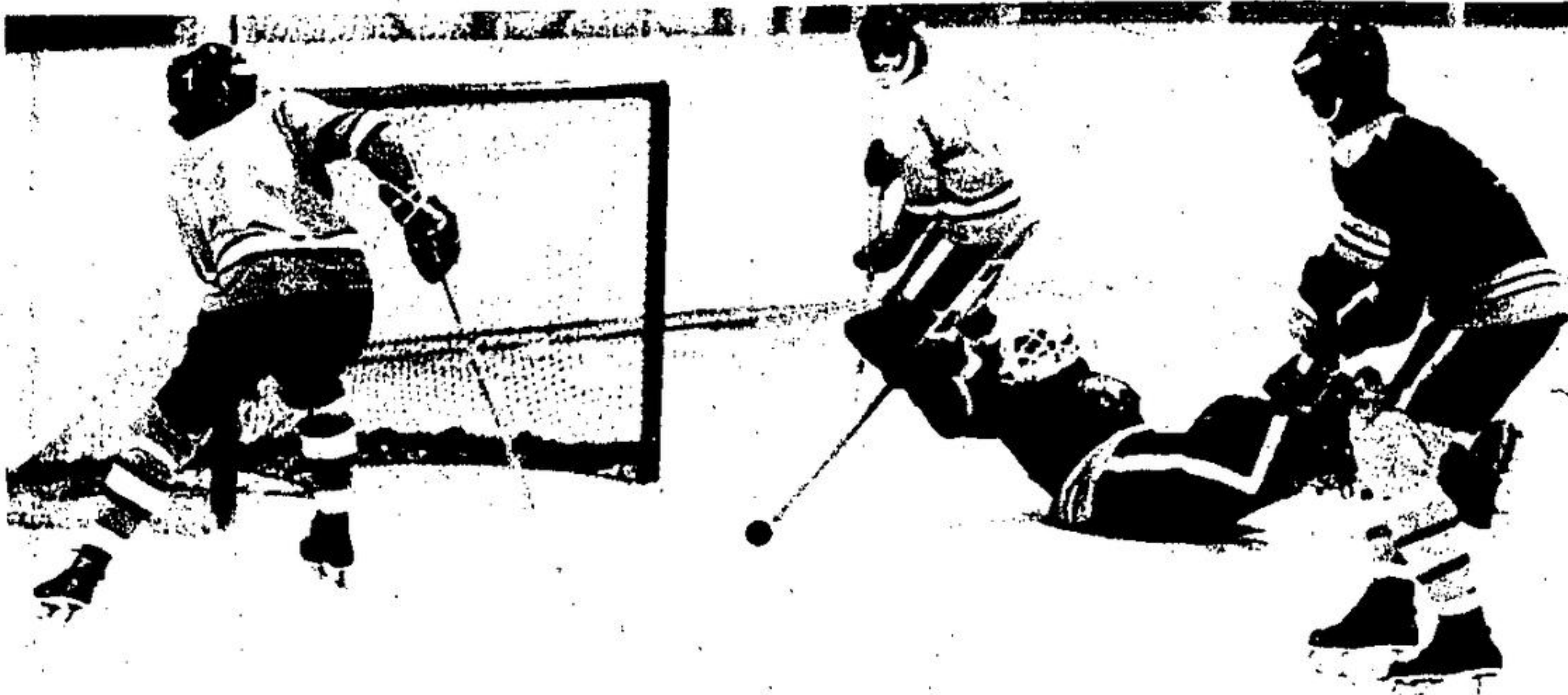


Bants stop Saltfleet to tie series



SALTFLEET GOALTENDER Art Iwanchuk looks back too late to halt the rubber on its path to one of the Firefighter Bants' nine goals during the second game of a best of five series. Firefighter captain Scott Malcolm (7) and linemate Dave McGilloway look back and wait for the red light to go. Acton won 9-2.

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Junior billiards playoffs to start

The first place Sharpshooters and fourth place Poolsharks in the Family Billiards Mixed Junior League will take a bye until the winners of the two semi-final series are decided.

The Ticats and Sabres will shoot for the right to meet the Sharpshooter team for the grand championship.

Either the Wizards of Elton will play the Poolsharks for the consolation prize.

The semi-playoffs are slated to start next Sunday. At the end of regular season play the Sharpshooters finished in first place with 29 points. The Ticats also had 29 points, but did not have as many wins as the first place finishers.

The Sabres ended the season in third spot with 26 points. By virtue of more wins the Poolsharks ended up ahead of both the Wizards and Elton though all three groups have 20 points.

Legion town league tallies



PEEWEE—Dennis Kirton fired four goals to lead the Baltimore team to a 6-4 victory over Tidewater.

Robbie Munro opened Baltimore's scoring in the first period. Munro also got an assist on Tom McDonough second period goal. Paul Phelan collected a pair of assists for the winners.

Danny Waites got two goals for Tidewater and helped on one of Bill McKenzie's goals. Tim Jamieson assisted on two markers.

Cleveland edged Springfield for the team's first win of the year.

Rick Miller pulled the hat-trick and figured in his team's other two goals. Toni Sheppard got Cleveland under way with a first period marker. Tom Shannon also got a goal for the victors.

Springfield's Dean Hughes also got three goals for his squad, and Paul McGinn collected a single.

Richmond skated past Rochester 4-2 on Dave Brown's three goal effort. Dave McKerracher rounded out the winning team's scoring with a goal and an assist. Ted Windmoller and Ken Disano also registered in the assist department.

Jamie McMullen and Dave Mitchell, on an assist from Mike Clary, replied for Rochester.

Oshawa defeated Hamilton 4-2.

ATOM—Roger Ward got the winning goal for Oshawa from Clayton Oakley while teammates Jamie Tarras with a pair and Kevin Krul also scored. Ward also assisted on Krul's goal.

Brian Steckly replied for Hamilton in the first period from Tim Briggs.

In the second frame, Robert Rogers scored from John Gardner for Hamilton's second goal.

St. Kitts blanked London 2-0 on the goaltending of Rick Stull.

The two teams were held scoreless in the first frame, however Paul Vermuelen scored once in the second



WINNERS OF business girls' bonspiel for the second year in a row is the team skipped by Gwen Tyler. Willa Hewitt presents the trophy to Mrs. Tyler, Marg Toth, Nan Hurst and Helen Otterbein. Spiel was all day Saturday.

Tyler girls mean business

For the second year in succession Gwen Tyler's rink won the annual Business Girls' bonspiel at the curling club Saturday. On her team are Marg Toth, Nan Hurst and Helen Otterbein. The Spring-Time spiel attracted 16 teams, one from Acton and the others from Guelph, Galt, Paris, Georgetown, Chinguacousy, North Bay, Weston, Dixie and Leaside.

The curling club was specially decorated with paper flowers and there were prizes for everybody.

Burgers beat minor bants

New Hamburg took the minor bants twice by scores of 1-0 and 5-3.

Sunday in New Hamburg both teams were kept off the score sheet with close play. New Hamburg finally broke the scoreless tie with a goal at the 7:56 mark of the third period.

New Hamburg took a five goal lead before Bob Allsop scored in the second period from Bob McClure in last Wednesday's game here. Dave Lawson added a second Acton goal from Allsop and McClure.

Don Brouillard pulled the trigger for Acton's third goal at the 7:14 point of the final frame also from McClure and Allsop.

Mike Hudson scored both Acton goals, the first unassisted, the second on a pass from Grant Smith. It was Grant's first scoring point of the season. Kevin Christensen was outstanding in the Acton nets, in spite of the loss.

The novices will play an exhibition game in Dixie this Sunday, then practice twice next week in preparation for the Plattsville Little Brave Tournament. In the tournament they play their first game against Delhi, Wednesday, March 24 at 2 p.m.

Bruce Sears coaches the novices. Ed Wilson is manager.

Close second came the North Bay rink skipped by recent Actonian Nicole Campbell. Three of her former curling friends from North Bay flew down to enter the spiel.

Acton novices dropped a 4-2 decision to Elmira in an exhibition hockey game here last night (Tuesday). It was the "rubber match" of four meetings between the teams this year. Elmira won twice, Acton once and one game was tied.

Tom Rosenborsky fired two goals for the bullmen while Martin Osso added the winner in the third period.

Steve Lumbers gave the Oilers an early first period lead from Malcolm McKenzie. Bill Pearn added a single in the second period with Steve Hepburn and Greg Ivany assisting.

The Cougars won both the game and the series against the Aeros. The Cougars beat the Aeros 2-1 in the game and 6-3 over-all.

Dave Johnson scored twice for the Cougars. Johnson's first goal was assisted by Jim Allonby.

Rick Lott got the Aeros on the score sheet in the third period from Larry Kurtz.

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The Firefighter Bantams scored an impressive 9-2 victory over Saltfleet Saturday to tie the best of five game OMHA quarter-finals at one game each. The fourth game is here tonight; the third was played in Saltfleet Tuesday.

For the win the Firefighters tightened up their defence, something officials of both teams said they'd have to do following the 10-8 scoring duel that Saltfleet took in the first game there Thursday.

Approximately 200 spectators watched the game Saturday afternoon in the community centre when Acton jumped onto the score sheet at the 2:07 mark of the first period on team captain Scott Malcolm's unassisted goal. The Firefighters never looked back.

The goal, Malcolm's fifth of the series, was his first of a five goal effort.

Half the spectators were from Saltfleet, which are sponsored by the Stoney Creek Optimists. A couple of banners spelling out support for both clubs hung from the wire screen near the goals.

In Saturday's game Chris Swetman held the Optimist shooters to two goals with solid goaltending. Whenever Swetman needed a defence-man there was one on the spot

AIHL finals

Ken's and Van's in best of three

Kensmen and Van's Welding will face each other Sunday for the Acton Industrial Hockey League playoffs.

Kens, which placed last in the regular season for the six teams, scored the most goals of any playoff team to knock off second place Hellers 14-7 in the two games total goal series.

First place Van's, which tied Blow Press 2-2 in the first game, skated to an easy 9-4 victory to take a playoff berth.

Cyril Reed led the Van's marksmen with four goals. Van's captain Ed Hillier picked up the hat-trick while brother Floyd and Bruce Cooksley netted singles.

Leo Williams replied twice for Blow Press. Ernie Waller and Ken Owen got their final goals of the season for the pressmen.

Hellers edged Ken 6-5, but lost the total goals series.

Gary Lewis and Jim McDonald led the Hellers' squad with a pair of goals each. George McPhail and Ken Kavanagh added one each. Lewis got the winning goal during a come from behind spurt by Hellers in the final frame.

Hake Ingles replied twice for the last place club.

Singles came off the sticks of Pete Morrison, Jack Gudgeon and Sid Baren.

OHA playoffs

Hornets clinch central loop title

Alliston Hornets are the top team in the OHA Central Junior C loop by virtue of their 5-2 win over the Bradford Blues in Alliston Monday.

Alliston took the best of seven game series 4-3.

Over 1,100 fans watched the game. Bradford pulled the goalie in the final couple of minutes in a vain effort to score. Alliston scored its final goal into the gaping net.

The Hornets start a series in Dunnville tonight at 8:30. The second match is in Alliston at the same time Friday.

Alliston took the first two games, then Bradford took one. Alliston took a 3-1 lead in games with a 10-3 win in the fourth game. Bradford then returned to win two straight games, but dropped the deciding match.

Prior to meeting Bradford, Alliston defeated the Acton Sabres in four straight games.

to fill a gap or block a shot. Swetman made a super stop with his glove when he was down on the ice.

Former defenceman Rick Widmont got an assist but his best performance came when he broke up Saltfleet attacks when the Firefighters were shorthanded.

After Malcolm opened the scoring Firefighter forwards continued to pick holes in the Saltfleet defence. Dave McGilloway collected four assists Saturday to bring his total against the Optimists to 11.

On the winning goal it was Widmont to McGilloway to Malcolm who pulled the trigger.

Saltfleet burst for two straight goals, the second coming in the second frame. Malcolm also got his third before the end of the period.

McPhail The teams took a break between the second and final frames, but the Firefighters with Bruce McPhail's marker started a five goal barrage in the third period.

Malcolm fired his fifth, with McGilloway notching one and Wade Vickery blasting in two straight goals. Vickery's first goal was unassisted.

Just 15 seconds later McPhail passed to Trevor Gardener who relayed the puck to Vickery who made no mistake for the Bants' ninth goal.

Saltfleet marksmen were Steve MacAndrew and John Paetkau.

The Saltfleet club was shorthanded for most of the third period taking 43 of their 73 penalty minutes, not including a game misconduct to Randy Blanchard. Acton took 24 minutes in penalties.

Both the Firefighter and Optimist defence units failed to cover their goaltenders in the opening game of the playoffs while the forwards filled the nets with 18 goals.

The Firefighters forced the Optimists to play catch-up hockey, usually taking a one goal lead, once a two goal margin only to let Saltfleet go ahead with five unanswered goals in the third period.

At one point in the third period Saltfleet trailed Acton 7-5, but within four minutes they led 10-7. "We're a third period club, have been all year", coach Bill Missen said.

Led The teams were tied 3-3 at the end of the first 15 minutes of play, and Acton led at the end of the second period 6-5.

Malcolm got the first goal of the series six seconds into the game. The Bant captain added three more. George McPhail put two away. Trevor Gardener got a goal, and an assist.

Dave McGilloway collected seven assists and a goal while teammate Rick Widmont, helped on three goals.

Two Saltfleet players had hat-tricks—Ray Sharpe and Tony Krpan. Dave Fougere had two while Dan Steiger and Doug Joudrey each had one.

The Firefighters edged Saltfleet in the penalty department, taking 42 minutes to the Optimists 34. At one point in the second period there were five Acton players crammed into the penalty box.

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