

Three games to two

Saltfleet dashes Bants playoff hopes

Saltfleet Optimists with a 5-3 victory Saturday dashed the Firefighter Bants' hopes of advancing to the Ontario Minor Hockey Association's semi-finals.

The Optimists took the best of five game quarter-final series three games to two.

The quarter-finals is as far as any minor hockey team from Acton has progressed in playoff action.

The key to the Saltfleet advance into the semi-finals against South London seems to have been their ability to stay out of the penalty box in the last three games plus their tendency to score goals in bunches.

Milton and Markham are the other semi-finalists.

In the fifth game Saltfleet for the first time in the series had less than 20 penalty minutes and scored four straight goals. Saltfleet collected 18 minutes in the fourth game plus a misconduct but scored a five goal

burst before the Firefighters got any ink on the scoring sheet.

Penalty

Saltfleet had collected 34 and 43 penalty minutes in the series' first two games.

The Firefighters, with the exception of the first game, stayed on the ice but the team seemed to have moments of lapse, when the Optimists came on strong.

Starting with the first game, the series scoring went as follows: Saltfleet 10, Acton 8; Acton 9, Saltfleet 2; Acton 4, Saltfleet 3; Saltfleet 5, Acton 2, Saltfleet 5, Acton 3.

In the final two games the story seems to be the same; Saltfleet was hungrier for the win. They beat the Bants to the puck.

In Saltfleet Saturday Acton got off to a quick start with Dave McGilloway's sixth goal of the series from captain Scott Malcolm and Charlie Kinal. The goal came at the 3:46 mark of the first period.

Optimists

The second frame belong to the Optimists. Doug Joudrey scored the first of his two goals. Andy Nagy netted two and Corey Lambert fired a single.

Wade Vickery slimmed Saltfleet's lead to two goals when he notched his fourth of the campaign from Bruce McPhail early in the third period.

McPhail scored one himself with less than two minutes to play. Malcolm picked up the assist. The Optimists' Joudrey had already got his second goal of the night to put the game out of reach.

The Firefighters' most consistent scorer Malcolm got two assists but no goals in the Bants final game. Malcolm has 11 goals against Saltfleet.

Chris Swetman played goal for both of the final games.

Several fans from Acton travelled by bus and by car to cheer the Bants in the deciding game of the series.

The earliest the Bants got on the score sheet in the fourth game, which was played last Wednesday at the arena, was at the 1:39 mark of the final period.

Defensive

The Bants got two quick goals in three minutes, but Saltfleet sat on a comfortable three goal lead they had built up during the first and second periods and played defensive hockey for the rest of the game.

Wade Vickery got his third goal of the series from Dave McGilloway and Bruce McPhail. Firefighter captain Malcolm got his eleventh goal with McGilloway assisting.

Marksmen for Saltfleet started hitting the mark with Joudrey's two goals and singles from Nagy, Ray Sharpe and Randy Blanchard.

The Firefighter Bants will play Monday in the 16th annual international Bantam Tournament in Georgetown. In April the Bants are slated to play in the Wasaga Beach Tournament.

Bants

The Firefighter Bants play Streetsville Monday morning in their opening game at the Georgetown week long hockey tournament.



FIREFIGHTER BANT RICK Widmont, centre, leans on a couple of Saltfleet defencemen in front of the Optimists' goal during the fourth game of the OMHA quarter-finals. Firefighter captain Scott Malcolm attempts to centre the puck from the side of the net. Saltfleet took the fourth game 5-2 and returned home to defeat the Bants 5-3 and take the series three games to two.



FIREFIGHTER BANTAM STEVE Vander Eyken closes in on the Saltfleet goal for a rebound during the fourth game of the quarter-final series between the two clubs. Saltfleet eliminated Acton and meets South London in the semi-finals. Markham and Milton are in the other series.

Raiders book ice time here

The season may not be over for Acton hockey fans.

Georgetown Chrysler Raiders have booked ice time at the Acton community centre for Tuesday, March 23 just in case a fifth and deciding game is needed in their OHA Intermediate "A" semi-final series with the Oakville Adanacs.

It's not likely a game will be needed, however, since Raiders won the first two games of the best of five series 6-2 and 6-0. Third and fourth games are set for this weekend.

There is no ice available in Georgetown next week, on account of the annual bantam tournament.

Sharpshooters pocket snooker title

Ken Harris and Teresa Luty pocketed the Family Billiards Mixed Junior League Grand Championship for 1975-76 Sunday.

The Harris-Luty team, which makes up the Sharpshooters, defeated the Ticats, Paul Vickery and Brenda Bigelow, two games to one.

Both teams finished regular season play with a top-of-the-league 29 points.

In the consolation championship Poolsharks Roger Ivany and Dawn Nicholls defeated the Elton duo of Greg Robson and Debbie Turkosz also by a two games to one margin.

Awards

The grand champs received take-home awards from hall owner Bert Bigelow and the consolation winners also got trophies which were presented by Dan McGilloway and Rob McMillan.

To end off the season the Ticats defeated Sabres in two straight. Elton took the Wizards by the same margin.

All the league's players received a small keeper trophy.

AGMO

In AGMO Senior League action Sunday at Georgetown the host town duo of Wimp Green and Gerry Stoyles boosted Georgetown's standing to six points. Acton, Milton and Oakville have two points each.

Runners up in the senior's play were Duckie Simon and Rob Reid from Milton.

In junior league play at Milton Saturday it was Enzo Belvedere and Pat McGrath of Milton over Acton's Nate

Field and Scott Oakley. Milton leads the junior league with five points. Georgetown is in second spot with four points, and Acton sits in third with three. Oakville has no points.



CONSOLATION WINNERS in the Family Billiards Junior League were Roger Ivany, left, and Dawn Nicholls, extreme right. Standing at centre are the donors of the trophies, Dan McGilloway, left, and Rob McMillan. The titles were decided in playoff action Sunday.

Guelph AAs edge minor peewee As

The minor peewees produced a solid effort at Guelph against a Royal City double-A team in Tri-county exhibition play Sunday, but returned home on the short end of a 4-3 score.

Acton came back throughout the game to tie whenever Guelph took a one goal lead.

Jeff McNabb evened the score at one goal apiece from a play from Mike McCrae and Gord McArthur.

Mark Duval put the minor peewees on an equal footing with the Royal City squad when he got Acton's second marker from Don Thornhill in the second period.

Guelph scored again before the end of the second frame to take a 3-2 lead, but Mark

Duval pulled the trigger once more for his second goal which tied the game 3-3. Tim Ferguson and Jeff McNabb picked up assists on the third period marker.

Guelph got its winning goal with less than three minutes to play.

Both Acton goalies, Tim Shields and Tim Baker saw service.

David Akin scored twice for Guelph while Pete Stride and Shawn Parkinson got singles.

In round-robin playoffs against Orangeville, the minor peewees dropped a 3-1 game Wednesday March 10.

Jeff McNabb notched Acton's lone goal from Robert Vermeulen and Brad Manes. Orangeville marksmen were Daryl Bailey, Neil Cameron and Robby Piper.

Minor hockey dates

- Saturday, March 20
- PEEWEE**
- 6:00—Baltimore vs. Tidewater
 - 6:55—Richmond vs. Rochester
 - 8:00—Springfield vs. Cleveland.
- ATOM**
- 8:55—Hamilton vs. London
 - 9:50—Oshawa vs. St. Kitts
- NOVICE**
- 10:40—Brampton vs. Dixie
 - 11:40—Guelph vs. Weston
- BANTAM**
- 12:35—Cougars vs. Aeros
 - 6:00—Nordics vs. Oilers
 - 7:00—Toros vs. Jets
- MIDGETS—Sunday, March 21**
- All games will be exhibition games
 - 4-Town teams will play in Streetsville
- NOTE:**
- Bantam play-off game will be played March 21 at 4 p.m. between: Nordics vs. Toros

Soccer inking kicks off

Acton minor soccer registration got off to a good start Wednesday when over 40 boys signed up.

The registration continues Wednesday evenings at M. Z. Bennett school.

The teams will practise inside until fair weather permits outdoor play.

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Ten skaters for Sarnia figures

Ten skaters from the Acton Figure Skating Club are entered in the Western Ontario Section Winter Invitational Competition at Sarnia

which starts Saturday.

It will be the first time the Acton skaters have competed in the week long event which invites skaters from west,

central and northern Ontario plus Indiana, Michigan and Ohio.

Figure skaters representing Acton are Barbara Wilson, Sharon Campbell, Kathy Toth, Marilyn De Bruyn, Debbie Turkosz, Cindy Brouillard, Carol Lovell, Kelly Buchanan, and Cindy and Dave McGilloway.

Minor atoms' goalies blank New Hamburg

Goalkeepers Mike Hendsbee and Scott Hibbard divided their duties for a flawless game while Home Hardware minor atom team-mates scored for a five to zip win over New Hamburg Saturday.

passed before Youmans figured in Ricky Dodds goal.

Kevin McRae rounded out the scoring to make it 5-0 from David McNight.

Champs' day

The Legion hockey Day of Champions will be held April 3 with both championship and consolation games.

"It was a real fine game," said team manager Gerry Kohlsmith. "The team played well," he said.

Jim Richard got the first goal of the game at the 1:45 point of the second frame. It proved to be the winner. Bill Morrison and Lorenzo Civiero got assists.

The Home Hardware team, once finding the mark, peppered the net for four third period goals.

Steve Raine fired one from David McNight and Kevin McRae.

Jerry Herrington made it 3-0 on a play from Ryan Bonnell and Brad Youmans.

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