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DIANE BAGINSKI (1) and Cindy McGilloway clinched first place for Acton Figure Skating Club in the Pre-Preliminary Similar Pairs of the Halton-Peel Dance and Pairs Competition at Georgetown Saturday.

Atoms lose first since opener fall to Hespeler by 5-4 count

Acton major atoms, owners of an unbeaten streak as long as the Montreal Canadiens, ran into their nemesis Hespeler in OMHA playoff action and came away losers for only the second time all season when they were edged 5-4.

Hespeler was the only team to beat Acton in the regular season, turning the trick in the opening game. Acton came back to earn revenge in a later game to leave the teams tied on the year.

Acton were down 5-1 half way through the third period before they got moving. Les Berry got the first goal with a point from David Thomas with 2:46 remaining. Thomas made it 5-3 with 19 seconds left and Mike Hudson barreled in with nine seconds left to make it 5-4, getting the pass from Berry.

Open net
Hudson missed an open net with three seconds left that would have sent the game into overtime.

Acton's other goal was engineered by Hudson in the second period as he got the puck from Bruce Raine.

The last second points were both the result of powerplay as the Hespeler team grew over-enthusiastic in their defence.

Acton face Hespeler again tonight in the arena, when they hope to get back on their

winning track. They earned the right to play Hespeler by eliminating Elmira in two straight.

They edged Elmira 7-6 in the first game of the series after taking a 6-2 lead. Three Elmira goals in the last five minutes kept it close for the atoms.

Les Berry opened the scoring from Grant Smith in

the first period, only to see Elmira answer back within 10 seconds. Hudson gave the locals a 2-1 lead as he converted a pass from Tony Van Dam with three minutes left.

Elmira scored again in the fast moving period before Jamie Lawson finally closed the door on scoring in the first frame with a solo shot in the last minute.

Widen lead
Acton widened their lead in the second period as Hudson scored from Terry Danagher and Lawson for the only score of the frame. They scored twice more in the third to make it look like the game was won before Elmira staged their comeback.

Hudson was the shooter on both goals, getting an assist from Van Dam on the first and from Lawson on the second.

Hudson potted the final Acton marker unassisted.

The second game of the series was less suspenseful as Elmira took a 2-0 lead by the second period only to watch the Acton atoms come storming back with five

scores in a row to take the series.

It was not until the late stages of the second period that Acton managed to find the range, when scoring star Hudson took one in from Danagher and Thomas.

Bruce Raine potted the second point after only 19 seconds of the third period

and Les Berry got the winner after just a minute. Mike Hudson assisted on both and Berry and Raine got single assists.

Robbie Porte fed Hudson for the two final goals of the game to give the atoms breathing room.

Only three penalties were called in the game.

Houston qualifies in 3000 for Canadian track championships

Heavy training has paid off for Acton runner Frank Houston as he has qualified for the Canadian Senior Championships in his first year of senior competition. Houston cut 22.4 seconds off his previous best in the 3000 metre event at the Ontario senior championships held at the C.N.E., good enough for 13th spot and a chance in the Canadians.

Houston ran an 8:24.8 race to win his heat with ease. He was disappointed at having to run with the slower group, and said if he had been in with the fast group he could have done as much as five seconds better.

His coach had argued in favor of his going into the fast group on the strength of his good showing in 1500 metre races on indoor tracks this season, but the organizers of the meet insisted on placing

him based on his last year's performance in the 3000. He had not run the distance since last May.

The Championships are being held March 4 and 5 in Montreal, and Houston plans to peak for the race by concentrating on more track workouts at the C.N.E. rather than the long distance roadwork he has been doing since fall.

He also qualified to run in the 1500 metre race but is entering only the longer race. "The longer the distance the better for me" he told the Free Press.

To get himself ready for the race he has entered two tuneup events, this weekend and next. The two races will give him a chance to try out different strategies and to get a feel for the 3000 meter distance, so he will know what to expect in a race.

Houston is happy to have done so well in his first year as a senior, saying "I can't help but to be pleased."

Houston ran for the Scarborough Optimists' Club until this season, when political troubles arose. The Scarborough Optimists would not pay their fees to the Ontario track association, so Houston is now officially an Uxbridge Optimist. "It's just a stupid political thing" he said. He still wears the same uniform and runs with the same people. Only the name is different.

"Unless we go by train, I'm not going" he told the Free Press. He has tried to run races after driving to competitions and finds he can not run as well. The driving leaves you tired and too stiff to perform your best.

Slow start in fund raising OFSAA basketball tourney

Fund raising activities for the all-Ontario basketball championships being hosted by Acton High School have so far raised only about \$250 of the approximately \$1,000 that will be needed to run the three day tournament, according to organizer Rick McArthur.

The money is needed for ads, officials' fees, a banquet for the 500 athletes who will be at the tourney, a dance and a movie night. A small charge is being made of the entrants to help cover some of the costs.

Approach business
The urban geography class at Acton High School has been approaching local merchants for donations at the same time as they are doing a study project for their class. They have been showing a letter from Peter Marks indicating council's support of the tourney and stating council has made a donation themselves. The school is providing receipts for income tax purposes.

Response has been slow so far to the requests. Many businesses said they had to contact main offices out of town before they could make

any donation. McArthur pointed out the presence of 500 extra people in town for three days could provide a big boost to the town's merchants. "Restaurants and any businesses will benefit."

McArthur is hoping for a small donation of about five dollars from each merchant

to put the tourney in the black.

Starts March 16
The tourney will start Thursday, March 16 with opening round games and will continue through Saturday. Friday will see a full day of basketball plus the conclusion of the local feeder schools mini-super shooters' contest.

Two movies will be shown in the evening, The Harlem Globetrotter Highlights and The Other Side of the Mountain.

Semi-finals, consolation and championship games will be played Saturday March 18. The gymnastics team will perform a ribbon routine at half time of the consolation

final and the mini-basketeers from Orangerville will show off their basketball handling exhibition at half time in the championship game.

Athletic trainers from Sheridan College and the St. John Ambulance will be on hand in case of injuries. T-shirts, pennants, hats and buttons will be sold.

Beaton and Rowles represent Acton swimming

Miriam Beaton and Cal Rowles will be representing Acton in the Peel-Halton swim meet this Friday on the strength of some fine individual performances at the Halton swimming championships held last Tuesday at Lord Elgin Centennial pool.

Beaton topped all comers in the junior girls' 50 metre freestyle event, splashing to victory in a time of 32.54 seconds. Laurie Sutherland of Georgetown was second in the race.

In the 100 metre freestyle Beaton managed a second place finish, her time of 1:13.78 placing her two seconds behind winner Allison MacDonald of Georgetown.

Cal Rowles will travel to the Peel-Halton meet for his strong fifth place finish in the junior boys' 100 metre freestyle. He swam the course in a time of 1:09.63.

Coach Lynn Fountain said she was pleased with the performance of the team.

"Ninety per cent of them are swimming for their first season" she pointed out.

SCHOOL	TIME
1 Oakville Trawlage	1:25.61
2 Lord Elgin	1:27.32
3 Q.E.P.	1:29.23
4 Georgetown	1:30.38
5 Nelson	1:35.06
6 Blakeslee	1:37.88

SCHOOL	TIME
1 Lord Elgin	1:07.68
2 Nelson	1:10.63
3 Georgetown	1:10.82
4 Blakeslee	1:13.13
5 Q.E.P.	1:15.91
6 White Oak	1:18.82

SCHOOL	TIME
1 Elgin	1:29.70
2 Georgetown	1:30.24
3 Q.E.P.	1:33.13
4 Nelson	1:34.04
5 White Oak	1:41.86
6 Blakeslee	1:47.71

SCHOOL	TIME
1 White Oak	2:16.72
2 Appleby College	2:17.71
3 Lord Elgin	2:18.54
4 M.M. Robinson	2:20.54
5 Q.E.P.	2:23.23
6 Milton	2:27.04

SCHOOL	TIME
1 Leslie Johnston, Nelson	2:36.53
2 Jill Ferguson, OHS	2:36.58
3 Kim Gunnsett, U.I.W.	2:39.86
4 JoAnne McLellan, Nelson	2:42.08
5 Leon Myrsko, Lord Elgin	2:47.33
6 Jocasta Weidinger, Q.E.P.	2:48.90

SCHOOL	TIME
1 Allan Barber, Nelson	2:18.84
2 Carvin LeChaux, Pelee	2:18.28
3 Bill Pawlyk, M.M. Rob.	2:23.67
4 Rick Bouwman, U.I.W.	2:21.18
5 Wayne Ewart, Lord Elgin	2:26.93
6 Marc Peletier, U.I.W.	2:36.28

SCHOOL	TIME
1 Altham Macdonald, U.I.W.	1:11.62
2 Miriam Beaton, Acton	1:13.78
3 Mary Butler, Q.E.P.	1:14.80
4 Sue Albert, U.I.W.	1:15.43

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Redmen take tourney in tuneup for OFSAA

Acton senior Redmen were consistent for the first time this season and the result was a three game sweep of the first annual Walkerton tourney last weekend.

They topped Warton 79-35 in their opener as Bud Buchanan poured in 25 points. Don Coats and Martin Osso added 12 and Dan Webster had 10 for the game.

Buchanan and Coats were both named to the all-star team in the tourney. According to coach Rick McArthur, Webster had a good chance of making the team too but was hit by foul trouble in the final game.

The second game of the tourney saw the Redmen tackle Wingham 61-49 as Coats connected for 18 points. Buchanan had 16 and both Rick Van Fleet and Webster popped in 10.

Redmen face host Walkerton in the final and walked away with a decisive 56-38 win. Buchanan was again the high scorer with 16 points.

Acton will be playing in the Stayner tourney this weekend and will be in Markham the weekend before the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Association "A" division finals being hosted in the Acton High School.

McArthur feels the team is probably the second or third best team playing, but is counting on the home court advantage when he predicts that team could go all the way. They were 2-4 in league competition, against "AAA" schools, and McArthur feels the competition against the big schools gives them an advantage against other "A" teams.

The OFSAA tournament will be held March 17 through 19.

Derbys destroy Gems

Streetsville Derbys are walking all over the Georgetown Gemini in their best of seven OHA Central Junior "B" semi-final series.

Derbys, who finished first in a cakewalk during the regular season, clobbered Georgetown 13-1 in Streetsville, last Tuesday night, and 12-0 in Georgetown, Sunday, to take a two game lead in the series.

Jim Boyington scored three goals. Moe Mantha, Mike Prestidge and Steve Blair two apiece for Streetsville in Tuesday's win. John Krasnokutsky replied for the Gemini.

Prestidge and Randy Strong each bagged hat tricks for the Derbys in Sunday's win.

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Neither team could manage a score in the final period, leaving the game tied. Only four penalties were

Cleaners top Hellers 8-3

Vans Welding held Acton Terminal Warehouse to a tie Sunday, giving Family Cleaners a chance to tie them for top spot in the standings. Cleaners took their opportu-

ity with an 8-3 drubbing of Hellers while Blow Press stayed in the race with a 4-2 doubling of Lakeview.

Vans went out in front 2-0 in the first period on scores from Don Richard and Wayne Allan. Andrew Berry got assists on both goals and Allan and Harold Andrews were credited with single assists.

ATW finally got on the scoreboard after seven minutes in the second frame when Dave Cooksley connected from Bill Severenski to spoil Dave Allen's shutout bid. They managed the goal while playing shorthanded.

With four minutes left in the period Bruce Cooksley got the puck from Cecil Stuckless and whipped it past Allen to tie things up.

added an insurance point with just over a minute remaining, getting the puck from Gary Masters.

Twenty-two minutes in penalties were called in the game, with no call resulting in a powerplay.

Hellers took a 3-1 lead over Family Cleaners halfway through the second period but were unable to hold on to it against the Cleaners' attack as they allowed seven unanswered goals in the last half of the game.

Al Hall opened the scoring as he converted a pass from Ron Mellon to give Hellers a 1-0 advantage. Mellon came in unassisted a minute later to put them two points up.

Cleaners broke through before the period ended as Dan Hillier pass with six minutes left.

Two point lead
Midway through the middle

Eight different players collected assists in the period. Jacobs and Larry Klister leading the way with two each. Floyd Hillier, Ken Slaney, Steve Townsley, Glen McKenzie, Jim Cooney and Al Hall each were credited with single assists.



Gasping for air

JOHN SMITH swam in the 100 meter breast-stroke for Acton High School at last Tuesday's Halton championships. Miriam Beaton and Cal Rowles will be going on to the Pre-Halton meet Friday.