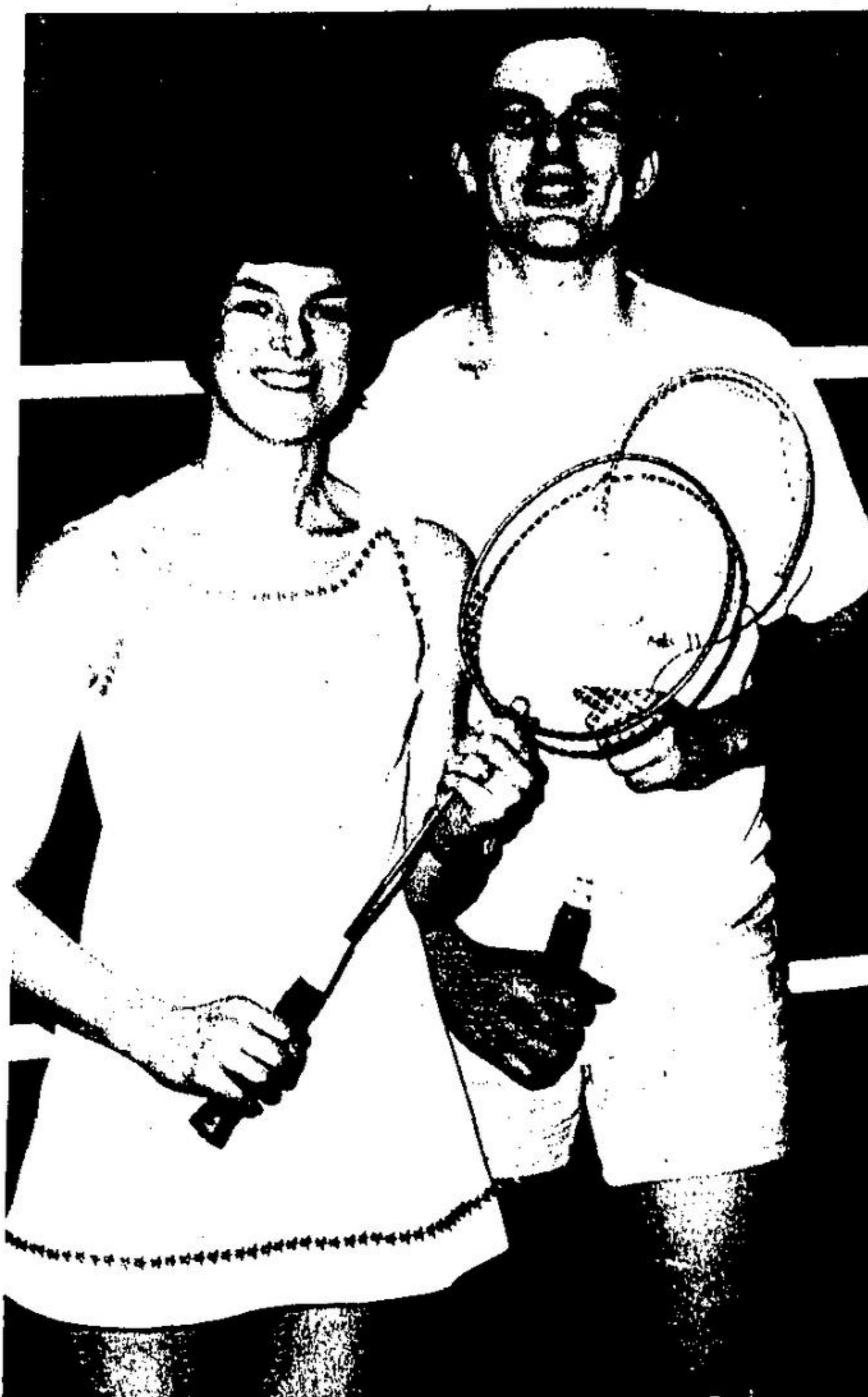
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THE TEAM OF Christine Steen and Klaus Trudering won the mixed doubles championship of the Acton Badminton Club, defeating the team of Sue Sale and John Collier 15-12, 15-13 Thursday night. Earlier in the season John Collier and Mike Bullock defeated Vic Morris and Hugh Patterson for the men's doubles championship. In the ladies doubles final yet to come, Marion Patterson and Lydia Dudnik will meet Sue Bullock and Joan G. Morris. Singles champions will be declared in April.

Lakeview evens semi-final set

Lakeview squared the best of three semi-final series with Blow Press at a game apiece with a 3-1 win in the Acton Industrial Hockey League Sunday night. Deciding game of the series will be played this Sunday night at 7.

In the other semi-final Van's Welding sidelined Station Hotel in straight games with an 8-2 victory.

Goals by Steve Townsley, Floyd Hillier and Cyril Rees carried Lakeview to victory. John Kavanagh scored for Blow Press in the first period.

Ed Hillier and Mike Miller paced the welders' scoring attack with two goals each. Dan Hillier, Skeeter Hill, Ken Owen and Rob Coleman were the other marksmen. Owen and Gerry Van Der Eyken picked up two assists apiece.

For the hoteliers Norm King and Steve Garrett did the scoring.

Van's will meet the winner of Sunday's Lakeview-Blow Press game in the opening game of the finals the following Sunday night.

Erin club surprises Y's Men

Erin peewees upset Acton Y's Men in four games in their best of three Waterloo-Wellington league playoff series.

4-town tournament

The annual 4-town tournament for house league select teams in the atom, peewee, bantam and midget age groups will be held here in Acton, Saturday, March 22.

Acton, Georgetown, Orangeville and Streetsville will once again send teams into the tournament.

The tournament is one of the longest-standing, not only in this area but in the entire province.

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Peewee pucksters visit Meaford

Acton Y's Men peewees recorded one win in three tries at the Meaford peewee tournament on the weekend. The peewee pucksters, who have just four second year players in the lineup, lost 4-0 to Bradford in the first round, downed Newcastle 5-2 in consolation play and lost 2-1 to Meaford in the consolation semi-final.

Raiders face penalty

By Denis Gibbons
Georgetown Raiders made a vain attempt to appeal the decision of the OHA tribunal, which suspended them from competition for the rest of this season for falsifying information on an alleged job transfer of player Gerry Pearson.

OHA secretary-manager Dave Branch confirmed Friday that the Raiders had requested an appeal of the tribunal decision. He emphasized, however, that any decision made by the appeal tribunal is final.

Cliff Phillips, OHA President told this paper on the weekend that the OHA Executive may take further action itself against those responsible for the violation. He said the matter will be discussed at a full executive meeting in Toronto, Wednesday, April 2.

Phillips pointed out that the tribunal suspended the club from competition for this season. At this point the club is still eligible to vote at the OHA annual meeting April 24. That privilege could be revoked on April 2, if the executive feels a stiffer penalty is warranted.

Will intermediate hockey return?

Perennial rumors that intermediate hockey will return to Acton next winter are circulating, as the 1974-75 season draws to a close.

Besides the large number of intermediate calibre players now sitting idle in the area, 10 members of the Junior "C" Sabres have completed their junior hockey eligibility.

One local expert says a six team league involving Acton, Milton, Orangeville, Fergus, Elmira and possibly Georgetown is a good possibility.

Champs out

The defending OHA Intermediate "B" champion Milton Tritents lost to the Paris 2Bers 4-0 in their best of seven OHA playoff series. Milton's Junior "B" Flyers were ousted in their group quarter-finals by the Streetsville Berlys.

500 winners

Lucky winners in last week's 500 club draw were 41 - R. Luce, 125 - S. McIntyre, 126 - L. Frizzell, 278 - J. Ridley, 387 - B. Timbers and 472 - K. Hulford.

Minor hockey dates

SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 13	REFEREE
PEEWEE 6:00—Springfield vs. Baltimore 6:35—Hochester vs. Cleveland	Bob McKee - Al Galloway Bob McKee - Al Galloway
ATOM 7:35—Oshawa vs. Hamilton 8:15—St. Kitts vs. London	Al Zennata - Steve McKnight Al Zennata - Steve McKnight
NOVICE 9:45—Dixie vs. Guelph 10:30—Weston vs. Brampton	John Toebes - Tom Rosenbersky John Toebes - Tom Rosenbersky
BANTAM 11:30—Acros vs. Orlers 6:00—Nordles vs. Cougars 7:30—Jets vs. Toros	Eddy Ensling - Harry Lawson Eddy Ensling - Harry Lawson
Jets, Toros, Cougars will play a round robin series. Two teams will meet in final game.	
SUNDAY, MARCH 16	
5:00—Detroit vs. Vancouver 6:30—Toronto vs. Montreal	Gerry Van Der Eyken - Danny Allen Gerry Van Der Eyken - Danny Allen

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