



CINDY MCGILLOWAY took a silver medal Sunday in a North Bay competition in the Interpretive (music) event. Her theme was 'The Good Old Days'. She also placed 8th in the ladies' novice free skating event.

Wasaga Beach tourney ...

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way mark. Captain Mark Duval came through with Acton's fifth goal, putting one into the empty net with 37 seconds left to play, putting Acton ahead by two.

Aurora got their last goal with six forwards on the ice, finding the mark on a screened shot from the front of the net.

Major Atoms
Major Atoms did not have quite as much luck. They were outplayed 7-0 by Aurora in their opening game and lost 11-2 to North York after beating Collingwood 3-2 in the first consolation game.

According to Coach Dave MacEachern, "the goaltending was as good as it could be under the circumstances." Ricky Shult was once again very steady, but both Rick and Jim McKendry must have felt like ducks in a shooting gallery as Acton was definitely not in the same class as Aurora and Humberview.

In the Collingwood game the atoms jumped out to a 3-0 lead before two power play goals brought Collingwood back to 3-2, which was as close as they got. David McKnight scored the first goal for Acton, with assists by Jim Richard and Ron VanItem. Kevin Hoerig followed with Acton's second, from Brad Youmans and VanItem. McKnight repeated to run the count to 3-0 on Kevin McLae and Paul Cargill passes.

Acton goals in the 11-2 loss to Humberview were scored by David Milne, who opened

the scoring in the game from Steven Raine and VanItem, and by Jim Richard on a solo effort in the third frame.

Accident
What started as a pleasure trip to see his brothers play in the tourney turned into an accident and major injuries for seven-year-old Kirk McNabb. He, his brother Rick and his father were on their way to see brother Jeff play in the major pee-wee series and Mike in the minor pee-wee series, when their truck was involved in an accident at Creemore. Kirk was taken to Collingwood Hospital for two days, and then brought down to Guelph General Hospital by ambulance, where he is still under observation for internal injuries.

Raiders win series

Timmins North Stars packed their bags and went home, after being whipped 8-2 by Georgetown Raiders in Georgetown, Friday night.

As a result, Raiders won the Hardy Cup series by default and will host either Embury Panthers of the Ottawa District Hockey Association

or Val D'Or Voodoos, the Quebec champs, in a best of five Eastern Canadian semifinal series in Georgetown, this weekend.

North Stars would not abide by a CAHA ruling that their series with the Raiders had to be a best of five.

Novices facing Elmira in best of five final

Acton novices opened their best of five final series against Elmira with a scoreless tie. Doug McKnight played a great game in goal. The whole team played the best game as they outplayed Elmira at every turn, but were unable to beat the Elmira goalie.

The second game was much different as Elmira beat the novices 9-2. Kevin Lobsinger scored from Gary MacEachern and John Lloyd,

and by the end of the second frame it was 2-1 for Elmira. Acton stopped skating and checking with the result that seven goals were scored on them. John Lloyd, from Scott Phelan and Mike Ormsby put one in the net in the third period.

Game three was played in Elmira last Tuesday and Acton played a strong game as they scored two goals in the third period tied it at 2-2. Elmira scored one goal in each of the

Splash Flashes 853-3140

By Helen Vadeika
Halton Hills lost by eleven points on Sunday 181 - 192 April 3 at a swim meet in Orangeville.

Local Acton swimmers participated in this meet and their good efforts were much in evidence.

In the eight and under events, Nadine Balkind took 2nd place in butterfly, backstroke and breast stroke and tied with Adrienne Kovacs in freestyle. Adrienne took 3rd place in backstroke and breast stroke.

In the 10 and under events, John Vadeika swept to a first place finish in butterfly, backstroke, breast stroke and freestyle. Jeff Balkind took 3rd in fly, 4th place in breast

stroke and freestyle and 5th place in backstroke. John and Jeff swam in the 11 and 12 year old freestyle relay and medley relay and contributed to 1st place wins.

In the 11 and 12 years age groups Julia Mullins took 1st in breast stroke, 2nd in fly, 3rd in backstroke and 4th in freestyle. Karen Coats won

stroke and freestyle and 5th place in backstroke. John and Jeff swam in the 11 and 12 year old freestyle relay and medley relay and contributed to 1st place wins.

In the 13 and 14 events Connie McCristall took 3rd in freestyle, 4th in backstroke and 5th in breast stroke. Theresa Conroy won 3rd in breast stroke and 5th in backstroke and freestyle. Tina

McGrath took 2nd in backstroke, 3rd in butterfly and 6th in breast stroke. Connie and Theresa helped with a 2nd in the freestyle relay.

Peter McKeown took 5th place in breast stroke. Every swimmer brought home a ribbon. Well done, Swim Team!

Diving
By Judy Paterson
Three of Acton's Advanced divers attended a diving competition in Scarborough April 2. Suzanne Pendergast represented us in girls 10 and under and Brad Jenkinson and Alan Snel represented us in boys 13-15 age group. Brad placed 6th and Alan placed 8th. Congratulations, divers.

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Blades may quit league

By Rod Jerred
Will the Central Junior B League be playing without the Oakville Blades and Burlington Cougars next year?

Apparently the Cougars are considering a switch to the Golden Horseshoe loop in an effort to stimulate a sagging attendance, while the Blades may jump to the same league because of the increased use of violence by teams in the Central circuit, particularly the Streetsville Derbys who in 1976-77 broke the record for penalty minutes they had set the year before.

Cougar general manager Bill Ellicot is down-playing the situation, claiming, "It's not something that's just come up. Every year we look at the situation and look at our financial statement to see where we're going."

Blade manager Murray Walker, however, said he is making recommendations on whether Oakville should remain in the Central B League at the team's board of directors meeting tonight. "It's not so much that we want to get out of the league," said Walker. "It's just that we object to the way some teams are increasingly using violence to win. If something isn't done soon, the whole league will degenerate."

Walker claims the idea to switch originated when Ellicot approached him to see if Oakville would switch to the Golden Horseshoe League if Burlington also jumped.

Ellicot, however, denies the issue was seriously discussed, claiming the topic came up in an innocent conversation.

Innocent discussion or not, it set the wheels in motion and

Walker has since made investigations into the matter, including the type of hockey played and travelling costs.

Walker said the style of hockey which the Central league is drifting towards was displayed in the Streetsville Derbys-Milton Flyers playoff final.

"There were far too many bush-league tactics in that series," said Walker. "When a team goes out to deliberately maim another player and is attacking the other team's goaltender then something is lost from the game."

In the playoff series a bench-clearing incident occurred when Streetsville's George Chandler jumped on Milton's Vince Fiore as the goaltender was skating off the ice at the end of the first period.

"All year Streetsville used bush-league tactics against us and tried to intimidate us," Walker added. "If you get two coaches, like Tom Barrett (Streetsville's coach) and Gerry Inglis (coach of the Flyers) who coached in Georgetown and knows how to play rough if he has to, then that happens."

"Now mind you, that's not a condemnation of Gerry," he added. "It's up to Vern (Gooding, Milton owner) if he wants to hire a coach like that, obviously that coaching style did help Milton."

Walker's comments have brought accusations of "sour grapes" from both the Milton and Streetsville coaches.

"We're not an intimidating club, we're a physical club," said Barrett. "I'm not going to let Walker's statements change my style of hockey. Besides, I don't know what

he's crying about—his team finished in first place."

"Why is there so much crying?" asked Inglis. "I never heard them crying when they were beating us 10-2 and 9-6 in the regular season."

Flyers beat the Blades in five games during the playoffs.

Despite his earlier complaints about Streetsville's style of play Inglis felt the Derbys weren't too rough. "They had more up front than us and that's why they won," he said.

The Flyer coach wondered where Walker would take his team if they did pull out.

"If he thinks the going is easier in another league, they

might as well pack it in."

Walker, however, denies he is making sour grapes statements.

"We were beaten and we were beaten fairly," said Walker. "I take nothing away from the team that beat us."

"I'm not objecting to legal hitting," Walker said. "Hockey is a rough game. But when you start getting bench clearing and spearings and goaltenders getting attacked."

"It all boils down to whether you want a boxing match or hockey," he said.

Whether Oakville or Burlington pulls out of the league or not depends on the approval of the Ontario

Hockey Association.

If Oakville remains they won't resort to rough-house tactics according to Walker.

"Our coach (Eric Smith) said he would be coming back next year, but he said he wouldn't change his style which is teaching the fundamentals and not rough-house tactics," Walker said. "We hired a coach with that teaching style because we want to bring hockey back into hockey."

"The crux of the matter is the referees," commented Burlington's Ellicot. "You have all the rules you need in the rule book, if the referees will call the game according to the rule book."

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