



BILL MCGILLOWAY AND JOHN ARNOLD of the Tridents are hassled by the Paris defence, including crowd pleaser Brian Belair. Tridents were eliminated from playoff action by the tenacious Paris squad.

## Atoms wreak havoc on Elora's defence

Acton minor atoms went on a rampage against Elora in their league playoffs as they eliminated them in two straight by counts of 14-1 and 8-0.

The only comment coach Dave MacEachern had about

the 14-1 game was "the team played good positional hockey and passed the puck well." Eight players had a hand in the scoring in the game, three of them connecting for triple scores. Kevin Lobsinger, Gary MacEachern and Brad

Demone all counted the hat trick. John Lloyd netted a pair of points and Mike Cunningham, Phillip Wedge, Clinton McMillan and Gord Mitchell picked up singles. Assists went to Demone with three, MacEachern with two and Randy McIntyre with one.

Despite the lopsided score, Acton actually trailed at one point in the game as Elora took a 1-0 lead which they held on to for 27 seconds.

Acton scored seven times in the first period, two in the second and five in the third. Only three penalties were called in the game.

The second game saw Brian Demone continue his high scoring with a four goal performance. Mike Cunningham added a pair and Mitchell and MacEachern garnered singles. MacEachern added three assists to his scoring total, the same number of feeders Lobsinger accrued.

Other assists went to Tom Turtcher, Scott Phelan and Steven Wagner. No penalties were called in the game. Atoms go on to meet Waterloo in the next round of playoff action.

## Houston fourth with personal best

Acton runner Frank Houston, in a final tune-up race before this weekend's Canadian senior championships, showed that he is top form by cutting more than three seconds off his previous best time in the 3000 meter event.

His clocking of 8:21.0 was his best ever, and came just one week after he cut 22.4 seconds off his last year's best in the Ontario senior championships. His total improvement couldn't happen at a better time for Houston because it means he is peaking at the time of the Canadian championships.

Fast Group He accounts for his good

time by saying he was in the fast group for the race, and they went out a lot faster than he had last week. "We were way ahead of our pace early in the race," he said.

150 runners took part in the all-comers' race at the C.N.E. in eight sections. Houston finished fourth in the top division.

Houston had expressed reservations about driving to Montreal the day before the race, but told the Free Press "they compromised and we're taking a mini-bus." He will arrive in Montreal Friday and does not run until Sunday which gives him a day's rest after the ride.

## Major atoms avenge loss, drop Hespeler from playoff

Major atoms got their revenge on Hespeler as they eliminated their arch rivals two games to one in OMHA playoff action last week. They took 2-1 and 3-1 decisions to get the win after a 7-6 opening game loss.

Hespeler were the only team to beat the atoms during their regular season, and their playoff victory broke a 27 game unbeaten streak for the atoms.

Coach Bob Faseruk said the Hespeler team were very confident, and fully expected

to get the series. Hungry play by the Acton atoms ended their dreams.

Acton went out in front in the second period of the first game, played last Wednesday at the arena, as Mike Hudson connected from Les Berry and Bruce Raine. Hespeler tied it up before the period ended but Sandy Waites took a Hudson pass and popped it in for the winner with 6:40 to go in the game.

Four penalties were called in the game, none resulting in a powerplay marker.

Hat trick Hudson took it on himself to defeat the Hespeler team in their matchup as he scored all three Acton points. Hespeler took the early lead in the game this time, holding it until Hudson broke through off the faceoff in the second period. He skated in unassisted for the goal.

Tony Van Dam fed Hudson for the winner with two minutes left in the game and Hudson sailed in alone with

an insurance marker in the last 18 seconds.

Again only four penalties were called in the game. This time they were more costly as Hudson's tying point came with Hespeler a man short.

Acton goes on to meet Paris now, travelling there Friday and returning to the arena Saturday for the second game of the series. "Paris is supposed to be a team similar to Hespeler," according to Faseruk.

## Legion hockey playoff schedule

Peewee  
6:00 a.m. Tidewater vs. Springfield  
7:00 a.m. Rochester vs. Baltimore

Atom  
8:00 a.m. London vs. Oshawa  
9:00 a.m. St. Kitts vs. Hamilton

Novice  
10:15 a.m. Brampton vs. Weston  
11:15 a.m. Dixie vs. Guelph  
Banham  
12:00 p.m. Ollers vs. Whalers  
6:00 p.m. Aeros vs. Cougars  
7:00 p.m. Toros vs. Jets  
Sunday March 5  
Midjets  
5:00 p.m. Vancouver vs. Toronto  
6:00 p.m. Montreal vs. Detroit

# Peewees topple Flamboro eliminated by Beamsville

Acton major peewees eliminated Flamboro in three straight games but fell themselves in two straight to Beamsville in OMHA playoff action.

In their final game with

Flamboro, Acton outscored their opponents 3-0 in the second period to take a 5-3 win.

Flamboro took a 1-0 lead to the dressing room after the first period after a goal in the last half minute. Captain Brian Demone replied half-

way through the second frame to tie it. Randy Cunningham and Mike McNabb assisted on the point.

Brian Canary got the go ahead marker from Ken Kavanagh two minutes later

and Mike Yalowica gave them a two point edge from Demone with 40 seconds left in the period.

The two teams alternated goals in the final period. Flamboro got within range at 3-2 but Demone cruised in

again with his second of the evening, getting an assist from Kavanagh. After a third Flamboro goal, Wayne McMillan potted the final marker from Canary.

Two straight

Beamsville knocked Acton from the running in two straight as they took wins of 5-2 and 9-0. Mike Yalowica scored from Randy Coverdale and Canary connected from Chris Lobsinger to account for all the Acton scoring in the series.

Acton were hit by three powerplay goals in the second game, all of them in the third period.

In the first game "the first two periods were dominated by the Beamsville crew who played extremely well disciplined positional hockey" according to Bill Weston. "The final period was dominated by Acton, who with a bit of luck should have scored several goals," he added.

The second game saw the

disciplined hockey of the Beamsville team completely stopper the Acton squad. "I was very disappointed that the boys reverted to individual play rather than team work," said Weston.

He complimented the boys on their play over the season saying, "The major peewees have progressed quite a distance since last year. Through last year the team won one game and tied one."

## O'ville shade Redmen in annual Stayner tourney

Acton Redmen senior basketball team played a great first game as they topped Collingwood 66-42 but could not keep their momentum going for their second round match as

## Donations still slow

Donations for the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations "A" division basketball finals are still slow in coming in according to organizer Rick McArthur. He has asked local businesses to contribute an average of \$5 each. Donations are tax deductible.

Orangeville eliminated them from the Stayner tourney 46-39.

Orangeville's 6'9" centre was the big difference in the game according to coach Rick McArthur. He held Bud Buchanan to four points and controlled the rebounding to give Orangeville the win.

Neither team was very sharp, said McArthur, but he felt Acton outplayed their rivals. "We just missed a few layups" he commented.

High scorer for Acton in the game was Don Coats with 12 points. Martin Osso followed with 11, Dan Webster sank six and Buchanan had four.

Behind at half

The first half of the opener found Acton down 27-24 before a half court press immobilized the Collingwood offence. "Gord Bruce was outstanding on the press. He just demoralized them with

his steals." Bruce, normally, a defensive player, scored 14 points in the game to lead Acton scoring.

The press was so effective the Redmen outscored Collingwood 33-2 at one point in the half.

## Peewees top Woodstock

Minor peewees eliminated Woodstock three games to one in OMHA playoff action and will move on to play the winner of the Oak Ridges Acres vs. Stony Brook matchup.

Last week they took Woodstock by a score of 3-1 to win the series. They had previously beaten the Woodstock squad 5-4 and 5-1, dropping the third game of the series 5-4.

The first two Acton goals of last week's game came in the first two minutes of play as

Dan Webster shot for 11 points in the game which saw five Redmen hit double figures. Osso, Buchanan and Coats all managed 10 points, while Mike Morris fell just short of the two digit plateau with nine points.

Lorenzo Civiero opened the scoring after just 11 seconds from Steve Raine, followed by Stan Smith from Civiero at the 1:52 mark.

Rod Ladouceur got the Woodstock squad on the scoreboard before the period ended but a third period score by Bruce Sheppard from Vince Danagher and Jim Richard put the game out of reach.

"We came out fast, looking for the win," said coach Barry Insoce.

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