



THE PUCK IS IN THE SWEDISH NET for one of Dave McGilloway's pair of goals during the Vallentuna-Acton game here Sunday. Swedish

defencemen rush in too late to the aid of goalie Lennart Allheden. McGilloway, with the black helmet, was voted the bantam team's most valuable

player for the game. Firefighter captain Scott Malcolm is seen at the extreme right of the photo. Acton lost 4-2 to the visitors.

Swedes down Firefighters 4-2

Vallentuna, the visiting Swedish hockey team, won its first game, the fifth of its Ontario tour, by defeating Acton Firefighters bantam 4-2 before a capacity crowd Sunday.

Approximately 1,100 excited spectators, including a contingent of Swedish parents, crammed into the community centre for the afternoon game.

The full impact of the international match came to the crowd when the first Swedish player skated onto the ice carrying his nation's flag with a yellow cross on a blue field. Everyone stood and applauded.

The clapping continued as the entire Swedish team circled the ice. The sight of the Canadian flag at the head of the Acton squad as it paraded around the rink drew cheers and thunderous clapping from all sides of the arena.

The game, sponsored by the Acton Minor Hockey Association and the Ontario Minor Hockey Association, was the first played in Acton by a Scandinavian or a European team.

The Swedes came up with a strong checking game, sometimes using two and three men to clear the slot of a Firefighter forward. "They had exceptional goaltending. There's no denying it, you're not lucky that often", John Goy, bantam manager said.

Vallentuna goaltender Lennart Allheden, who stopped 24 of Acton's 26 shots, was voted the most valuable player for his team.

Dave McGilloway, who scored both Firefighter goals, took the player honors for Acton.

Acton had a couple of good scoring chances during the first shift, but Allheden kept the scoring sheet clean until his teammates gained some composure.

Roger Bystrom opened the scoring at the 3:21 point of the first period on an unassisted goal. Less than two minutes later Tomas Persson picked up the puck from Per Anderson, who got a goal and another assist, and fired it home from the blueline.

Midway through the first period Firefighter captain Scott Malcolm dug the puck out of Acton's end, got by two checks to pass to Bruce McPhail. McGilloway took a McPhail pass to score with a low wrist shot.

With one second to play in the first period, Michael Petterson scored from Anderson. The first 15 minute period ended with Sweden leading 3-1.

Anderson rounded out the

Vallentuna scoring from Persson and Stephen Jonsson in the second frame.

Firefighters' second goal came on a play started by Shane Withers from behind Acton's net. He sent a pass to Wade Vickery who hit McGilloway with a pass as he crossed the Swedish blueline in full flight. McGilloway deked Allheden to his stick side and lifted the puck overtop of him.

Acton attempted to close the gap by putting on an extra attacker, after pulling goaltender Chris Swetman in the dying moments of the game.

All scoring was confined to the first two periods. Both teams went end to end in the final 15 minutes which was devoid of penalties.

The Swedes have lost to Port Colborne, Thorold, Simcoe and Grimsby.

The Firefighters intended to switch goaltenders midway through the game, but Steve Mitchell did not start because he lost the finger nail of his index finger, said Mr. Goy. Mitchell, however, dressed for the game just in case.

Pre-game ceremonies included an exchange of gifts between opposing players after the national anthems were played. The official faceoff was conducted by Councillor Les Duby.

Both clubs and parents dined at the Legion after the game. The Swedish players received wallets, courtesy of Beardmore, and silver coins from the town's Centennial.

Noel Weir, who officiated at the dinner, introduced many of the officials from both clubs and the OMHA to the audience. A showing of the film "A Place to Stand" rounded out the day's festivities.

Maj. bants clinch first

Firefighter bantams clinched first place in their OMHA league with a convincing 3-0 victory over Orangeville Saturday.

The win moves Acton one point ahead of Orangeville. Dave McGilloway scored once in each period to earn a hat-trick while goaltender Chris Swetman got the shut-out.

The first two of McGilloway's goals came when the team was shorthanded. Both markers were unassisted.

Wade Vickery combined with Bruce McPhail to assist on the third goal.

Team manager John Goy described the game as "very physical". Acton took a total of 14 minutes in penalties. Orangeville players spent four minutes in the penalty box.

Orangeville also had an opportunity to get on the scoreboard in the final 37 seconds of the game when Acton played shorthanded.

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Swords defeated by Lancers 7-4

The Swords came within five minutes of picking up an easy two points from their slated game here against the Lancers Saturday when a heavy snow and wind storm hit the Lucknow area and delayed the departure of the team.

The OHA referees gave Lancers until 9:15 p.m. to arrive or else the team would default the game to the Swords, who had practised for 40 minutes for the game scheduled to start at 8:30 p.m.

At 9:10 Bruce Coach Lines Ltd. bus number 42 rolled into the community centre parking lot. The game was on.

Swords took an early two goal lead, however, Lancers soon shook off any stiffness suffered from the long drive and handed the host club a 7-4 defeat. It was the second loss in as many nights for the Swords who were outgunned by Harriston Friday 7-7.

Swords led Lancers 4-3 early in the final frame, but lost heart when Lucknow got

a fluke goal. Sword goaltender Rick Bonnette took a high shot on the chest. The puck flew high into the air and came down behind the goaltender and bounced into the net.

After that, Lancers scored three unanswered goals.

Bill Fields and Gary Tailfefer gave the host team an early lead. Fields later added a second marker and Bill Rowsell rounded out the scoring.

The previous night in Harriston the first period ended 7-0 for the host squad. Rick Bonnette, who has been taking medical treatments for a week, was the target in the Harriston shooting gallery.

The game was "a real fire-fight" after the first period, said player spokesman Fred Buchanan. One line accounted for all seven Sword goals. Bill Fields got a hat-trick, while Dale Fisher and Peter Morrison each popped in a pair.

Minor hockey dates

Sat., Jan. 10

Pee-wee
6:00—Baltimore vs. Cleveland
6:55—Rochester vs. Springfield
8:00—Tidewater vs. Richmond

Atom
8:55—Oshawa vs. London
9:50—St. Kitts vs. Hamilton
Novice
10:40—Brampton vs. Weston
11:40—Guelph vs. Dixie

Bantam
12:35—Nordies vs. Toros
6:00—Oilers vs. Aeros
7:00—Jets vs. Cougars

Sunday Jan. 11

Midgets
5:00—Vancouver vs. Detroit
6:00—Montreal vs. Toronto

500 winners Peewees split two contests

The 500 winners for Jan. 3 are—Lloyd Smallwood, 160, Fred Allen 192, Vic Patrick 272, Bob Turkosz 356, Lois Clark 447, and Don Legate 489.

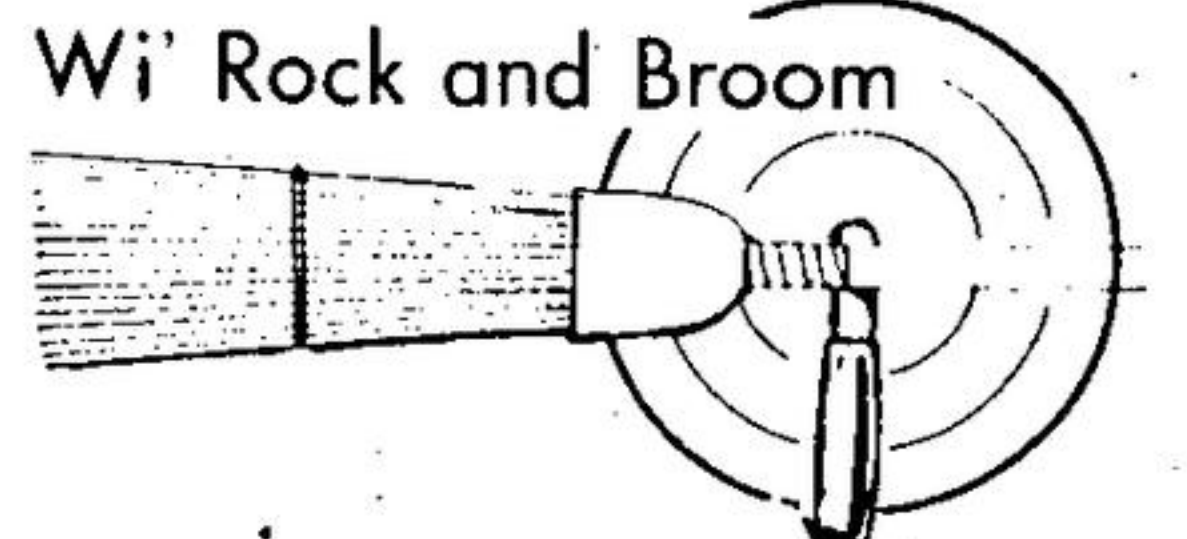
The Acton Curling Club is represented in the Seagram's Mixed by the rink of Ab-Robinson, Norma Robinson, Allan Ellerby and Marg MacKenzie. We wish them all the luck in their future play-downs.

On Boxing Day, some of our club members had the courage and fortitude to curl two six end games. This bonspiel was sponsored by Bill Toth. It is an excellentspiel and all reports indicate a good time was had by all. Thanks a lot, Bill.

The overall winner of the day was the team of Del Hickling, Willa Hewitt, Jack Walinga and Dot Overland.

Next week, a detailed report of the ladies' curling and Friday night curling.

Good luck to all Halton and Peel teams who start competition this Saturday against rinks from neighboring clubs. A report should be available next week.



By Peter Vidler

1976 brings with it a whole new draw for the club and leaves behind some great curling of 1975. The Monday night winners of the first draw were Sherry Few, Colleen Jordan, Martin Gehrich and Dorothy Overland who ousted the rink of Bill Du-marsh, Flora Barber, Gabe Rosenbersky and Marj Loutlet. The rink of Brian Moore, Laura Lovell, Bryan Robinson and Lois Brisley beat out the team of Tony Stapleton, Jackie Blow, Jeff Moulden and Marg Peel to win the Tuesday night draw.

Fred Archibald's rink of Howie Campbell, Bob Lovell and Dave Robertson beat Mick Holmes' rink of Jack Holmes, Bill Geggie and Martin Gehrich to capture the Wednesday night men's trophy. This is the second year in a row for Fred so he should be congratulated for his consistency.

Classics
All the above playoff games were classics and the curlers should be congratulated for their fine curling.
The Thursday night ladies' draw still has one more game left before finalists can be announced. This Wednesday afternoon has a play of game between Carol Ann Sproat, Pat Near, Shirley Rosenbersky and Eva Knechtel against Ruth Leatherland.

ACTON MINOR BASEBALL DRAW
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4-towners warm up for Legion tourney

Acton Legion 4-town peewees continued preparation for the annual Legion house league peewee tournament the last weekend of February by splitting a pair of exhibition games over the holidays.

The 4-towners nipped a Milton house league team 6-5 December 31, then dropped an 8-7 squeaker to Orangeville, January 2.

Dennis Kirton scored three goals to lead the peewees to victory over Milton. David Brown, Steve Davies and Mark Staley tallied singles. Robert Hespel fired four goals and Paul Brown one for Milton. Four of the Milton goals came in power play situations.

Hudson bags a hat trick

Mike Hudson scored three unassisted goals and helped out on a fourth by Dave Thomas, but Acton novices lost 7-4 to Caledon in exhibition minor hockey action here last night (Tuesday).

According to manager Ed Wilson, the Caledon club out-skated the locals and took advantage of Acton defensive mistakes.

Last Tuesday night the novices went up a bracket to play Elora minor atoms, but bowed 6-2. Mike Hudson scored the first Acton goal and assisted on the second by Bruce Raine.

Finn visit

Georgetown's first experience in hosting touring European hockey teams almost ended in a disaster last Tuesday night, when the midget hockey club from Vaasa, Finland walked off the ice in the middle of the third period of their game with the Georgetown Sunny Acres Farm team.

The Finns, who said they were upset with the refereeing, returned to the ice and finished the game, however, when told to do so by OMHA 3rd vice-president, Tony Bloomfield, host for their six game tour. Georgetown won the game 4-3 on a fluke goal by Greg Schenk in the final five minutes.

Redmen bow

The Acton High School Redmen junior basketball team dropped the season opener to Pergus Friday by a 58-30 margin. The juniors and midgets travel to Oakville-Trafalgar Thursday for the second game of the season.

Ex-Sabre hurt

Former Sabre Al Fritzy suffered a shoulder injury during his first game with the Milton Junior "B" Flyers Saturday in Georgetown.

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