

Station, Press in finals on 3-2, 8-4 wins

AIHL action Sunday saw Station move out to a 3-0 and hold on to down the favored Vans 3-2 and take their semi-final series 2-1. Blow Press eliminated Hellers in an 8-4 game that was far tighter than the final score indicated, to move into the finals.

Neither team had control of the play for the first period, but the puck was going in for Press and they took a 3-0 lead out of the frame. Pete Morrison opened the scoring after both teams had spent several minutes skating fruitlessly around each other's ends. He broke the ice from John Kavanaugh and Bob Brenton to give Press a lead which it never gave up.

Lyndon Thompson netted one with an assist from Morrison, and John Mason pulled the trigger on a pass from Kavanaugh to close the period. Mason's goal came after ten more minutes of inconclusive skating by both sides, neither team being able to dominate play.

Fought back When Mason scored for Press's fourth, it looked like the breaks were going for them, and they would win on luck if nothing else. Hellers fought back though, and forced the Press squad to work for the win.

Gary Colton got Hellers on the scoreboard late in the second period when he converted a pass from Cecil Stuckless. Stuckless hit paydirt twice in a minute and a half in the third period to bring Hellers up to 4-3 and make a game out of the contest. Cyril Rees and Gary Colton assisted on Stuckless' first and Rees served up the second one himself.

The game stayed there until only five minutes left to play, when Bren Irwin gave Press the eventual winner on an "unassisted" mark. Press finally began to show its superiority at this point, controlling the puck and keeping Hellers off balance.

Pete Morrison put the game on ice with his second on Brenton and Thompson passes, and repeated a minute later to make it 7-3 from Irwin. Hellers got one more from Stuckless, assisted by Bennett, but there was only a minute and a half left. Morrison used part of that time to take a pass from Mason and put it into an

empty net for the victory.

Station surprises Stations played giant killer as they knocked first place Vans out of the playoffs. It was midway through the third period before Vans scored at all. Floyd Hillier took the puck from Tim McIntyre and Ken Owen and beat goalie Dave Allen to end

the shutout.

Van's final goal was a once in a lifetime event. Owen lifted the puck from the general area of his own blue line and looped it towards the net. Goalie Dave Allen reached out to glove the rubber and did a sudden double take as the puck hit his glove and ricocheted on into

the net.

Station scored once in each period for the win. Bill Field was first marksman, his effort assisted by Jim Haggelt and Jim McDonald. In the second frame, Wayne Allan connected from McDonald to make it 2-0. Bruce Cooksley made it 3-0 in the third from Allan.

Bants crush Hillsburgh take exhibition game 9-1

Peewee Mark Duval moved up to play major bantam in a March 9 exhibition game with Hillsburgh and scored twice on the way to a 9-1 victory at the arena.

Bants' goaltending duties were split between Derrick Neely and Craig Tutton, and the two combined to block out any offense that Hillsburgh got going.

Rick Gooyers were first to find the mark in the game, giving Acton the lead from Lance Alton early in the first period. Don Brouillard netted the winner

Its scoring The second frame was the big one for scoring. Acton netting five to Hillsburgh's one. The cannonade began at 2:24 when captain Robert Evans took a pass from Bob Allsop and put it beyond the opposition netminder's reach, to run the score to 3-0. He assisted, along with Allsop on the next, Larry Polo getting the goal. Brouillard pulled the trigger for his second, assisted by Gooyers, before Hillsburgh finally broke through for their lone marker.

Two goals Duval, who displayed good disciplined hockey through the game, converted a Roger Evans pass for his first of the game and Larry Polo finished off the period with a marker assisted by Jeff Ferguson and Gooyers.

The third frame saw a return to more traditional number of goals. Acton chalking up the only two of the period. Allsop was an unassisted gunner at 3:36, and Duval found the range from Brouillard to close the scoring in the game.



PETE MORRISON SCORES ONE of his four goals in Sunday's AIHL action. He is being covered by Gary Colton for Heller's on the shot.

Puck is visible in the extreme left of the net. Press took the game 8-4 to go on into the finals against Station, who upset Vans 3-2 in their series.

Chapman takes second in Junior "B" MVP balloting

Sabre's Dave Chapman, who led the league in scoring this past season, was voted a close second to Milton's Ron Twiss in the Central Junior B League MVP balloting.

A panel of coaches voted 12-11 in favor of the Flyers captain. Dave told us that he heard about the results on the radio Tuesday when he turned in to see how Streetsville and Milton did, and he said "It was a surprise to me."

He gave his teammates a lot of credit for his achievement, saying "there has to be team help" to get the award.

Chapman's achievement is even more outstanding because the MVP voting usually favours players on top finishing teams. The Sabres, playing their first year in Junior B, finished in the cellar. "You work extra hard when the team is low" he said.

Bill Campbell, secretary of the Sabres, said "We're really glad for him." He pointed out that while this is Twiss's last year, "Dave's got another year to go so maybe he can improve next year."

A combination of high scoring and overall ability are what earned Chapman his recognition. He notched 32 goals and 48 assists in the 1976-77 season for 80 points, and according to Campbell

"He is a 100 per cent player. He never had bad shifts and he always was a consistent, hustling player."

Chapman is a clean but aggressive player who is seldom in the penalty box, and according to Campbell, he did not have any misconduct penalties all year.

Coaches were asked to submit their number one, two and three choices for MVP for consideration. In the voting

they were not allowed to vote for their own players.

"In our mind he was number one" said Campbell. Since home team coaches could not vote for him, it shows that "his popularity came from other teams."

Chapman joined the Sabres in the 1975-1976 season, when the team was Junior C, for the playoffs. Before that he had played for Milton and Georgetown.

Atoms blank Caledon 7-0 Bowling team four goes to provincials

Acton major atoms blanked visiting Caledon 7-0 Saturday at the arena.

Neither team was able to score during the opening period but midway through the second Acton began to take over. David Milne took a pass from Jim Richard and Loranzo Civiero to score the only goal which Acton needed to win. Richard followed with a marker of his own from Steven Raine.

Kevin MelTae fed Richard for his second of the day to open the third period. Richard scored again to close the period, and in between his markers were two by David McKnight and one from Vince Danagher. Rick Dodds, Brad Youmans, David Milne, Raine, McKnight and MelTae got assists.

by Ken Hulford

March 6: It was a thrilling finish in the Zone "F" rolloff in the Thomas Adams Distillers 7th annual National Classified Bowling Championships. The five competing Acton women's teams, bowling on their home lanes, all gave it a good try for one of them to advance to the provincial rolloffs.

After the second game of the three game rolloff, team one captained by Marion Storey with a total of 1719 appeared to have the rolloff sewed up for one of them. Team Four captained by Sylvia Mages had 1633, team Three captained by Mary Anderson had 1623 and Team Five captained by Jackie

Parker with 1566 were trailing.

In the third and final game, the tide of fortune turned and the "Fighting Fourth", Sharon Holmes, Minnie Johnston, Sue Robson, Grace Robertson and Sylvia Mages caught fire and with Sharon Holmes in the lead-off spot tallying a 204, Grace Robertson in the fourth slot, striking out for a 223 and in the anchor spot, Sylvia Mages racking up strikes, in the sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth frame and closing with a spare count of 30 in the tenth for 229 brought the game total up to 925 and a grand total of 2558 to nail down the top spot.

Team One finished with 839 for a total of 2540 and team

Atoms go to consolations Major peewees edged

Major Atoms played another overtime game against Waterloo in their Wellington-Waterloo playoff series, but lost this one 2-1 with 27 seconds left in the overtime period.

Jim Richard was the lone marksman for Acton, taking a Loranzo Civiero pass and putting it out of the Waterloo netminder's reach in the second period to tie the game up.

The loss eliminated the atoms from the W-W finals. The team now goes into the consolation round to play New Hamburg. Final dates for this series have not yet been set.

Major peewees dropped a tight overtime 4-3 decision to Elmira in the first game of their Wellington-Waterloo playoffs Tuesday night.

Coach Barry Insecue was pleased with his boys' performance. "We played very well," he said. "The boys have improved a lot since we last played them. This is the first time we scored on them."

He also praised the defense. "They played their positions well."

He feels the team has become a lot better since Christmas. They've got used

to me and to my style of coaching and now they're coming along," he said.

The game opened with Elmira and Acton trading goals before a minute was out. The visitors were first on the scoreboard but it took only nine seconds for Acton to come back when Mike MelTae looped the puck past the Elmira goalie after passes from Tim Ferguson and Mark Duval. Elmira took a 2-1 lead out of the period.

Gord McArthur pulled the trigger to tie late in the second period when he took a

pass from Bob Vermeulen and Brad Manes for the point.

Take lead Acton went into the lead late in the third frame on a Duval marker. The assist went to McArthur. The game was sewed up until less than a minute remaining, when constant pressure by Elmira paid off and they sent the game into overtime.

Elmira goals were scored by Steve Ross, Danny Gunn, and Brent Matthews with two.

No date has been set for the second game of their series.

Figure skating club

By Mrs. L. Mitchell
Congratulations to the following skaters: in beginners—Jennifer Skeggs, Laura Masales, John Ford, Janey Dawkins, Nikie Aneta.

On stroking—Paula MacPherson.
Elementary level: Joanne Skeggs, Stacy Hillier, Philip Dodson, Michelle Lanteigne and Kim Petty.

Cheryl Cunningham is also due congratulations in the basic as is Mike Creighton in the jump.

Friday ten local skaters are going to Sarnia for a competition. Good luck to Susie Kinal, Carol Lovell, Julie Townsley, Kelly Buchanan, Barb Wilson, Cindy Brouillard, Cindy McGilloway, Dave McGilloway, Sharon Campbell and Kathy Toth.



THREE TOWN BOYS won trophies at the Fifth Annual Pass, Dribble and Shoot contest held by the Optimists Club at St. Francis of Assisi School Saturday. Bob Andrews, left, Scott Allonby and Paul Nolan outdid stiff competition in their age groups for their awards at Georgetown.

Acton curlers scramble for playoff-spot as season ends

(Intended for last week)
By Pete Vidler

There are but two games left in this draw plus a few make-ups. Teams are scrambling for playoff berths while some members are already longing for the golf course. Left handers in the club are getting ready for the world championships.

Friday 7-9: The top two teams here are the teams of Don Ross, Linda Ross, Jim Coughlin and Janice Coughlin and Andy McKenzie's rink of Kit King, Fred New and Mary Watson. Barring an enormous surge by John Mintern, his wife Alice and the Appleyards and a similar charge by the Rowleys and Rosenberskys, these two teams should meet in the playoffs.

Tuesday 9-11: This draw is not unlike an Arctic ice jam in January. With only one team eligible for the playoff, we are going to see a real bang up finish. In the lead by 1 point is Chester Anderson's rink of Marg Toth, Ina Mellon and Betty Francis. Not only is Marg after that Toth Shell Trophy but son Gordie is skipping the second place

team in this draw. His co-hosts are Anne Moore, Richard Bruce and Carol Korpella.

Still within striking distance are the skip-led teams of Vic Patrick, Bill Toth, Bruce McArthur and Howard Campbell. Last game of this draw is father and son night with Bill "no-lead" Toth playing son Gordie.

Monday 9-11: Dexter Linberg's rink of Norma Robinson, John Bumstead and Karen Knickle have a precarious 1 point lead in this draw but have only one game remaining. Sitting in second with two games remaining is the ever potent Bill Cripps and his squad of Ina Mellon, Gord Toth and Mary O'Leary. Ab Robinson's foursome could be the sleeper in this one.

Thursday night: This draw is going down to the last rock count on the ladies to make life interesting. Rookie skip Nun Hurst has her quarter horses in first spot but her next two games are against second place inhabitants. Nan's mates of Lois MacKenzie, Carol Korpella and

Judy Huckle will have to display the same fine curling they have in the past. Reaching forward from second spot are the teams of Helen Otterbein, Trev Louttet, Berna Ormsby, Janet Hayter and Gwen Tyler, Karen Shortill, Lily Higgins and Lyn Franklin. Still a possible playoff contender is Nicole Campbell's rink.

Wednesday 9-11: If we have an Einstein in the club or a super mathematician then this draw needs you. With a guaranteed playoff spot is the rink of Ken "Leonardo" Marchmont, Sherry Few, Bruce McArthur and Lee Gosselin. Back in second and that's all I'm going to say for now are the rinks skipped by Fred Archibald, John Mintern and Don Ross. How we got in this mess I don't know.

Wednesday afternoon: With a guaranteed spot in the playoff is the rink of Shirley Hunter, Evelyn Cadenhead, Norma Hickling and Lyn Franklin. In second but by no means safe is Fiona Fieback's foursome of Nancy Vidler, Anne Ridley and Janet Hayter coming right

along are Marilyn McArthur's rink and that of Pat Near.

Friday 9-11: With three games left in the standings, no one is really sure of a playoff spot although Fred Archibald's rink of Kae Hansen, Gord Toth and Joan King are in top spot by two points. Following close behind is Sherry Few's quartet of Willa Hewitt, Sandy Keir and Dorothy Few, and behind them are the Campbells and Cripps. Still with a shot at it are the McArthur's and Vidler's.

Wednesday 7-9: For all intents and purposes, Brian Robertson's rink of Fred New, Fred Shortill and Chuck Beaton has won this draw.

Tuesday 7-9: Sitting atop first place in this draw is the rink of Del Hickling, Karen Shortill, Dave Robertson and Shirley Rosenbersky. Following close behind are the rinks of Pat Chamberlain and Tony Verbiik.

Monday 7-9: This draw at present is being led by the rink of Pete Vidler, Willa Hewitt, Jeff Moulden and Andy Rhynard.



TWO SHARONS from town demonstrated their synchronized swimming skills during the first aquatic show to be held in Georgetown's indoor pool Saturday. The Sharons are Campbell, left, and Cook.



MARTHA ARMSTRONG accepts a ribbon for her performance in the Halton Hills Recreation Department's Gymnastics Competition in Georgetown high school gym, Sunday. She competed in the Tiny class and came second over-all.