



**BOLTON ATOMS PROUDLY CLUTCH** their trophies as winners of the Consolation Series in the Second Annual Hockey Tournament held in

Acton, Bolton defeated Acton 6-2, Bradford 9-1, and New Hamburg 3-1. The team's only loss in the three day event was a 3-2 clipping by Milton.

# Win-hungry fans look forward to new year

The Sabres, due to the final losses they will suffer this year, set the stage for Friday's crucial game against the cellar dwelling Meaford Monarchs.

Meaford is just two points back of the sagging Sabres who last tasted the victory bubbles when they took the Cougars 4-2 in Schomberg on Dec. 11.

Sabres have a chance to start into 1976 on a winning note before some win-hungry fans when the bladesmen face off against the Monarchs in the community centre.

Sabres have a one win, one

tie record against the last place team. Meaford is the team Acton must beat if Sabres are to keep their playoff hopes alive. There are 13 games remaining in the Ontario Hockey Association Central Junior "C" League season.

In a closely played game, in which Sabres twice held one goal leads, Schomberg tipped the bladesmen 7-6 Friday.

Stayner played an undermanned Sabre club Monday, Dec. 22, to take a 6-1 Christmas time win.

In the Schomberg game played here, the forwards

found the mark enough times to win a normal game, but the usually strong Sabre goal tending was not up to par, and the Cougars were lucky on some of their goals.

Robin Inceun started between the pipes for Acton but was replaced by Ray Dunbar at the game's mid point when Cougars led 3-1.

Sabre manager Bill Campbell described the game as wide open and free-wheeling. Both teams took lots of shots, he said.

Terry Holmes gave Sabres an early lead in the first period, but Cougars came back with three straight goals.

Sabres tied the Cougars in the second frame by scoring twice and holding Schomberg off the score sheet. Al Fritzel took the puck on an end to end rush through the entire Cougars team, circled the net and blasted a shot past the goaltender.

Captain Charlie McTae scored the first of his two goals to end the second period 3-3.

Russ Van Fleet gave Acton a 4-3 lead early in the third period, but the Cougars returned with a vengeance and four straight goals.

Terry Caputo closed the gap with a marker late in the final period, making the margin of Schomberg's lead 7-5.

Goaltender Dunbar was called to the bench in favor of an extra Sabre attacker, and the tactic paid off with a goal just as the 15:40 mark passed. The remaining 20 seconds wasn't time enough for Sabres to squeeze out a tie.

"It was a game we shouldn't have lost," manager Campbell said. "We were outplaying them, when they'd go down the ice on an infrequent rush, and get a soft goal," he said.

Missing from Friday's lineup, but expected to return

for Meaford, were Alf Belzera and Paul Monahan, who was stranded in Toronto, and Don Richard who was sitting out the last 60 minutes of his four game suspension.

On Monday, Dec. 22, Sabres drove to Stayner with 11 players and dropped a 6-1 game. "You can't play against Stayner with five players missing", manager Campbell said.

Three Sabres could not get off from work for the annual Monday night game. Don Richard was still suspended and Charlie McTae had car trouble.

"The boys who played, played well", Mr. Campbell said.

Russ Van Fleet connected for the only Sabre marker.

## Milton blanks peewees

Milton blanked the minor peewees 2-0 in Beaver Tournament play in Milton Monday.

The play, according to one of the officials was a "Good game."

Both Milton's goals came within a three minute span in

the second period. Tom Houston scored from Paul Benton and Randy Perrella at the 6:04 mark. Benton scored unassisted while Acton was caught during a player change.

Each team had three minor penalties.

# Midgets hold their own against stiff competition

The Acton midget team was a last minute replacement, an extra set of bodies to round out the schedule for the 4 game AAA hockey tournament completed in Guelph Monday.

Although Acton did not clean up in the tourney, its record of one solid win, two

very close losses, but also two losses by wide scoring margins, drew the attention of other clubs.

The midget squad, because it plays in a town with a population of less than 15,000 is regarded as an A club under Ontario Minor Hockey Association criteria. The

seale ranges from D clubs which have a player base rooted in towns with less than 1,500 folk to the triple-A clubs like Guelph, Hamilton, Toronto and Port Huron which boast 25,000 plus populations.

The AAA clubs are the class of the league, so when Acton was asked, just three days prior to the games, to take the place of a club with other commitments, the midgets were probably looked upon as an easy two-points for any team they played.

The midgets beat Oakville 2-1 in the first game Friday.

Both Acton goals were scored by Marvin McNabb. The only shot to elude goaltender Mark Morrison came on a deflection, team coach Jim James said.

Morrison played "superb hockey", a fan said.

"A lot of people couldn't believe we'd beaten Oakville," Mr. James said Monday.

Acton lost 9-0 to the highly rated Toronto Kings Saturday morning, but bounced back to force Port Huron of Michigan to earn a 2-1 win. McNabb scored on an assist from Brian Moore. Acton was the only club which played two games in one day, Mr. James said.

Coach James said he's heard the Guelph coach told

his players that if they didn't beat the single A team from Acton by five goals Sunday, they should hang their heads. Guelph won, but by a 2-0 margin.

The fifth and final game proved too much for the midgets. They lost 7-1 to the Hamilton Police team. Coach James said the Hamilton team just wanted to win more than Acton.

The single goal came off the stick of Scott Withers who took a pass from Bill Manes and skated the length of the ice to release a shot from the face off circle. Acton was two men short at the time.

Because of the special circumstances surrounding Acton's presence in the tournament, the midgets were allowed to bring in bantams Scott Malcolm and Bruce McPhail for the five games. Wade Vickery joined the team for the Oakville game.

None of the players looked out of place in the series, Mr. James said.

Summing up his feelings about the games, Mr. James said he was pleased with four of the games. "We had some people sit up and take notice of us during the tournament," he said. He also said he believed the players gained good experience from the games.



THREE ACTON FIREFIGHTERS Bantam forwards who will be taking aim on the visiting goaltenders from Vallentuna, Sweden Sunday are right-winger Peter Muselius, centre Bruce McPhail and left-winger Charlie Kinal. The game, slated for 2 p.m., is the fifth for the touring Europeans. They play Port Colborne twice, Acton, Thorold, Simcoe and Grimsby.

## Novices win 5-2

Mike Hudson led the novice all star team to a 5-2 win over Georgetown here Tuesday, Dec. 23.

Hudson had three goals, while Bruce Baine and Danny Wood each collected singles. Team manager Ed Wilson said the win resulted from the players functioning as a team. "It was a team effort that gave us the goals," Mr. Wilson said.

All star assists came off the sticks of Tony Van Dam, Dave Thomas, Terry Danagher and Heath Lockhurst.

Wayne Morrow scored both Georgetown goals.

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PRESENTING THE CHAMPIONSHIP trophy to Bryan Huisman, captain of the Beamsville atom team, is Frank Allsop. Beamsville won the atom tournament with a 2-1 overtime win over Oak Ridges in the final game.

## Minor peewees take two wins

Minor peewees blanked New Hamburg one to zero in a closely played OMHA away game Sunday. Tim Baker, never let New Hamburg onto the score sheet.

Both teams went scoreless during the first 40 minutes of play. Rusty Elliott fed a pass to Gord McArthur who penetrated the opposition's defences for the only score of the game. The goal came at the 4:53 mark of the third period.

The shutout was the first recorded by Baker since he was called to the OMHA from the house league ranks. Minor peewees also won their game in Milton against Hespeler Saturday.

Robert Vermeulen fired a slapshot from the blue line into Hespeler's net to give Acton a 2-1 victory in the first period of sudden death overtime.

Vermeulen assisted on Acton's first goal, by Jeff McNabb at the 4:05 mark of the first period. Don Thornhill also assisted on the goal.

Hespeler took less than three minutes to tie the game. There was no scoring in the next two periods.

Standings: Hot Shots 48, Blazers 28, One Ball Team 28, Wildcats 27, Hot One 23, Super Six 16.

2nd Shift: The Canadian Champs dumped the Underdogs as they took all games and totals. The Streakers streaked away with the first and last game and totals but the Road Runners ran away with the second game. The Jaws chewed up the first two games and totals leaving the Jumping Jacks to jump out of reach with the last game.

Standings: Streakers 29, Road Runners 35, Jumping Jacks 32, Jaws 29, Canadian Champs 26, Under Dogs 17.

Top Ten: Shirley Lalng 545 (208), Peter Turkoz 530 (203), Kim Barber 495 (196), John Adams 491 (193), Gary Mandarino 487 (196), Mickey Phillips 482 (164), Lynn Phillips 476 (186), Gail Robb 459 (168), Bev Baker 459 (160), Paul Nolan 452 (185), Shelley Schipper 452 (207), Ron Murchison 441 (180).

Next Saturday is the beginning of the House Qualifying Round for the "Four Steps to Stardom" Tournament. This will continue through the month of January with high bowlers in each division qualifying for either Singles or Team entries in the Zone roll off. Bowling ahead scores will not count toward eligibility.

## Defeat Fergus

Major peewees edged Fergus 5-4 on Saturday, Dec. 20.

Brent Vickery scored the winner. Ronnie Jackson and Rick Poot each scored a pair. Mike Monahan collected three assists, while Randy Smith and Gary Lumbers each collected two.

Dean Morrison, the Fergus captain, scored all the goals for his team.

## Youth bowling

**Bantams**

1st Shift: The Owls started wide-eyed as they won both games from the Birds. The Mice squeaked out both games and totals from the Frogs while the Turles belted their name and took off with both games from the slowed down Chicks.

Standings: Mice 27, Birds 24, Owls 24, Turles 24, Frogs 16, Chicks 11.

2nd Shift: The Dogs marked both games and totals from the Snakes while the Horacs outran the Cows for both games and totals. The Snowmen came to life to take both games and totals from the Octopus.

Standings: Horses 23, Dogs 24, Snakes 22, Snowmen 21, Octopus 17, Cows 17.

Top Ten: Teresa Dunn 258 (140), Graham White 247 (131), Diane Abram 240 (124), Christine Parker 239 (123), Peter Mills 234 (125), Marlene Rocher 233 (117), Stewart Hoy 229 (115), Dan Gibson 223 (119), Brian Canary 224 (118), Alan Higgins 226 (119).

Winning Coke and Orange Crush for the first shift were Nell Higgins with 35 pins over average and Brian Canary with 22 pins over average. Teresa Dunn with 17 pins over average and Peter Mills with 14 pins over average both being on the same team in the second shift won pop and chocolate bars.

Most consistent bowler this week was Linda Bottero with both games of 83.

**Juniors**

1st Shift: The Wild Cats ripped apart the first two games and totals but the One Ball Team came through for the last game. The Super Six whitewashed the first game but the Blazers ripped in for the last two games and totals. The Hot Ones squeaked through with

the first game but the Hot Shots shot off with the last two games and totals.

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Seniors: The Millstones stoned the first and third games and totals but the Earthquakes broke away during the second game to win. The Storey Tellers toiled for the first and third games and totals while the Voltages covered the second game. The Zany's roomed off with the first and third games but the Missiles blew up to take the second game and totals.

Standings: Missiles 39, Zany's 37, Earthquakes 33, Volcanoes 25, Storey Tellers 20, Millstones 13.

Top Ten: Sue Thomson 652 (281), Ed Couture 631 (260), Dave Pichl 619 (269), Dave Mills 612 (253), Pat Storey 533 (205), Brenda Bigelow 511 (192), Debbie James 501 (196), Philip Brown 489

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