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Major atoms in finals Parisians beaten in 6

Acton major atoms beat a pesky Paris squad by a nose into the Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) zone finals here last night (Tuesday).

A crowd numbering between 250 to 300 spectators cheered when the Acton major atoms broke the deadlocked series with their 3-2 victory.

Mike Hudson netted the winning goal, his second marker of the night, when he rifled home a Tony Van Dam pass late in the third period.

From then on the Acton team did what was necessary to ward off what appeared to be a hex of ties over the series. Tuesday night's encounter for the Paris-Acton teams was their sixth in what started as a best of five game series.

Paris and Acton went into the fifth game with two wins each. Game number five finished in a four-all draw—even after

each side scored in the overtime period. That was on Saturday.

On Friday Acton blew its chance to polish off the Parisians. Paris evened the series at two games each by virtue of a 2-1 nipping of Acton.

Had Acton won, it would have advanced earlier to the OMHA finals and still have taken part in the Centennial Tournament here Saturday and Sunday. The minor atoms filled the senior team's skates for the tournament.

Tuesday's game demonstrated the evenness of the Acton-Paris series. In the first period Acton scored, then Paris. In the second period Acton scored; then Paris. In the third period Acton scored then Paris. NEVER scored. Although Paris came close.

Bruce Raine tallied Acton's first goal with an unassisted effort. Don Farmer tied

it up for Paris when he shot high into the net.

In the second frame major atom captain Mike Hudson lobbed a shot which tumbled by the Paris goalie. Robby Miller replied for Paris less than four minutes later.

The Tony Van Dam pass was converted by Hudson into a game clinching goal at the 3:21 mark of the final period. If Paris forced overtime—the boys may have had to go three extra periods.

Penalties cost no goals in the game.

The scoring of that fifth game at Paris went something like this. Acton, as usual, opened when Bruce Raine connected on a pass from Les Berry.

Acton also scored the last goal of the game, the 4-4 match, when Tony Van Dam flicked on the red light by himself with some 32 seconds to play on the clock.

Mike Hudson was again responsible for

two goals. Les Berry and Van Dam joined forces to set up the first, then Hudson pulled the trigger by himself.

Robby Miller paced Paris with two goals while mates Philip McLeod and captain David MacPherson sank single markers.

The series' fourth game was also at Paris, where the home team shaded Acton 2-1.

The sides entered the middle period in a scoreless draw. Acton inked the first goal of the game: an unassisted Mike Hudson marker.

The Ontario Parisians put themselves on even terms with their visitors when Philip McLeod scored. A ten-minute overtime period looked like a sure thing, but for Keith Roswell's goal at the 24 second mark of the third period.

The major atoms head into a tune-up tournament at Port Colborne this weekend.



ACTON MINOR ATOM NETMINDER Brent Connor smotheres the puck while Steve Wagner (11) checks a Cooksville forward and teammate Gary MacEachern swoops in on the play. Minor atoms replaced the major atoms in the tournament, because the older team is involved in OMHA playoffs. Sixteen teams competed in the 4th annual tourney.

Busy weekend ahead for basketball players

Acton High school is hosting the annual All-Ontario basketball tournament March 16 through to March 18. The school has also been busy planning different social activities for the weekend of the tournament.

The first game of the tournament will start at 9 a.m. on Thursday. A tournament banquet will be held in the school cafeteria for the players and their coaches. A semi-formal dance is also

planned by Student Association at the school for Thursday evening. While the dance is going on, coaches will be attending a strategy session.

On Friday, March 17, the games will begin at 10 a.m. and continue until 10 p.m. After the games the high school movie club will show the films: The Harlem Globetrotters Highlights and The Other Side of the Mountain.

The semi-finals, consolation and championship will be held on Saturday, March 18. At half-time of the consolation game, the gymnastics club will entertain spectators with a ribbon routine. During the final game, at half-time the Mini Basketeers from Orangeville will perform their basketball handling exhibition.

Coach Rick McArthur said the problem of billeting the out-of-town players had been taken care of by adults and students in town who have volunteered to take one or more basketball players in for the weekend.

Tickets for the basketball games are \$2. Money raised through ticket sales will go to cover the costs of officials, souvenirs, awards, advertising, printing, and entertainment. About \$500 in donations was collected from local merchants and others to help defray the cost of the tournament.

Jake Kuiken, the owner of Halton Hills Furniture, has donated the use of the sign in front of his store to advertise the tournament.

Representing Acton high school in the tournament are Dan Webster, Mike McGregor, Rick Van Fleet, Mike Morris, Martin Oaso, John Hogenbirk, Brad Buchanan, Don Coats and Gord Bruce. Coaching the team is Rick McArthur.

Acton girls sparkle in meet town gym

Acton and district girls carried off five firsts from the second annual Halton Hills Gymnastics meet at Acton High School Sunday.

Approximately 100 girls competed in the town recreation department meet.

A first place title is awarded on the basis of a girl accumulating the most points from the four events: vault, beam, floor and uneven bars.

Barb Lamon won the Argo class while Robin McClure finished right after her in second spot. Lora Craig took 6th place.

In the Tyro and Novice grouping Sandi Smith copped first place. Cheryl Greenly captured a second and Susan Atty a fifth.

Lisa Mitchell finished on top of the Cadet class, while Lynn Herrman got the fifth. In the Tiny-II group Acton girls captured the top three positions. Heather Ormsby took first; Susan Craig second and Kerri Gudgeon third. Fifth place went to Jennifer Pearce.

Becky Armstrong headed the Tiny-I class while Deanne Berri came second. Andrea Gudgeon got the sixth place.



TINY ANDREA GUDGEON of Acton bounces off the spring board into a waiting pile of thick foam as she warmed up for the Halton Hills recreation department gymnastic meet Sunday in the high school.

ATW, Lakers bid in industrial finals

Lakeview and Acton Terminal Warehouse advanced to the finals of the Acton Industrial League by edging their respective foes to the sidelines Sunday in the Community Centre.

Lakeview nipped Blow Press 3-2 to take the best of three game semi-finals in two consecutive games; ATW did likewise with its 5-4 puck tussle with Family Cleaners.

ATW and Lakeview start the best of three-game final round Sunday.

Bill Fields netted the winning goal in the Lakeview-Blow Press game. Bob Jarrett and George McPhail picked up assists.

McPhail figured in all three Lakeview goals. He also assisted, with Jarrett, on John Ashley's first period goal, then he banged one in for himself off a Ron Schmidt pass.

Lakeview took a one to zip lead into the middle frame, but later had to rally for the win because Blow Press popped in a couple of markers while keeping Lakeview's guns spiked in the second period.

Gary Masters scored BP's first goal from Ken Owen. Owen then tallied on a marker from E. Hayter, Mike McMahon.

Lakeview took the first game of the series by a 5-2

margin the week before Cleaners by virtue of Bill Severinski's solo goal in overtime.

ATW downed Family

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"Fitz" leads novices to 10-1 Fergus win

Sean Fitzgerald paced the Acton novice squad to a 10-1 win at Fergus in the first game of the Wellington-Waterloo consolation series Saturday.

Fitzgerald battered the Fergus netminder with three goals and helped set up a couple more.

Acton parried a 4-0 lead in the first period prior to Fergus' Greg Selby goal which robbed goalie Doug McKnight of a shutout.

Peter Cargill and John Van Dam each found the mark twice and assisted on two goals by their mates.

Paul Kilpatrick also netted a goal and an assist while other Acton goals came off the sticks of David Haynes and Chris Rogers. Mates Kirk McNabb and Mike Baker earned assists.

The novices suffered two defeats in a row at the hands of Elmira to be pushed out of the championship series. Elmira, which has a perfect league win record for the year, blanked the novices 4-0 and 3-0 in the best of three game series.

The novices are showing steady improvement, and lately come up with strong efforts, according to team manager Dave McKnight. The novices are the most improved team in the group, McKnight contends.

Two Acton men took first place in the North Waterloo Doubles Shuffleboard Championship 1978 held in Elmira on the weekend.

Geoff Denny and Tony Lambert, both of the Dominion Hotel team, captured the first spot trophy and prize money. Dave Gillis and Rich Clement, of Milton, took



GEOFF DENNY, right, and Tony Lambert took top spot in the North Waterloo Doubles Shuffleboard Championship at Elmira last weekend.

Lack of O.T. stalls min. bant

The opening game of the Acton-Hespeler minor bantam Wellington-Waterloo semi-finals ended in a three-all draw because no overtime was booked for the Hespeler rink Monday.

New Hamburg and Elmira are engaged in the other half of the series which leads up to the league championship.

Beaumont cops title

Former Acton Sabre Brian Beaumont captured his third consecutive scoring title in the Georgetown Industrial Hockey League.

Mark Duval, of Acton, tied the game with an unassisted third period marker. Afterwards the Acton forwards just failed to put the puck into the net.

Hespeler grabbed a 3-2 lead from its second period rally. Richard Simon netted both Hespeler goals—within a 13 second span.

Earlier in the middle frame Acton Captain Rob Vermulen regained a one goal lead for his side when he capitalized on a Jeff Gill pass.

Each side managed a goal in the first period. Tim Evans tallied on a solo play for Acton; Bob Okrafka replied for Hespeler.

Stouffville cops top crown in Atom Centennial Tournament



AFTER A HARD FOUGHT game against Beamsville, Stouffville atom hockey team emerged victorious, winning the championship title in the Acton tournament on the weekend. Two goals in the last minute of play clinched the title. The winning goal came at the four second mark.

Stouffville emerged as champion of the 4th annual Centennial Atom Hockey Tournament Sunday.

Bradford took the consolation round of the three-day tourney.

The 16-team tournament is normally for major atom squads (10-year olds). However, because of Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) playoffs and other difficulties some changes were made.

Instead of Acton using its major atom team, it went with the minor atoms (nine-year-olds).

Waterloo sent its minor "A" squad to take Milton's minor atoms place, and the Milton house league selects took Leamington's place. Leamington was disqualified by the OMHA, according to tourney organizer Bill Knight.

Orangeville iced its house-league select team, which was fresh from taking the 4-Town Tournament crown the previous weekend at Georgetown.

Orangeville made it to the consolation round against Bradford.

Acton major atoms were engaged with the OMHA semi-final playdowns against Paris when the atom tourney started Friday. Ironically if the majors lost, they could have played in their own tournament. Observers rated the major atoms chances as excellent to win the tournament.

The Acton minor atoms appeared eager to take on the older boys. However, twice they discovered the margin between the age groups was five goals or more.

In its second game Saturday, the minor atom squad found itself again up against a major atom team, this one from Martingrove (Etobicoke). Martingrove won 9-2.

The first Acton goal came in the third period. Kevin Lobsinger tallied with Brad Demone and Steve Wagner assisting. Demone later inked a goal from Gary MacEachern and Wagner.

In the first game of Saturday Acton minor atoms put up a spirited performance against Cooksville. Cooksville blanked Acton with five goals.

Minor atom team coach Dave MacEachern said he was happy the team got the ice time. It's waiting to take on a yet unnamed foe in the championship round of Wellington-Waterloo playdowns.

Attendance during the OMHA sanctioned tournament is difficult to calculate, however, the gate was a bit better than last year's, according to Bill Knight.

We were very pleased. We had compliments about the tournament, Knight said.

The Acton minor atoms who played against the senior teams include: Mike Ormsby, Brent Connor, Philip Wedge, Kevin Christensen, Randy McIntyre, Gary MacEachern, Scott Phelan, Stephen Campbell, Gord Mitchell, Kevin Lobsinger, Brad Demone, Steve Wagner, Mike Cunningham, John

Results

- Orangeville 6-Warren Park 3
 - Thornhill 3-Waterloo 2
 - Martingrove 1-Stouffville 5
 - Acton 0-Cooksville 5
 - Flamboro 5-Humber Valley 1
 - Beamsville 7-Glanbrook 4
 - Bradford 0-Burford 7
 - Penetang 2-Milton 1
 - Orangeville 5-Waterloo 1
 - Warren Park 3-Thornhill 2
 - Martingrove 9-Acton 2
 - Stouffville 7-Cooksville 1
 - Humber Valley 6-Glanbrook 1
 - Flamboro 1-Beamsville 5
 - Bradford 6-Milton 1
 - Burford 6-Penetang 0
 - Orangeville 3-Martingrove 1
 - Warren Park 0-Stouffville 5
 - Humber Valley 2-Bradford 4
 - Beamsville 2-Burford 1
- Consolation
Orangeville 1-Bradford 6
Championship
Stouffville 4-Beamsville 3