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Red and White tourney success

Stewarttown nip Lancaster to take home championship

Acton High played host to the annual Red and White Invitational tournament for middle school teams Saturday and Stewarttown of Georgetown came away winners for the first time in three tries. Rolling Meadows were the easy consolation champs, breezing over Brookville in their final game.

McKenzie-Smith won their first game of the tourney with an easy 41-13 win over Fairview of Milton. Matt Vuk led the scoring with 12 points, followed by Rob Vermeulen with nine and Scott Allonby with eight. B. Wong, Dean Hughes and Scott Nolan each collected four points in the romp.

Having the home fans on their side was not enough to lift McKenzie-Smith over eventual champions Stewart-

town in their second round match-up. The Stewarttown team was simply taller and quicker, and despite some tight defensive work, they came out on top. Vermeulen, Vuk and Barry McNabb each potted six points in the 40-22

loss, while Bob Little and Scott Nolan added two each. Stewarttown used hustle and superior playmaking to topple a taller and stronger Lancaster squad 27-26 in overtime and take the championship trophy home.

"They were the biggest public school team I've seen in my life," said Stewarttown

coach Jim Ridley. "We had to play super defensive basketball to beat them."

Lancaster went out in front 9-2 at one point in the opening period of the game, but Stewarttown kept chipping away at their lead, pulling even at 22 all by the final gun in the most exciting game of the day.

The defence held Lancaster's high scoring captain

outside, keeping him scoreless for the game. They also used a press to advantage, forcing enough turnovers to neutralize Lancaster's edge on the boards.

Mike Ash led the scoring for Stewarttown in the game, potting 11 points. Peter Haller had five and Kevin Phillips netted four for the winners.

The Stewarttown boys can truly say they were the best

team in the tourney as their first game was a 11 point victory over the consolation champs Rolling Meadows. Andrew Brakel led the Stewarttown scoring in that game with 12 points, while Ash and Glen Scott each added six.

Centennial, the other Georgetown entry in the tourney, swamped Martin Street 42-3 in their opening game but ran into trouble in the second round when they faced Lancaster. Lancaster took a 26-7 lead in the first half as referees were not calling penalties. The Centennial boys hung in and pulled back to 37-27 at the gun.

High scorer for the Centennial team was Jim Brown, with nine points. He also led in the Martin Street rout, netting 10 points in that contest. Duane Hatcher added eight and Wayne Manuel contributed seven.

Rolling Meadows reached the consolation finals on a 40-19 win over Fairview, after dropping their first game to Stewarttown. Brookville's win was a 27-19 decision over Martin Street.

Organizer Rick McArthur drew praise from Brookville coach John Dodd for the tourney. "It is the best one around. Rick McArthur always does a good job there." Dodd's Brookville team reached the consolation finals, farther than they expected to go.

The new gym was divided in half for the preliminary games, and opened up for the two finals. Both halves of the gym were packed all day, and food was sold in the hall.

Eight teams took part in the ten game tourney.



BROOKVILLE JUMPER wins the top at Saturday's tournament. Brookville reached consolation finals before bowing out.

Jr. C Rams may be replaced by minors

Nobody is sure whether or not there will be a Junior C lacrosse team in Acton this summer, but the prospect seems unlikely at this point.

"I don't really think we'll have a team" said Ian Campbell, last year's manager of the Rams. "I can't say for sure, but right now it doesn't look like it."

The team lost a little money last year, about \$500, and this makes it harder for this year. "If we had a sponsor it would be no problem" said Campbell. The Rams raise funds by draws and ticket sales, rather than approaching merchants in the town for money.

Minor system Lacrosse buffs in town are trying to get a minor lacrosse system going again this year. This is not settled yet either, but Bob Turkosz is hoping to go with three teams: novice, peewee, and bantam.

Many people connected with the sport felt last year the lack of success for the Junior C Rams was caused by the absence of a minor system to train players. Many Rams were playing for the first time in their life.

Turkosz is looking for a sponsor now, and is also checking the possibility of a Wintario grant. There are sweaters around that haven't been used for two or three

years, but they have to be found according to Turkosz. He adds there are many people interested in helping, but they have to see if there are enough kids interested. "If the kids don't have to pay for the equipment that should help," theorized Turkosz.

Mike Marcoux, Ian Campbell, Chris Sargent and Mike McMahon have all indicated an interest in coaching for the minor system.

The operation is still tentative, however. "Nothing's been accomplished yet. Everybody's waiting for somebody else to make the first move."

Ram players, if there is no team in Acton, will have a few

choices of where they will play next year. "The guys could play for Guelph or Oakville" said Ian Campbell. Guelph is a new entry in the Junior C loop.

Senior team Another possibility for former Rams would be to play for the senior team in town. If it operates again this year, Nothing was brought up at the Ontario Lacrosse Association meeting in November about entering the team in intermediate play, but they will likely do what they did last year, and arrange exhibition games. The only difference would be they are starting earlier, and would be able to get many more games in.



PRESSURE GAME: McKenzie-Smith cager keeps the pressure on his Stewarttown opponent during their second period matchup at Red and White Invitational. Superior height gave Stewarttown the win, and they went on to take the championship trophy for the day.

Kevin keeps crown Junior Men's champ

For the second year, Kevin Parker won the Junior Men's Central Canadian divisional championship. The skating competitions were held last week at Winnipeg and ended with a thrilling standing ovation for the 16-year-old Brookville area youth.

After winning in figures, short program and finals, Kevin took part in the parade of champions Saturday night with all the other happy winners. He skated well and received a standing ovation as about 20 roses were thrown out onto the ice.

Kevin says competition was really keen and it wasn't easy maintaining his title. He did better than last year, when he placed third in figures. This year he placed first in every area of the contest. He was the youngest competitor of five.

He was away from Tuesday to Sunday. He skated three days and did well each time, he recalls.

Traveling with him was his coach, John Caughell of the Kitchener-Waterloo club.

In the figures, Kevin was awarded 22 points, ahead of John Thomas of St. Catharines who had 21. In the short program both he and his friend Paul Mills were given 17.92 points, but Kevin placed first because of the number of judges placing him first — three, as opposed to Paul Mills' two.

In the finals, Kevin won handsily with 87.50 points overall, while Paul Mills had 84.32.

It was a tough competition, Kevin says. "Paul Mills did well, too." Paul and some of the other skaters are all friends of Kevin's now. Not only do they meet at competitions, but they skated together in the summer, too.

In his free skating, he did much the same routine as last year, adding more to it. For instance, he only included one triple last year, and this year he had four triples.

Both his coach and parents are very pleased, he says.

As well as being happy at his victory, Kevin also looks back on the competitions as "a good time."

He leaves in two weeks for

Victoria B.C. for the Canadian championships. Last year he placed fifth. One of his main competitors is the Junior world champion, Daniel de Beland of Quebec. Daniel competes in both Junior and Senior classes, while Kevin competes in Junior.

Since he requires so many hours of practice, Kevin hasn't been able to get to school at Acton high lately. He's in Acton arena about six hours a day, perfecting his figures and routines. Some-

times his coach is there with him. "I need all the work I can get," says Kevin cheerfully. He doesn't anticipate any trouble with school work; it's happened before. He just gets caught up when he goes back, and the teachers help him, he says. He'll get back to the books after the excitement of the Canadian championships in two weeks.

Friends followed the competitions with interest and were pleased to see him on television last week.



RIGOROUS ROUTINE of training has required Kevin Parker to drop out of school for a few weeks. The Acton high student, fresh from his victory at Winnipeg, is preparing for the Canadian championships at Victoria in two weeks.

AIHL standings still tight

Blow Press maintained their one point edge over Acton Terminal Warehouse as both teams were winners in industrial hockey play this week. The pressmen dumped Lakeview 7-3 and ATW exploded for 11 points to topple Vans 11-4.

Mike McMahon was the big gun for the pressmen as he connected for three goals and an assist. There were two

three point men as Jeff Goy collected three assists and Fred Crawford picked up one goal and two assists.

The other Blow Press goal came from Ken Owens, who also got an assist. Evan Hayter threw in two assists and Mike Miller and goalie Rick Bonnette each added singles.

High scorer for Lakeview was Bob Jarrett, without a

goal. His two assists made him high point man for the team.

Goals went to Bill Fields, George McPhail and Jim McDonald. Tom Dickinson and Tim McIntyre were credited with assists in the game.

Cut loose The ATW big guns cut loose when they met Vans Welding Sunday. The second period was the big one as it saw ATW

push the puck past netender Dave Allen seven times.

Steve Bennett scored the only goal of the first period, giving ATW the lead. They opened the second period with three goals in two minutes to take command.

Five ATW shooters collected two goals each: Steve Bennett, Henry Toebes, Breen Irwin, Bruce Cooksley and Cecil Stuckless.

Pete Morrison accounted for the other ATW goal.

Henry Toebes added four assists to his goals to wind up with six points. Three assists went to both Morrison and Irwin, while Stuckless and Ted Saltz each added two. Singles went to Bennett and Cooksley.

All three Vans' goals came from the stick of Bruce McPherson. Gary Marsh matched his point total with three assists and Brian Lloyd, Vince Thornton and Jim Haggatt each collected singles.

Stay in race Cleaners stayed in the race for the top spot with their easy win over cellar-dweller Hellers.

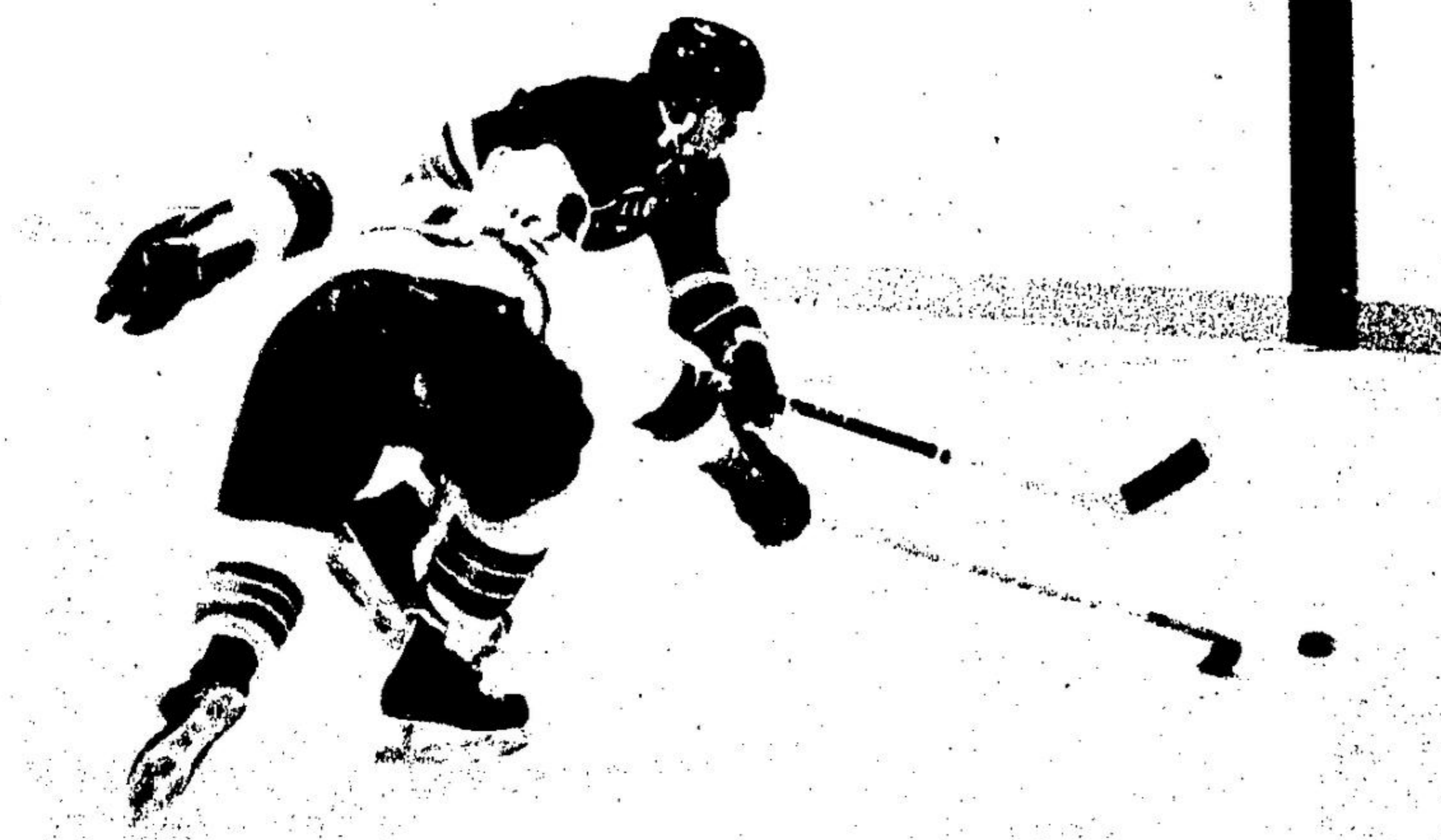
Bart Jacobs opened the scoring with a quick goal in the first minute of play, taking it in unassisted. Russ Van Fleet tied it up from Steve Townsley two minutes later but Harry Lawson gave Cleaners a permanent lead from Larry Kirtner and John McCutcheon.

Five different players then scored in a row for the Cleaners to put the game out of reach. Ted Jowett, Floyd Hillier, Lawson, Kirtner and Gary Colton all pulled the trigger before Ken Slaney managed Hellers' final goal, from Jim Cooney.

Registering assists in the five goal burst were Colton, Jowett and Ernie Waller with two each and Jacobs, McCutcheon and Floyd Hillier with singles.

AIHL standings

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Blow Press	7	3	2	16	53	36
ATW	6	3	1	15	72	60
Cleaners	6	3	1	13	59	47
Lakeview	5	5	2	12	50	52
Vans	4	7	1	9	44	60
Hellers	2	7	3	7	42	68



SCOTT MALCOLM'S DRIVE in the early part of Saturday's Blade game was thwarted by some good Blade stickwork, Blades were tied up for two periods but cut loose in the final to get the 6-3 win.