

Saltfleet take championship over Acton in cager tourney

Acton High School senior boys' basketball team made it to the finals of the eight team tourney they hosted Saturday before bowing, 47-27 to Saltfleet.

Saltfleet used a man-to-man defence that stymied the Redmen's outside shooters, and without Bud Buchanan to work the inside and control the boards they could not break the defence.

Three of the big guns were held well off their usual totals as Don Coats netted eight, Dan Webster six and Martin Osso only three points.

The Saltfleet team, while not especially tall, "jumped like heck" according to Acton coach Rich McArthur. His dreams of winning OFSSA became harder after the loss, he said. Saltfleet is an A team, which would face Acton in playoff action.

Handled last year according to McArthur, the Acton squad handled Saltfleet easily last year as juniors. "We made a lot of basic mistakes", admitted McArthur.

The mistakes weren't happening earlier in the tourney as Acton topped Sacred Heart 49-23 in the first game of the day and doubled Erin 46-23 in their second game on the way to the finals. Webster and Coats led the Acton scoring with 14 points in the Sacred Heart game, while Mike McGregor was close behind with eight.

The press was working well in that game, and Acton's bombers were hitting from outside according to McArthur.

He was not as happy with their play in the second game, but said it was still not too bad. The Redmen benefitted from another 14 point performance from Webster in their win. Coats popped in 10 points towards the victory.

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Results: Acton 49 over Redmen
 27 over Rebels
 Sacred Hearts 23; Erin 29 over Base Borden 26; Saltfleet 39 over Stayner 29; Bramalea 40 over Orangeville 31; Sacred Hearts 33 over Base Borden 26; Orangeville 58 over Stayner 27; Acton 46 over Erin 23; Saltfleet 26 over Bramalea 23; Orangeville 56 over Sacred Hearts 26 (consolation final); Saltfleet 47 over Acton 27 (championship).

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Acton scorers were led by Don Coats who tossed in 18 points. Dan Webster added nine to the total.

Matt Spehar and Mike McGregor played good defence according to coach Rick McArthur.

Georgetown had a consistently tall team which they used to advantage in the last half of the game to take command.

Underdog A.M. Construction pulled off an upset Monday night when they defeated the league leading Dominion Hotel 7-5 in shuffleboard play. Dominion Hotel is the scene of some good shuffleboarding Monday night.



LINDA OSSO TOOK TOP honors in the juvenile girls' category during intraclub competition at the Acton Figure Skating Club last week.



Fine form CINDY Brouillard skated well in her division of the intraclub competition last Thursday. Full results of event will appear in next week's Free Press.

Minor atoms fall 4-2 to play U.S.A. in tourney

Acton minor atoms jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first period but fell back to allow Hespeler to take a 4-2 decision in Wellington-Waterloo action December 6 at the arena.

Coach Dave MacEachern said the team played well but was unable to contain the Hespeler team.

Clinton McMillan was the first Acton marksman, giving the atoms a 1-0 lead with an unassisted marker within the first minute of play. Brad Demone added to that when he knocked one past the Hespeler netminder from Gary MacEachern and Kevin Christensen for a power play marker.

Hespeler scored once in the second period and three times in the third to take the win.

Acton gave up one power-play goal on their two penalties but it was the one that counted as it put Hespeler in front for the first time in the game.

Next week, December 27 through 29, Acton is going to Mount Brydges to play in a tournament against American teams from New York, Michigan and Ohio.

Curling Club

Thursday Night Ladies' by Nan Hurst

With one night left to curl in the first draw, there are actually three rinks in contention for the two top spots and playoffs. Phyllis Patrick and Helen Otterbein each have ten points and Susan Patrick has nine. The remainder of the skips, Karen Shorthill and Gwen Tyler with six points each, and Kay Hansen, Shirley Hunter and

Nan Hurst with five each are all out of the running. January fifth games will decide who goes into the playoffs.

Curling ladies—remember the annual Christmas party is tomorrow night, December 22. See you there!

Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to all readers of our Curling Column. We'll be with you in 1978.

Waples record

Ron Waples of Rockwood reached the one million dollars earned mark last night in the \$1,300 fourth race at Windsor.

Waples is the first Canadian to reach the million dollar plateau in winnings on Canadian tracks in a single year.

Splash Flashes

By Liz Binsfeld

Ted Cross and Life Saving 1, 11, and 111 classes had their final evaluations last week. Those who successfully completed the evaluations are:

Tadpole
 Craig Robbins, Tim Briggs, Timmy Sale, Michelle Hunold, Sharon Reynolds, Laura Anderson, Vanessa Box and Christine Poulsen.

Pre-Beginners
 Timmy Gilpin, Michael McGrath, Billy Botetzayas, Vicky Cargill, Paula Raine, Tina Kaessler, Jamie Goodings, Michelle Rooth, Ernie Holles, Jean Botetzayas, Shirley Krause, Cathy Topelko, Tamra Reynolds, Christine Graham, Erica Kerhof, Joyce Melsaac, Jasin Wegmen, Monique Bartlett, Daryl Bartlett, Georgia Laws, Jean Vaughan and Stan McEnery.

Beginner
 Paul McTrash, Shari Obrivitch, Debbie Obrivitch, Lori Jarrett, Suzanne Walma, Trigg Hall, Jill Whelan, Derek Bottomley, Tammy Russell, Angela Bridge, Rosemary Findley, Sean

Pratt, Nora Sewell, Bruce Coles, Beryl Coles, Audrey Turtcher, Danny Medland; Lisa Melsaac, Scott Corcoran, Shannon Johnston, Megan Elliot, Carol Colyn, Christopher Coyn, Cindy Dunn, Tammy Swackhammer and Wendy Weston.

Survival
 Amanda DeForest, Kelly Mathews, Lillian Waldie, Kenneth Toyne, Tammy Hawes, Christopher Vickery, Karen Hawes, Tanya Worsfold, Valrie Saunders, Tracy Smith, Craig Webster and Gordon McMeekan.

Pre-Junior
 Lynn Medland, Ian Walte, Jason Sharples, Craig Bottonley, Kyle Anderson, Mike Masson, Holly Cooper, Tim Duncan, Lee-Anne Short, Janice Raine, Laura Raine, Lisa Swackhammer, Vanessa Mitchell, Trevlynn Masson, Rita Donovan, Darlene McEnery, Helen Staley, Brent Connor, Scott Gardiner, Heather Porte and Mary Anderson.

Junior
 Linda Bauman, Martha Couture, Tina Kuuter, Michael Noble, Mike Schot,

Tommy Turtcher, Moira Dyc, Trev Toyne, Stephanie Hess, Dawn Cook, Sue Dickson, Shelly Mason, Darron Edmundson, Chris Toyne and Dale Anderson.

Intermediate
 Betty Stuttard, Denise Newell, Scott Hibard, Janet Diamond, Bev Glenn, Marlene Rocher and Jeff Bal-kind.

Senior Red Cross:
 Gary Dunn

Life Saving I
 Adrian Alder, George Findlay, Carolyn Sewell and Dana Richardson.

Life Saving II
 Richard Kilpatrick, Jane Sewell and Jackie Roden.

Life Saving III
 Gayle Jessop and Ian Findlay.

Our next session of lessons starts January 4 1978 with registration from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Evening Recreational swim times will remain the same till the end of the calendar year.

The pool will be open in the afternoon on Dec. 27, 28, 29 and 30. It will be closed Dec. 24, 25, 26, 31 and January 1.

Veterans push Redmen

Acton Redmen almost let a bunch of squeaky-jointed old men beat them last Wednesday as they faced a team of former Redmen which took them to the wire before falling 58-52.

The old-timers, whose average age looked about 27,

were led by Henry Geirich, who poured in 18 points and controlled the boards.

Bill Landsborough collected eight points for the old-timers, while Dan Arbic, Bob Turkosz and George Wallace each potted six. Lloyd Smallwood, Gerald Dick, Allan Hall and Fred Dawkins each contributed two points. Ron

Heller was the only other veteran seeling action in the game.

Don Coats was the chief gunner for the current crop of cagers as he hit for 25 points. Rick Van Fleet had 10, Mike McGregor had nine, Matt Spehar six, John Hogenbirk three and Bob McClure and Gord Bruce two each.

WHD sin bin time

Patterson Insulation of Georgetown has the lowest number of penalty minutes among teams in the east division of the WHD non-contact hockey league. Insulators have only 96 minutes in 11 games.

Georgetown's second entry in the league, Halton Hills Hawaiian Tropics, have picked up 128 minutes in 11 games, but that includes one game against the rough tough Hillsburgh Country Gents, who have since withdrawn from the league. The Insulators did not play the Country Gents.

Acton Tigers, who played the Country Gents twice, lead the league in sin bin time with 265 minutes in 12 games. Meadowvale has 131 minutes in 10 games and Milton 106 minutes in eight games.

In the west division, Erin is to be complimented for only 42 minutes in 10 games, the best record in the league. Orangeville Pirie Insurance has 58 minutes in 11 games, Hillsburgh Town Gents 66 minutes in seven games, Orangeville Chamber's Texaco 92 minutes in 11 games, Grand Valley 108 minutes in nine games and Cedar Valley 136 minutes in 11 games.

Merry Christmas

We wish all "the good sports" we number among our friends, a most joyous holiday.

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