



ACTON ATOMS fought all the way but dropped a 4-3 overtime decision in Saturday's Tournament.

# 100 boys miss tournament as adults haggle and fight

by Denis Gibbons  
Haggling and fighting among adults kept more than 100 minor hockey players from Georgetown and Streetsville from competing in a tournament they've looked forward to all year, on the weekend.

The annual 4-town tournament, one of the longest running in Ontario, went ahead as planned in Orangeville, but the four teams entered from Georgetown and Streetsville did not show up under a threat from the OMHA that the teams would face suspension, if they took part in the tournament. It was not sanctioned by the OMHA.

Teams from Leaside, Scarborough and Downsview were called in at the last minute to complete the field of a tournament, which has never had entries from anywhere but Acton, Georgetown, Milton, Brampton, Fergus, Streetsville and Orangeville in its 25 year history. Acton and Orangeville took part, as usual.

The OMHA will not permit teams affiliated with them to participate in non-sanctioned tournaments. The entire house leagues in Georgetown and Streetsville are affiliated with the OMHA as local leagues and the house league select teams from both towns sign house league certificates.

The house leagues in Acton and Orangeville are not affiliated with the OMHA, although the Acton pee-wee house league select team is registered with the OMHA as a second team.

Adding to the nonsense of the whole story is the fact that, just one week earlier, the same pee-wee house league select teams from Georgetown and Streetsville, which did not go to Orangeville, took part in the Acton Legion pee-wee house league tournament. Tournament director Alan Hall says that the Acton tournament was not OMHA sanctioned.

Norm Armstrong of Orangeville, who was in charge of this year's 4-town

tournament, said that the root of the problem is a dispute between the all-star and house league minor hockey organizations in Orangeville. He said he was told by OMHA secretary-manager Vern McCallum last week that a representative of the all-star group in Orangeville had called the Monday before the tournament to protest that carded teams were going to be playing in an unsanctioned tournament.

Armstrong said the battle between the two groups has been going on in Orangeville since long before the tournament. According to OMHA rules, house leagues not connected with the all-star groups in their towns must get the all-star group approval before applying to affiliate with the OMHA.

Armstrong said the Orangeville house league wanted to do that last fall, but failed to get the all-star group's approval. If the house league affiliated, two boys who live in Erin, but have

been playing house league hockey in Orangeville for some years, would not have been able to play according to the rep group. Orangeville house league officials just weren't willing to accept those terms.

Georgetown and District Minor Hockey Association President Joe Pentesco says his group was told at a pre-tournament meeting, long before last week that every effort was being made to have the 4-town tournament sanctioned by the OMHA. When the GDMHA was notified last Wednesday night not to take part in the tournament, Pentesco said he called an emergency executive meeting for Thursday, just two days before the tournament. The executive decided not to send teams to Orangeville, unless the OMHA withdrew their objections.

Pentesco said Georgetown teams and those from Streetsville were kept on stand by until Friday night,

since there was still a hope the tournament would be sanctioned at the last minute. McCallum apparently agreed to give verbal approval over the phone for the tournament, if the two minor hockey organizations in Orangeville could come to an agreement. They couldn't and the Toronto house league teams were called to fill in at the last minute. Armstrong had already made arrangements for meals to be served to players at the high school in Orangeville.

Toronto teams won two of the championships and Orangeville copped the other two in Saturday's tournament. Crests and trophies were handed out, as usual. One winning Toronto team, however, turned their trophy back in, saying it should remain in its proper place in the original four towns. A silversmith connected with the other team from the city offered to fix up his trophy and return it.

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## Sports Page

### Glanbrook eliminates Midgets Jr. B exhibition game blamed

Midget Sabres were sidelined from Ontario Minor Hockey playdowns Saturday, dropping a 5-4 decision to Glanbrook one day after four of the team's members played in the Sabre-Flyer Junior B exhibition.

According to midget officials, coach Jim James and manager Noel Weir, the decision for the midgets to play with the Sabres the day before a playoff game was left solely to the players. The Junior club exercised no pressure on the players, Mr. Weir said.

Referring to the decision for the midgets to play in the Don Mills exhibition game coach James said: "I feel disappointed that they played although some parents might disagree. It's a shame, really, that some parents can't see a

team effort rather than their own boy's glory."

He said that Widmont said before Saturday's game that he'd been hit by a shot the night before against Don Mills. The other players, observed the coach, didn't have their usual fire.

All four players who played—Dave McGilloway, Scott Malcolm, Wade Vickery and Rick Widmont—figured in the scoring in the next day's game against Glanbrook.

Vickery assisted on Jeff Shields' goal, Malcolm got an unassisted goal, Widmont scored a goal and McGilloway assisted on a couple of goals.

Bruce McPhail, who didn't play the night before, got a goal against Glanbrook. Shields, who also sat out the exhibition game, got one goal

and assisted on another in the 5-4 loss to Glanbrook.

"There's no way it hurt," said Ed McGilloway, Dave McGilloway's father. "They hardly saw the ice." He said that remarks about boys playing in the Junior B game were caused by "a lot of jealousy."

Gil Malcolm, Scott's father, noted that "The boys played only about five minutes and forty seconds total. I don't see how it could effect Saturday."

He accused some people of forgetting the intent, to encourage boys to play the game. Mrs. Widmont agreed, saying "It's just exhibition and it makes them feel so good."

Doug Vickery felt that, if anything, the kids were overplayed earlier in the week, and not Friday. "If he was so

worried then why did they play Monday and Tuesday?" he said. He believed the team was rushed into this series too soon after their victory over Flamboro.

The fourth game was to be played a week ago, however it was postponed until Saturday, after arrangements had been made for some midgets to play with the Junior B Sabres in a Friday night exhibition game against Don Mills Flyers.

Glanbrook led throughout the game by 2-1 after the first period, and 3-2 after the second.

Ron Spencer, John Cook, Danny Douthart, Eugene Spanier and Mike Haslem scored for Glanbrook.

Midgets had eliminated Flamboro to earn the Glanbrook series.

In the 6-3 win over Glanbrook last Tuesday Malcolm and Vickery produced two goals each while Bruce McPhail and Dave McGilloway added singles. Acton led throughout the game.

Shane Withers missed both playoff games because of an injury he received from an exhibition game.



HARLEM DIPLOMATS came to Acton High School Thursday to play the Acton Redmen. The Redmen, supplemented by staff and the girls intramural team, cannot be faulted for losing; they were doubled over in laughter most of the game.

### Major pee wees out drop final away game

Tuesday night's OMHA major pee-wee playoff game followed to form, home team Glanbrook edging Acton 4-3 and taking the series three games to two. All victories in the series were home ice wins. Acton winning twice at the Arena and bowing each time the action moved to Glanbrook.

Mark Duval figured in all Acton's scoring, netting two and assisting on the other. He opened the game with an unassisted effort early in the first period which stood until the second frame, when Glanbrook got past netminder Tim Shields three times, once on a power play goal while Duval was off for roughing.

Acton came back with a power play goal of their own in the third, Bob Vermeulen and Dean Hughes getting assists on Duval's second. With only 42 seconds remaining, Gord McArthur hit for Acton's final point, assisted by Rick Greenly and Duval.

Acton and Glanbrook traded home wins last weekend to force the series to five games. Glanbrook was the victor Saturday at 2-1 and Acton came back home Sunday to trounce them 6-1.

The Acton win was the only lopsided score in this tightly matched contest. The two teams each carded 4-2 victories in the opening games played February 19 and 20.

Three points

Captain Mark Duval led the way for Acton with two goals and an assist, for three points on the game. He netted the first, at 3:55 of the first period, on a Rick Greenly assist.

After a scoreless second period, Rob Vermeulen popped the winner for Acton, beating the Glanbrook netminder from Duval and Gord McArthur.

Mike McRae made it 3-0 on passes from McArthur and

Vermeulen before Glanbrook broke through for their lone marker.

The next two goals came from the stick of Jeff Duval.

#### 4-town meeting

Representatives from Georgetown, Acton, Orangeville and Streetsville will meet at the Acton Legion tomorrow (Thursday) night to try to sort out what happened to this year's 4-town tournament.

Georgetown and Streetsville are apparently still interested in trying to hold the tournament the way it was meant to be held. If ice time can be found later this year.

The tournament started 25 years ago before most towns had OMHA rep teams and has been held every year since.

McNabb, Greenly assisting on the first and along with Rick Smith helping for the second.

Duval finished things off with an unassisted marker in the closing minutes of the game.

Tim Ferguson was responsible for Acton's only point in Saturday's game, beating Glanbrook's defense on passes from Vermeulen and McRae.

Pull goalie

In the last minute of the game Acton pulled goalie Tim Shields in favour of a sixth at tacker. The team was unable to score however, even though Glanbrook had two in the penalty box at the time. Shields soloed in net both games, and did an excellent job of containing Glanbrook.

CENTRAL JUNIOR B  
Playoffs  
Series A  
Oakville 7, Milton 4  
Milton 3, Oakville 2  
(Milton leads best-of-seven semi-final series 3-1)

### AHS racers to miss provincial swim meet

Acton High School swimmers won't be competing in the All-Ontario championships at Scarborough, according to the coach.

The coach, Lynn Fountain, said that as of Monday there was no commitment for

either the senior or junior teams to go.

The juniors placed fourth, the best showing ever by AHS, at the Halton County Meet last month.

Some members of a junior girls relay team showed interest in participating,

however, the entire team would have to go in order to swim, said the coach.

An intermediate step in the march to the provincial meet from the county meet was dropped this year because of teacher difficulties in a neighboring county. "What really ruined it this year was the absence of Peet-Halton," said Mrs. Fountain. "It would have given us a clearer picture," she said.

Some of the boys may have been able to qualify for the provincial meet, if their best times equalled one of the times from last year's All-Ontario. However, the juniors would have had to race against seniors in the Scarborough events.

Also the times of last year's All-Ontario races are based over a 100 metre distance, and the school only has times from 50 metre events.

Coach Fountain said that she is very happy with the efforts of all teams this year.

#### AIHL playoffs

### Station upsets Vans Press over Hellers

Fourth place finisher Station surprised first place Vans with a convincing 5-2 victory Sunday while Blow Press outgunned Hellers 8-5 to take one game leads in their Industrial League semifinal series.

Vans was first on the scoreboard as Bruce MacPherson, with help from Ernie Waller, dropped the puck past netminder Dave Allen for Vans' only lead of the game, at 7:02 of the opening frame.

First of two

Mike McMahon pulled Station up even by the end of the period with his first of two goals. He was assisted on this one by Jim McDonald and Gerry VanderEyken. Bruce Cooksley put Station in front to stay in the second frame on passes from VanderEyken and Allen.

In the third period Cooksley netted his second, the goal which proved to be the winner, Mike McMahon feeding him the assist.

Wayne Allan hit for

Station's fourth marker midway through the period, credit for the assist going to McDonald and Cooksley.

MacPherson got Vans back in the action with his second, from Tom Dickinson, but McMahon came right back to close the scoring at 5:2 help from Bill Field on a short-handed goal.

Injures finger

Hellers' goalie Rick Bonnette suffered a possible broken finger in the middle of the third period and had to be removed from the game. He was replaced in net by Jim Brown, who normally plays goalie for Kens.

Blow Press never trailed in the game, Pete Morrison recording the first marker of the game unassisted. Hellers answered within 40 seconds to tie the match on an unassisted effort from Harold Andrews.

John Mason put Press out front to stay, his first period effort being aided by Morrison.

Fifteen seconds

It took Morrison only 15 seconds into the second frame to get in range again, and he grabbed the chance by netting his second, unassisted. Halfway through the period he found the mark again on a Sid Barrens' pass.

Hellers pulled to a 4-2 score on a shot from Cecil Stuckless, who put it in from a Cyril Rees pass.

In the final period it looked as if Station might pull it out in the end. They closed to within one at 5-4, and their momentum could have pushed them over the top. Press's fifth was off the stick of Hillier from John Kavanaugh, while Station's came from Dan Hillier and Rees. Cecil Stuckless assisted on both goals and Andrews helped on Dan Hillier's.

In the final two minutes the fireworks resembled World War Two as Press scored three times in the space of 41 seconds to ice the game. Ben Irwin was first of the bombers with assists from Morrison and Lyndon Thompson. Thompson netted goal number seven from Irwin and Morrison. Six seconds later, Mason got in unassisted. When Stuckless notched the final goal of the game, with only ten seconds remaining, it was an anticlimax, Gary Colton and Cyril Rees got credits for the assists.

The wins put Station and Press within one game of meeting each other in the finals.

### Novices sweep two games in a row

All-Star novices edged Tavistock 3-2 Saturday to follow up their 5-1 trouncing of Plattsville last Tuesday.

John Lloyd, Gary MacEachern and Scott Phelan fired Acton goals into Tavistock's net, but the team could have up the score if passes found themselves to players in the clear. Doug McKnight smothered several shots that could have been picked up by the defence if it'd been alert.

Gord Mitchell scored his first goal of the season on a play from MacEachern and John Cote. Phelan paced novices' attack with two goals. MacEachern figured in on Lloyd's goal and also later when he combined with Kevin Christensen on Mike Ormsby's goal.

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### Major atoms in W-W playoffs

OMHA major atoms took Orangeville to the wire before succumbing in the fifth game of their playoffs Tuesday. The team lost 3-1, enabling Orangeville to take the best of five series three games to two.

Acton's only goal of the game came with 1:17 remaining in the final frame, Dave McKnight finding the mark unassisted.

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### Flyers thwart Sabres take exhibition 4-1

Snappy passing and a constantly moving offense earned Don Mills Flyers a 4-1 victory in Friday's exhibition game against Acton Sabres. Half the funds raised from the game will be used to help finance the Flyers' Russian tour this spring, while half are marked for the Acton

Minor Hockey Association. Flyers have been playing together since they were six or seven and the experience showed as they passed with the precision of the European teams, getting off three or four passes on their goals.

Midgets play

Sabres were first to score, Reid Campbell beating Flyer goalie Scott Collins from midget players David McGilloway and Scott Malcolm. Sabres had four midgets on the ice with them for the game, and none of them looked out of place in the Junior B company. "Rick Widmont looked as good as any defenseman on the ice," said Bill Campbell, Sabres'

Secretary. Wade Vickery was the fourth midget who played.

Mike Crerar answered for Flyers on passes from Paul Marshall and Chris Kurysh. They went ahead at 13:16 of the third frame when Keith Bernier popped one past netminder Kent Moffatt. Ron Blackmore got credit for the assist. Moffatt was sharp in the nets, stopping 28 of the 32 shots he faced.

Kurysh made it 3-1 with help from John Campbell late in the final frame. The final goal came on a power play with Jeff Townsley off the ice for high sticking. Blackmore did the shooting after passes from Larry Murphy and Dave Payne.

#### McGilloway

David McGilloway was successful in passing his third figure at test day February 24. Between hockey games and practices he has been working on figures and dances. The dance tests are coming up at a later date.

#### Travelcade visits Acton

Acton will be the final stop in the one month tour of the Ontario Sports Travelcade. The information van will be parked outside M.Z. Bennett school on Monday and Tuesday and will be open for tours from 1 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 9:30 p.m.

The 45-foot long van is a mobile source of information

on more than 60 sports. Using films, slide shows, and an extensive list of publications, the expert personnel will help anyone improve his game, whatever it may be.

The Travelcade will also run a Judo clinic Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. in M.Z. Bennett.



A FUND AND fun raising basketball game at Acton High School Thursday saw Canada's Harlem Diplomats playing Acton Redmen, Redwomen and Redfaculty. The game raised \$204 for athletic awards to be handed out at a banquet in June.