

Major atoms rally for OT regional trophy



THE PUCK CAN'T BE SEEN, BUT it's tucked into Bay Ridges' net by a swift Steve Raine (right) who raced three Bay players into their end, then beat the net minder for the sudden death overtime win. The goal topped off a late game rally for a 2-1 score. Brad Youmans netted a goal for Acton in

the third period after the major atoms trailed since the first shift of the game when the Bay scored. Acton team officials are hoping to take the major atoms to the next level of competition at Sarnia later this month.

A sudden death overtime win at Bramalea "almost guaranteed" a berth for this town's regional Silver Stick major atom B champions in the tournament's grand finals later this month at Sarnia.

"Bramalea officials told us we're almost guaranteed to go to Sarnia on January 19-21," team manager Gerry Kuhlsmith said after Thursday's game in Victoria Arena.

Steve Raine scored his second overtime winning goal in a row of the three game series. He repeated an earlier feat against Thornhill when he stole the puck from a Bay Ridges' player then raced three opposing forwards to the net where he deked and beat goalie Paul Hickey.

Raine's marker, his fifth in three games, topped off a come from behind drive which started early in the final period. Acton trailed Bay Ridges for most of the game following their goal by A. Van Dorden during the first shift of the game from G. Court and S. Van Tienen.

Blind pass
The only Bay Ridges' marker came off a blind clearing pass in Acton's end. Major atoms net minder Tim McKendry had no chance on the shot. McKendry blocked and smothered all further Bay Ridges' shots with superb play.

Major atoms caught fire from the hitting of Ricky Dodds and Brad Youmans' goal early in the final period.

finished at 3-3. In all Raine scored four goals in the first two games and Paul Cargill counted the other.

Cargill also earned two assists and McKnight one in the series against Thornhill.

Although Acton is classed as a BB team town under recent Ontario Minor Hockey Association groupings, no such category existed in time for the tournament. Bay Ridges and Bramalea also fielded teams in the atom AA level.

Other members of the winning team are: Ricky Stull, Dave Milne, Vince Danagher and Kevin Hoerig. Bruce

Canary and Jim Richard also are major atoms, but missed the series because of illness.

Coach MacEachern said that Bramalea tournament officials called on Acton to join the Silver Stick after the town's Centennial Atom Tournament was postponed until April from the Christmas break.

Several teams ranging from atom A to midget AA, from such places as Lindsay, Amherst N.Y., Napanee, Fort Erie and Brantford took part in the week long Lions Club and Chinguacousy Minor Hockey Association sponsored tournament.

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BP shades Hellers Van's, Hotel take hold

Blow Press moved into sole possession of second place by shading rival Hellers 8-6. Van's kept ahead of the pack by stifling last place Kens 7-2. Station Hotel took a firmer hold of the last playoff spot by dropping Lakeview 8-1 in the 77 New Year opener in industrial hockey league action Sunday.

Van's scored three times in the opening and closing periods plus a single marker sandwiched in between for an easy win over Kens.

Bruce MacPherson started Vans onslaught with his first of three goals at the 3:59 mark of the first frame from Floyd Hillier and Keith Osmond.

Exactly five minutes passed before another Van's man, Ken Owen, pulled the trigger on a bullet from Eric Stone and Ernie Waller.

Stone also connected with Tom Dickinson to set up MacPherson's second goal of the night. In the dying moments of the first period Ken's Bill Fabian spoiled goater Roy Jenkins' shutout bid when he scored on a pass from George McPhail. The said pair of Kemmen ended the game's scoring in the third period.

only player
Dave Morris was the only player to score in the second period. Hillier and Tim McIntyre picked up the assists.

Stone scored right from the opening third period faceoff for Van's from MacPherson and Dickinson.

Dickinson was again on the scene to relay a Stone pass for

MacPherson's third goal. Just 70 seconds later, Stone set up Dickinson for his goal.

Kens took both penalties in the game.

Station Hotel caught fire in the third period with eight unanswered goals to end the 1-1 tie against Lakeview.

Wayne Allen led Station with a hatrick while assisting on two goater Jim Hagggett's second goal of the night.

Jim McDonald scored the winner in the final frame from Hagggett. Hagggett also earned two other assists.

Bill Severinski helped with Hagggett on the last goal of the game. Bill Field converted a Gerry van der Eyken pass into Station's sixth goal.

Proved superior

Jim McDougall fired the first goal of the game on a McDonald pass at the 9:29 mark of the game opener. A minute later Steve Townsley replied for Lakeview on passes from Wayne DeForest and Larry Kisiner to make a game of it. No scoring occurred in the middle period, but Station proved superior in the next one.

The teams shared the two penalties.

Hellers rallied too late to out score Blow Press 4-3 in the third period. Too late to overcome a 5-2 score at the end of the second period. Both teams scored once in the first twenty minutes.

John Mason rifled his second goal of the game and 23rd of the season which turned out to be the game

winner for BP. Pete Morrison and Ed Wood assisted on the play.

In the first period Mason, number 4, opened the scoring, also from Morrison. Another number 4, Heller Steve Bennett, replied from Gary Colton.

At first in the second frame, Hellers took a brief 2-1 lead on Cecil Stuckless' 11th goal of the year from Dan Hillier and Cyril Tees.

BP stormed back with four unanswered goals during the rest of the second period.

Take passes

Ed Hillier notched the first of his three goals, from Lloyd Thompson and John Kavanaugh. Then it was Morrison taking passes from John McCutcheon and Sid Bares for a goal.

Next Bren Irwin got into the scoring act with Hillier and Thompson. Hillier also worked into Thompson's goal when he combined with Kavanaugh at 14:43.

Ed Hillier's second part of his hatrick came early in the third with Kavanaugh again assisting for BP.

Hellers' Bennett repeated his first period feat with Colton's help. Stuckless closed the gap with an unassisted goal. Tees also found the mark for Hellers from Al Hall, and then Dan Hillier tied the match at 6-6 at 7:04.

For nine minutes the teams were even. Then Mason came through for BP with his second goal.

Ed Hillier put the game on ice with less than three minutes to play. Again Kavanaugh assisted.

Both teams got one penalty.

New record being set

The high school athletic society is on its way to setting a new record for numbers of people in intra-mural sports. The society set 5,000 as a goal for the number of times students would turn out for all

activities. By mid December 4,757 had been logged. Sources attribute the sudden rise in numbers to newly introduced lunch hour activities.

For Jun. C nets

Inscoe eyes Caledon asks Sabres' release

Depending on the results of a request by Caledon Flyers Junior C team to the Ontario Hockey Association for extra player assistance, goater Robin Inscoe may have played his last game as a Sabre.

Caledon, which replaced Acton in the Junior C central loop, was one game out of fifth spot in the nine team league just before New Year's.

Mr. Inscoe, who has worked out with Caledon since December 28, cited a lack of communication between Sabres' management and coaches and the players as one reason for his request for release.

Example
For example, said Mr. Inscoe, the Sabres dressed the team's third goater, Ken Eckroth, who'd been out of the line up for about a month, with no explanation.

Another example of how Mr. Inscoe said the team is run comes from a recent game at Brampton. The team was to warm up at 7 p.m., but was at five minutes to seven that a coach informed the three goalers which ones were to dress. "I think that's

why Ken Eckroth left," Mr. Inscoe said.

A couple of other reasons why he asked for his release from the team are that he's not too sure of his ability in the Junior B game and also because there seems to be little enjoyment for him.

Junior C
Last season he was in the nets for the Junior C Sabres, but he says this year is not as much fun.

Sabre manager Fred Buchanan said Monday that if Caledon failed to get the help it wants from the OHA, Mr. Inscoe would be able to stay with Sabres for the balance of the season.

Mr. Inscoe has two years of junior hockey left after this season.

Sabres' other netminder is Kent Moffat. Sabres are in last place in the Junior B central league.

Legion hockey

Schedule for Jan. 8

- Peeewe
6.00 Cleveland vs. Tidewater
6.55 Rochester vs. Springfield
7.55 Richmond vs. Baltimore
- Atom
8.50 Oshawa vs. Hamilton
9.45 London vs. St. Kitts
- Novice
10.40 Weston vs. Brampton
11.35 Guelph vs. Dixie
- Bantam
6.00 Aeros vs. Nordics
7.00 Cougars vs. Toros
Sunday Jan. 9
- Midgets
4.55 p.m. Toronto vs. Detroit
6.00 p.m. Vancouver vs. Montreal

Novice All-Stars take no holiday

The novice All-Stars strung together two straight wins over the Christmas and New Year's holidays against Georgetown and Flamboro. Scott Phelan swept through the Flamboro rink on an end to end rush which finished with a winning goal Sunday. Gary MacEachern scored earlier on from Kevin Lob-singer and John Lloyd to spark Acton's rally.

500 Club

Winners of the New Year's Day 500 Club draw are: Jon Hurst 237, Bruce Cargill 355, George Cook 137, Betty Dunn 347, Albert Winters 402 and A. Richards 484.

In the 2-1 Acton win, Flamboro's Danny Brerolin notched the first goal of the game. Bradley Demone matched the Acton scorers with strong efforts during the game.

The All-Stars helped re-open Georgetown's old arena Thursday by downing the host club 4-2.

MacEachern paced Acton with two goals while Lob-singer and Kevin Christenson fired singles.

The school holidays doesn't end the novice's exhibition games. Tonight they host Georgetown in a return match at 5 p.m., Saturday Ayr travels here for a 1:40 p.m. match.

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