

Christmas Atom tourney off until April

Organizers of the third annual Atom Centennial Hockey Tournament are taking steps to postpone it four months until April.

April 1, 2 and 3 are the dates tournament organizer Frank Allsop hopes to clear with the town for the arena. The Ontario Minor Hockey Association has already OK'd the switch from the Christmas break, Mr. Allsop said.

In previous years, the tournament has been held on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday between Christmas and New Years. This year, however, the two holidays fall on Saturday.

Invitations
Response to the more than 30 invitations has fallen short. Mr. Allsop said that organizers expected that 16 teams would apply. Five towns said they'd send teams.

Mr. Allsop said that he talked with most of the teams who'd been invited and he said that the main reason for them not coming is that the majority of coaches and managers don't get time off between the two holidays.

Another reason given is that there are more, closer to home tournaments going on at the same time, which satisfy the teams' desire for competition without having to travel so far.

The first round of the silver stick playoffs also start about the same time, an this was also given as a reason for not coming to Acton.

16 teams
Cooksville, Don Mills, Bay Ridges, Bradford and Acton all said they could have teams in the atom tournament, Mr. Allsop said.

The tournament started a couple of years ago with 16 teams, but the number dropped to 14 last year.

The 8th Annual Peeewe House Tournament, the town's other major inter-town hockey event, seems to be healthy.

Tourney organizer Al Hall said that three hours had to be swapped with the Figure Skating Club, but that the February 18, 19 and 20 were set.

Last year's winner, Sault Ste. Marie, has already phoned several times to organizers to say that it'd be ladd to return, even though the invitations haven't been mailed yet. Milton is also another likely entry, so that leaves 14 open places.



AHS SWIMMERS SCORED 20 firsts in the tri-school meet here against Perdue and M. M. Robinson. Pictured above is Dave Pendergast

starting the junior boys' 200 individual medley relay. Acton swimmers travel to Georgetown for a two-school meet Friday.

AHS swimmers grab 1st in tri-school meet

Acton High School swimmers clinched 20 firsts and won the tri-school meet here last Thursday.

AHS topped second place Perdue by more than 50 points.

Another meet is slated Friday at Georgetown.

In order of finish, Acton had 183 points, Perdue 129 and M. M. Robinson 74.

Perdue started well by winning the junior girls 200 medley relay, but the team of Peter Muselius, Garry Hinkley, Dave Stanley and Dave Pendergast took the junior boys' event.

Both teams placed first in the senior 200 medley relay. The girls are Karen Hinkley, Valerie Graham, Nancy Patterson and Miriam Beaton. The boys team consists of Dave Hannah, Steve Stanley, John Smith and Cal Howles.

Perdue won the senior girls 200 free style event; Acton entered no team.

Dave Pendergast and Alan Snels placed one two respectively in the senior boys' 200 free style.

Perdue again won the senior girls' 50 freestyle, and M. M. Robinson took second but Miriam Beaton placed third.

Steve Stanley took the senior boys' 50 free style swim.

M. M. Robinson won the junior girls' 100 individual medley race; Acton did not

have an entry. The junior boys 100 individual medley was won by Dave Stanley with Chris Conroy taking second place.

Karen Hinkley stroked her way to first place in the senior girls' 100 individual medley.

In the senior boys' individual medley, Dave Hannah was again in the forefront.

Acton swimmers took both ends of the junior boys' and girls' 50 fly. Nancy Patterson for the girls and Peter Muselius for the boys.

Perdue won the senior girls' 100 free style swim, but Linda Shadbolt took second place honors.

In the senior boys' 100 free style swim, Steve Stanley won, with Dave Berry picking up third spot. M. M. Robinson took second.

Miriam Beaton won the junior girls' 50 free style race, while Angie Baschkowski took third. Perdue finished in second.

Junior boys' 50 free style race saw Pete Muselius swim to first place and Tom Hogenburg to second.

AHS entered no team in the senior girls' 50 fly, in which Perdue took first and second places.

Tom Hogenburg and Dave Berry finished first and second in the senior boys' 50 fly.

In the 50 backstroke for junior girls, Nancy Patterson touched the finish first.

In the junior boys' 50 for the backstroke, Dave Stanley took first and Garry Hinkley second.

M. M. Robinson won the senior girls' 100 backstroke event, but Karen Hinkley swept to second place.

M. M. Robinson also won the senior boys' event for the 100 backstroke while Chris Conroy got second and John Smith third.

AHS did not enter into the junior girls' 50 breast stroke race which Perdue won and M.M.R. got second.

Alan Snels won the junior boys' 50 breaststroke and Charlie Kinal took third. Perdue managed a second.

Angie Baschkowski placed third in the senior girls' 100 breast stroke race which Perdue won and M.M.R. finished second.

Cal Rowles won the senior boys' 100 breast stroke.

Perdue took first and second in the junior girls' 200 free style race. Acton entered a team.

The junior boys' team of Tom Hogenburg, Cal Howles, Allan Snels and Dave Pendergast won the 200 free style relay.

In the senior girls' 200 free style relay Perdue and M.M.R. took first and second.

The senior boys' 200 free style relay was won by the team of John Smith, Charlie Kinal, Chris Conroy and Garry Hinkley.

Sharp Oakville Blades slice twice through blunt Sabres

Oakville Blades took both sides of home-and-home games against Sabres in Ontario Hockey Association Junior B action last weekend.

Sabres matched Blades in the starting and finishing periods here Saturday but were unable to contain the Oakville attack in the second which produced four goals.

Blades went home Saturday night with an 8-5 win to go with their Friday night home 7-3 victory.

The pair of losses ends the first half of the Sabres' debut season into the central league. With a two wins and a tie rung from 21 games team manager Fred Buchanan is hopeful about the results in the second half. "We expect to turn the season around Tuesday", he said. Streetsville Derbys hosted Acton last night.

Heavy
Sabres head into some heavy going this week with three games in four days. Tomorrow they play at Dixie and Friday they host Burlington. They'll also practise to-night and go over the results from Streetsville.

The OHA has given the

local club a boost by granting Sabres' request for two extra waivers. Acton therefore gets to import nine players because it is a first year club, instead of the normal seven.

Robin Incoe played his first full game in several weeks here Saturday. He replaced injured Kent Moffat in the nets for the last two-thirds of Friday's game. Moffat has a badly bruised stick hand. Incoe faced 39 Blade shots Saturday and 29 in his first turn in the nets.

Miss
Brad Buchanan also missed Friday's game and most of Saturday's action because of an ankle injury sustained at the high school. Also out of action was Pete Wicklum who was decked heavily. Doctors say that he suffered a pinched nerve in the back.

Sabre manager Buchanan also said that Jeff Townsley told the team Friday that he'd be going to see the Toronto Maple Leaf game the next night when Sabres had their home encounter with Oakville. Asked if the executive planned to take disciplinary action against the player missing a league game, Mr.

Buchanan said that the team will settle discipline in this case.

During Saturday's game Sabres in the first period had the Blades playing catch up hockey, but the teams finished in a 2-2 all tie. The same thing happened in the third, but in between Blades outscored Acton 4-1.

Oakville's Doug Taylor fired the winning goal, an unassisted shorthanded marker in the second. It was his fourth goal of the game.

Bovis
Another multiple goal getter was Sabres' Chris Costello who fired three goals to bring his season total to 16. Steve Buchanan assisted on two of them, while newcomer Joe Hurley inked his first goal as a Sabre. Hurley is the American who used to commute to practices and games. He now lives in Bovis.

Buchanan (Steve) got his second goal of the season on assists from Costello and Chapman.

Other Oakville shooters were Joe Connor, John Sertie, Doug Tingey and Willie McFarlane.

Acton players managed to out do the visitors in the penalty department by taking 26 minutes. Oakville stayed on the ice four minutes longer than Sabres.

Friday's game was broken down into periods and the way Sabres played by the manager. In the first period they (Sabres) weren't in the same rink. They came back in the second, but in the third they looked for Oakville autographs, Buchanan said.

Fifth
Don Richard got the first goal of the second period on an unassisted play. He's got five for the season. His effort came after Blades built a 2-1 lead.

Scott Malcolm, called up from the midgets, tied the game at 2-2 with his first Junior B goal. Steve Buchanan got an assist.

Oakville had a 5-2 lead before Sabre top point getter Dave Chapman notched his 12th of the year from Costello.

Bruce Vaughan and Larry Dean paced Oakville with two goals each and singles came from Terry Perrus, Todd Inouye, and Doug Tingy.

Oakville also beat Acton in penalties taking turns of five minutes in the box for 35 minutes to Sabres' half-hour. Kent Kentner's name appears on the game sheet from Saturday though he's been suspended and has failed to show up at practices and games including this one. Sabre manager Buchanan explained that the measure was taken to avoid an OHA fine for having fewer than 16 players for a game.

Sabre scoring

The following is an unofficial list of the Sabre scoring over the first half of the season.

Player	G	A	P
Dave Chapman	12	20	22
Chris Costello	8	6	14
Bill McGilroy	8	6	14
Red Campbell	2	10	13
Don Richard	1	7	12
Jeff Townsley	4	6	10
Steve Buchanan	2	7	9
Paul Ancinelli	2	4	6
Joe Gardun	2	4	6
Terry Kurkup	1	3	4
Ed Lange	0	4	4
Pete Wicklum	2	1	3
Jamie Vickery	2	1	3
Joe Hurley	1	2	3
Ken Kenner	2	0	2
Bull Gerra	2	0	2
Paul Curtis	1	1	2
Scott Malcolm	1	1	2
Derek Cleary	1	1	2
Dave McGilroy	1	0	1
Rob Milican	1	0	1
Brad Buchanan	0	1	1
Wade Vickery	0	1	1
Rod Sheridan	0	0	0
Lloyd Moore	0	0	0

Two top teams upset rest climb standings

The two top clubs—Hellers and Vans—in the industrial league were upset in weekend play while Station Hotel scored just their second win of the season.

Vans took a one to zip lead over Blow Press in the first period on Bruce McPherson's first of two goals. However BP stormed back to win 6-3.

BP dominated the second period by blanking Vans 4-0 after the teams tied 1-1 in the first. Vans rallied too late to outscore Blow 2-1 in the final 20 minutes of play.

Ken Owen assisted on McPherson's first goal and later Floyd Hillier helped on the second. McPherson earned an assist on Eric Stone's sixth goal of the year.

Figure
Pete Morrison hit the mark four times for Blow. Twice John Mason figured in the scoring as did Ed Hillier. John Kavanaugh and Bren Irwin on single plays.

Ed Hillier got one goal from Irwin and Sid Barens while Ed Wood combined with Kavanaugh to set up Mason's 15th goal of the year.

BP took 12 minutes in penalties, while two of Vans took six. Welding player Ken

Owen got a game misconduct. Station tripled the scoring of Kens to win 9-3. Station led 2-1 after the first period, 5-3 after the second and then scored four times in the third.

Mike McMahon paced the last place club with four goals while Bill Field earned a hat-trick. Jim Haggatt and Jim McDonald got singles.

Singles
Russ Masales, Gerry Van der Eycken, Bruce Cooksley and Field also earned two assists while McDonald and John McDougall helped on singles.

George McPhail replied first for Kens on an unassisted goal in the second period. Later Doug Andrew scored from Ken Slaney and then he in turn found the mark on Phil Fabian's pass.

Hellers pulled into a 3-2 lead over fifth place Lakeview in the second period, but failed to contain the Lakers, attack which edged the first place team 4-3.

Ron Mellon fired the winning goal, for his third of the game and tenth of the season. Mellon put Lakers into a 2-0 first period lead on assists from Lorne Gordon. Wayne DeForest tied the game 3-3 for Lakers.

Heller's Henry Toebes scored once from Steve Bennett and Cyril Rees in the first. Bennett found the mark in the same period on a pass from Cecil Stuckless.

Stuckless waited until play was in the second period before he got Hellers' third and last goal from Rees.

Maj. peewees pocket 3 out of 4 points

Minor peewees earned three points in two Wellington-Waterloo games against New Hamburg and Elmira.

Acton outscored New Hamburg 5-2 and forced Elmira to a 1-1 tie.

Sunday at New Hamburg Dave Milne fired the winning goal in the third period from Lorenzo Civerio. Jim Richards tied the game 2-2 for Acton on passes from Paul Cargill and Kevin McCrae.

Four attend gym clinic

Three students and a coach will attend a gymnastics coaching clinic at York University this weekend.

Kevin Parker dethrones champ

Kevin Parker dethroned the Junior champion at the Western Ontario Sectional Figure Skating Championships at St. Catharines on the weekend. Kevin dominated the Junior men's event from the start to win another gold medal for his trophy board.

The competition was stiff as some of the seven competitors had several years' Junior level experience behind them, while this was Kevin's first crack at it.

His first triumph came on Thursday night when he won the Compulsory Figures, beating last year's winner and runner-up by a slim but comfortable margin.

A point total of 24.52 against second place 24.46 and third

place 24.08 set the stage for some exciting Free Skating on Friday, when the Compulsory Program was skated.

Good form
Kevin was in good form and was rewarded with firsts all across the board from all judges, and a point total of 20.8. Second place had 19.06 and third 17.64. With total placement for combined figure and compulsory program Kevin led with five ordinals 44.60 points. Last year's champion Roy Priesnitz was second with 12 ordinals 41.72 points; third place had 15 1/2 ordinals 40.48.

So Kevin had increased his lead and had some breathing room to go into the final day of competition on Saturday, which was the four-minute Free Skating program. He skated with strength and grace and won first place with 5 ordinals 49.80 points. Second place was 11 ordinals 46.60 points, third place 16 ordinals 45.10 points.

Placings
The first four final placings were Kevin Parker 5 ordinals 94.40 pts., Paul Mills 12 ordinals 87.06, Roy Priesnitz 13 ordinals 86.82 and Brian Nilson 21 ordinals 82.02.

It is on to the Central Canadian Divisional Championships to be held in Guelph Jan. 12 to 16 for these four young men, they will meet other finalists from Northern Ontario and Manitoba. The battle gets hotter with lots of work ahead for Kevin as he strives to be one of the three finalists to go to the Canadian Championships to be held at Calgary in February 1977.

Derbys rally

Streetsville Derbys dropped the Sabres 10-5 in OHA league action Tuesday night at Streetsville.

Sabres took a 3-1 lead in the first period, matched the high scoring Derbys 2-2 for goals in the middle period, but were held scoreless in the third while Streetsville pumped in seven goals.

Paul Ancinelli scored twice for Acton while Chris Costello, Joe Hurley and Dave Chapman got singles.

Redmen split against Arthur

AHS Redmen basketball team split decisions in exhibition action against Arthur here last Thursday.

The boys' senior squad edged the visitors 65-61 while the Acton midgets dropped a 38-36 game to the Arthur juniors.

On the seniors, Brian Larsen was the top shooter while Gord Bruce was the top defence player.

Martin Osso got most of the midgets' points, and Ted Nadhazy headed the defence corps.



MATT SPEHAR AND MARK BEATON (20) control the play as the AHS seniors edged Arthur visitors here in exhibition action. The senior

team however, lost both its games at the Saltfleet tournament on the weekend. The regular basketball season starts early in the new year.

Sports pulse

by Eric Elstone

The Ontario Lacrosse Association's 91st Annual Convention has come and gone and with it some of the momentum for fielding next year's teams, such as the one time Ontario Acton Rams.

Officially, interested groups must let the OLA know by the mid-November meeting if they're going to have teams. But according to OLA executive director Jack Christie, in a telephone interview, the association will possibly accept applications for the rest of December.

"I would like to leave all the doors open for Acton to have a team, but the longer they leave it, the less chance there is", Mr. Christie said.

Ram executive officials may be getting together to discuss the possibilities. They may also consider someone else taking over the franchise, but so far it looks as if no Junior C lacrosse team will play in town next summer.

The next half of the Sabres' first season as a Junior B team is hoped by the team management to hold more points than the five already earned.

Sabre manager Fred Buchanan, however, may have to look for different players to reverse the trend in Sabre fortunes—a search he seems ready to undertake. "If some of the local kids don't feel like playing, we'll find some that do", he said before Monday's practice.

So far the folks who argued last spring and summer that it was nuts to turn a last place Junior C club into a Junior B entry are looking pretty smart.

Now that the elections are out of the way I wonder if community centre regulars will see the likes of Harry Levy or Russ Miller, both candidates, for a couple of years. Mr. Levy lost his bid to unseat mayor Tom Hill, though the challenger stayed for an entire game.

Ward two regional candidate Russ Miller dropped in to see how Georgetown Gems were doing against Sabres. He stayed for a few minutes, and won his seat. Sabres also won the game 8-2.

Legion town league tallies

Peewee
Rochester trounced Richmond 6-4 on the strength of double goal efforts from two players.

Tom Briggs and Dana Taras fired two goals each. Taras getting the winner. Tom McDonough got a single and helped on one other. Scott McDonough also netted a goal, while Don Thornhill and Roy Stull picked up assists.

Barry McNabb replied three times, all in the first period. Malcolm Warhurst got another in the second. Danny Waites assisted on McNabb's third goal.

Baltimore's Chris Hisaki flicked the red light for the winning goal as the team edged Tidewater 5-4.

Hisaki also earned an assist on Paul McGinn's first of two goals. Lormer McGinn also found the mark once while helping on a couple of markers. Roger Ward unleashed one goal for Baltimore.

Bob Little managed three goals against Baltimore for Tidewater. Michael Cleary got the fourth marker. Joe Balkind got an assist on Little's second goal.

Brian Canary paced Springfield with three goals to a 4-2 win over Cleveland. Paul Nolan put the game out of reach for Springfield with a third period goal. He also assisted on Canary's second marker.

Tom Shannon and Mark Cook from Scott Petty got the only goals for Cleveland.

Atom
St. Kitts' goalie Steve Taillefer closed his door to all scoring attempts by London players while three St. Catharines shooters hit the target. St. Kitts blanked London 3-0.

Ted Nessit from Brad McPherson in the first. Shawn Taras from Chris Stanbury in the second and Jamie Taras unassisted in the more.

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