

Redmen cop Georgetown tourney to complete successful season

Acton Junior Redmen finished off what could be their finest hour in style on the weekend as they copped the Georgetown Rebel Basketball Tournament for their fourth title of the year.

Earlier in the week the Redmen had put up a fine fight in the Halton High School semi-finals, falling to M.M. Robinson of Burlington 63-59 in overtime.

Redmen on the year, led by Martin Osso, found themselves with a 30 and 11 won-lost record, four tournament championships, a consolation title, and in the Halton league play-offs for the first time ever.

Osso has led his team in scoring throughout the season, was the top scorer in the six tournaments in which they competed and was selected to three

tourney all-star teams, including the weekend event in Georgetown. Only three of the tournaments the Redmen attended voted an all-star team. He also captured the 'Most Valuable Player Award' three times.

In Halton play-offs the Redmen, second in Halton West, met M.M. Robinson the first placed

team from Halton East in Burlington. With their backs against the wall the Redmen fought hard forcing overtime before falling 63-59.

The Redmen trailed 35-31 at half time, according to coach Rick McArthur, but fought back to even the count at 57-57 at the end of regulation time. Martin Osso led the way scoring 23 points while

Glen Van Rijk added 11 and Ted Nadhazi and Rob Lenizky ten each.

At the tournament in Georgetown the Redmen met and defeated the host Rebels 57-42 in the opening game of the event. Osso was again the team's leading scorer hitting for 29 points. Chris Lysholm added 11. In their second round match-up the Redmen

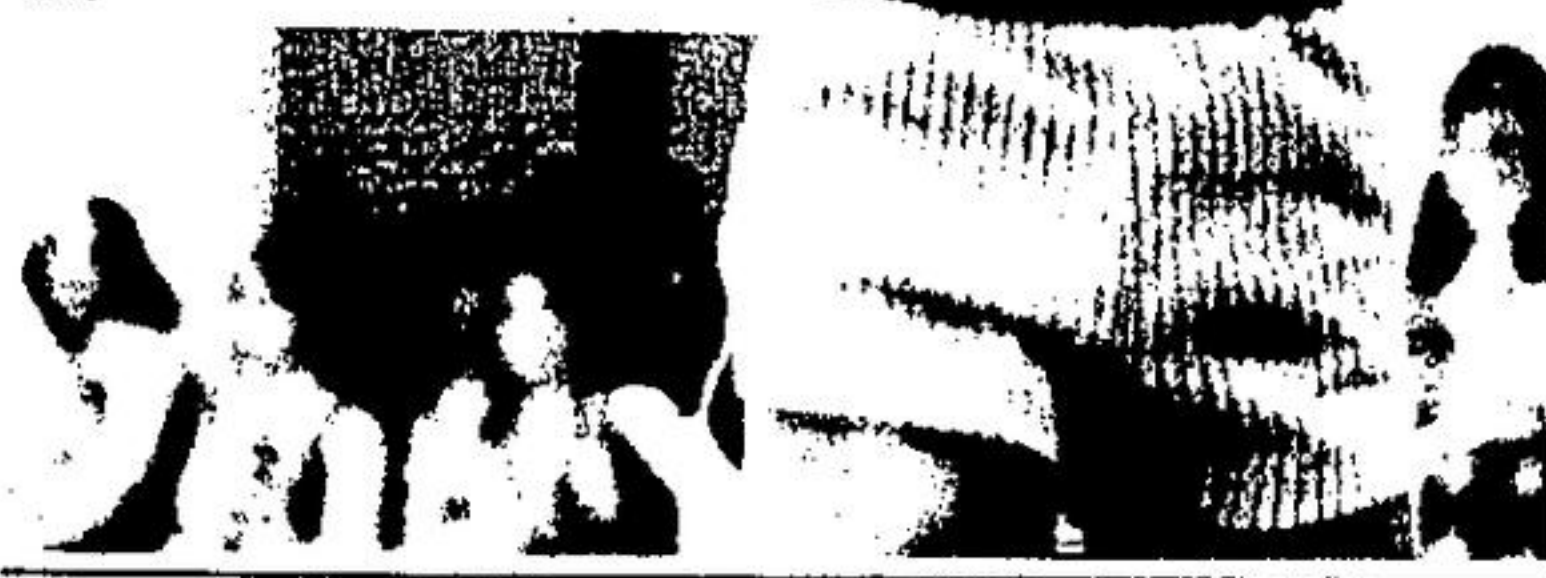
more than doubled the count on King City 79-35. Bob McClure topped Osso in total points for the game with 21. Chris Lysholm added 16 and Osso 15.

In the final the Acton team had little trouble taking Granther of St. Catharines 41-26. Osso was back leading the way with 15 points. McClure added ten points and

Lysholm six. Both Osso and McClure were named to the all-star squad.

Acton Junior Redmen: Martin Osso, Glen Van Rijk, Rob Lenizky, Dave Williamson, Rob Faber, Ted Nadhazi, John Vuk, Bob McClure, Ken Faber, Stephen Springale, and Chris Lysholm. Team coach is Rick McArthur.

Martin Osso has led the Acton Junior Redmen to their most successful season ever. The Redmen topped four tournament titles, one consolation crown and copped a spot in Halton High School Basketball play-offs for the first time. "He has more than good ability," said coach Rick McArthur "he has the intelligence and tremendous drive and desire to improve so the team can win."



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Third time

Sault Ste. Marie retains title Jordan tops consolation

Last minute marker advances 'Bantams'

Rob Vermeulen's goal with just nine seconds left in regulation time lifted Acton Bantam Firefighters to 5-4 win over Flamboro and the

right to move against Glanbrook in Ontario Minor Hockey Association quarter finals. Flamboro scored the only goal of the first

frame before Gord McArthur could find the range for Acton with a goal at the 22 second mark of the middle stanza from Tim Evans.

Flamboro regained the lead a short time later but this time it was Andy Vaivods who evened the count with an unassisted marker. Barry Hughes put Flamboro ahead for the third time in the contest before the period ended.

Mark Duval pulled the teams even at 11:13 of the final frame as he found the net with help from Tim Ferguson and Andy Vaivods.

Flamboro took the lead again with 4:41 to play and it looked as if the Firefighters were going to be forced into playing a fifth and deciding game in Flamboro but Gord McArthur's second goal of the game from Tim Evans and Rob Vermeulen with 3:26 remaining to set up a dramatic finish.

Rob Vermeulen's goal with nine seconds remaining from Mark Duval gave Acton the lead for the first time in the game and the series victory.

Coach Steve Marshall was not pleased with the way his team played in the contest commenting that they had been out-hustled to the puck and forced into mistakes in their own end.

Marshall had high praise for Andy Vaivods after the game saying he "played outstanding, forechecking, backchecking and working very hard."

Sault Ste. Marie captured their third title in four tries at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 197 annual tournament at the Community Centre on the weekend.

The "Soo" had little trouble walking off with the title they had won the year previous. In the final game of the tournament Sault Ste. Marie manhandled Orangeville jumping to an early 4-0 lead and coasting to a 7-0 win.

The consolation final was about as exciting as the final as the second half of the tournament draw proved their superiority. Jordan, who found themselves in the consolation after suffering a 5-3 setback at the hands of the host Acton team, had little trouble topping Hespeler 9-0 for the crown.

The tournament semifinal turned out to be the game to watch as the Soo met their toughest competition. Sault Ste. Marie played Alexander Park of Hamilton even for the first half of the contest before pulling away to a 4-1 win. The lone goal by Alexander Park was the only piece of rubber that beat the Soo goaltending combination of Mark Cote and Brad Lemach over the entire four games of the tournament.

The tournament's first round proved to be more exciting than in the past as they seemed, for the most part to draw even competition.

Orangeville's chances of reaching the tournament final looked almost non-existent as they fell behind Hespeler 3-0 over the first half of the contest. With 3:46 remaining in the second frame Orangeville came to life scoring four times to catch out the win.

Dave Gallent led the Orangeville attack with three goals while Pat Hamilton added the single.

Lorne Park 9
New Hamburg 0
In the only outright mismatch of the first round Lorne Park had no trouble dumping New Hamburg 9-0 as they potted three goals in each period.

Bill Charles paced the Lorne Park team with three goals while Pat Brown and Doug MacLachin counted a pair apiece.

Ancaster 2
Oak Ridges 0
Ancaster played tough on defense as they held on to a two goal lead over the final 19 minutes of the contest for a 2-0 win. Ancaster netted two goals within three minutes at the close of the first frame and beginning of the second for the win. Steve Smith and Mike Walsh fired the counters.

Preston 'A' 6
Bolton 5
Preston's 'A' team found victory waiting when Dean Duchene found the net to give his team a 6-5 overtime victory over Bolton.

Chris MacFarlane led Preston with two goals and an assist. Scott Wenge added three assists.

Simon Keogh and John Peterson paced Bolton with a pair of goals each.

Alexander Park 8
Merritt 3
Alexander Park showed that they would be a contender for the tournament crown with an 8-3 win over Merritt. John Copple led the Hamilton team with a pair of goals and a couple assists. Merritt got two goals from Dave Tucker.

Acton 5
Jordan 3
An exciting contest as

the host Acton team needed an empty net marker in the last minute to secure the win.

Jordan took an early lead in the game but Ted Lindsay managed to tie things up only a minute later with a nice passing play from Bruce Sheppard.

Acton took the lead before the first frame ended as Brad Youmans found the range with Lindsay assisting.

Jordan tied the contest early in the second period but Bruce Sheppard retained the lead for Acton with an unassisted effort.

Jordan tied the game at three before the second period ended setting up an exciting third frame that resulted in an Acton marker from Jerry Herrington with three minutes remaining. Bill Morrison assisted.

Acton put the game away with 13 seconds remaining as Bruce Sheppard connected into the empty net.

Sault Ste. Marie 6
Niagara-on-the-Lake 0
Sault Ste. Marie started their title defence in style as they copped a 6-0 win from Niagara-on-the-Lake. The game was much closer than the score indicated but the breaks went in the Soo direction allowing them an easy win.

The Soo led 3-0 at the end of the first frame, added two in the second and another in the third. Greg Sicoly led the Soo attack with four points.

Preston 'B' 4
Listowel 3
A goal with only four seconds remaining in the game gave Preston 'B' a 4-3 win over Listowel.

Listowel jumped to a 2-0 lead in the first period but Preston fought back with three goals over the next period and a half forcing Listowel to score late with a hope of winning the contest in overtime. Rob Becker's goal with only four seconds remaining for Preston put an end to all Listowel hopes.

Hespeler 4
New Hamburg 1
Hespeler counted four times over the first two periods to give themselves a commanding lead before allowing Mike Frey to break the shut-out with New Hamburg's only goal in their two tournament games. Tim Pope paced Hespeler with a goal and two assists.

Orangeville 7
Lorne Park 4
A second period splurge by Orangeville was enough to give them some breathing room and a 7-4 win over Lorne Park. Five second period markers by Orangeville turned the game from a 2-1 Lorne Park lead into a comfortable 8-2 Orangeville rout.

Oak Ridges 4
Bolton 2
Two third period goals by Oak Ridges were their margin of victory over Bolton.

Oak Ridges was led by a two goal performance by Darin Clayton.

Preston 'A' 1
Ancaster 1
What must be considered the most exciting and heart-breaking game of the tournament.

Preston outshot Ancaster 1-0 in the second overtime period and got the nod to advance to the semi-finals.

Ancaster scored first in the contest and then held on until the mid-point of the final frame before Preston could find the net behind some brilliant goaltending from Chris Dunn in the Ancaster net.

The teams were tied at two shots each after the first overtime frame setting up the second period win for Preston.

Jordan 4
Merritt 2
Jordan started their run at the consolation title with a tough fought 4-2 win over Merritt.

Jordan scored two first period goals and never relinquished the lead although Merritt came close to tying the game on several occasions.

Alexander Park 4
Acton 0
The host Acton team found the going a little too tough as they could not manage to find the net against Alexander Park falling 4-0.

The Alexander Park team scored two goals in each of the first and third periods. Four different players netted goals for the opposition team.

Listowel 4
Niagara-on-the-Lake 3
Niagara took an early 2-0 lead in their consolation match-up but four straight Listowel goals gave them enough of a lead to hold on for the win.

The last Niagara marker came with just 35 seconds to play.

Terry Deltrick scored three times for Listowel.

Sault Ste. Marie 11
Preston 'B' 0
The Soo started out slow scoring only once in the first frame but once they got rolling there was no stopping them as they skated to an 11-0 win.

Bill Hodgson paced the winners with three goals and an assist.

Hespeler 7
Oak Ridges 1
Hespeler earned the right to compete in the consolation final with an easy 7-1 win over Oak Ridges.

Hespeler took an early 3-0 lead in the contest before allowing Oak Ridges their only counter of the day.

Orangeville 7
Preston 'A' 3
Preston scored first in the contest but that was as far as their luck went as Orangeville came back with four straight markers before allowing Preston back on the board.

Kevin Miller paced the Orangeville attack with three goals and a pair of assists.

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Listowel 0
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Alexander Park 1
It was the game that was being billed by spectators as the unofficial tournament championship.

The Soo scored first at the 3:36 mark of the second period but Alexander Park came right back to even the count at two.

Three third period unanswered goals by Sault Ste. Marie gave them the win and the right to defend the title they had captured last year.

The consolation final was a mismatch from the time the puck was dropped. Jordan scored at the 25 second mark of the opening period and never looked back.

Thirty minutes and eight goals later Jordan became the tenth annual pee-wee tournament consolation champions.

Sault Ste. Marie 7
Orangeville 0
The Soo counted five first period markers on their way to an easy 7-0 win over Orangeville capturing their third tourney title in four years.

We won! Two players of the Preston 'A' team embrace in a victory dance after their team eliminated Ancaster from second round play with a thrilling two period of overtime shots on goal victory. Preston outshot Ancaster 1-0 in the second extra period to claim the win.

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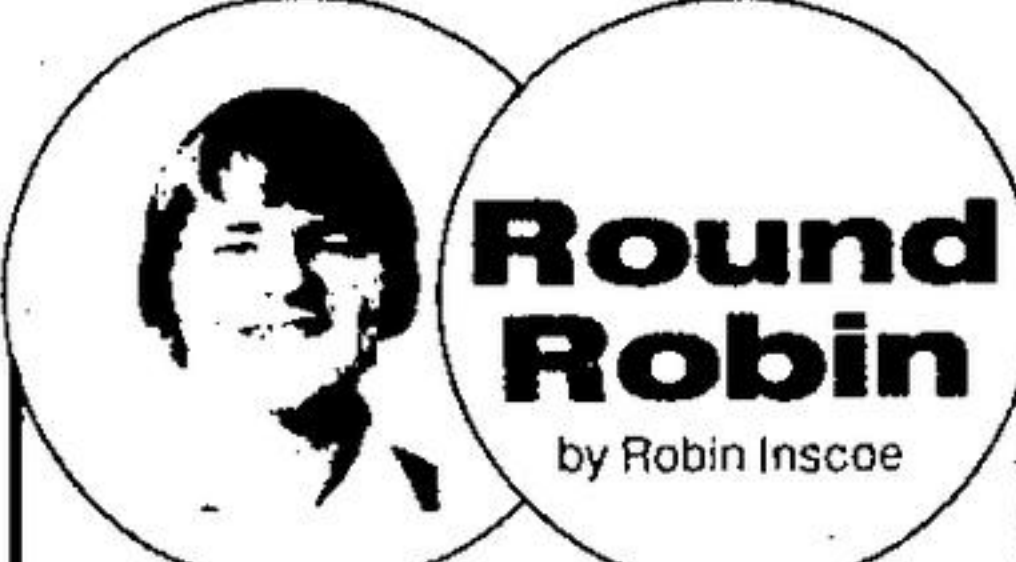
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It looks as if the Acton Junior 'B' Sabres are preparing to make another attempt to catch a Central Ontario League play-off berth.

For three seasons now the Sabres have fought in attempts to have a successful hockey club on the ice and at the gate.

The question I ask is, why should they continue to fight this way and have Georgetown doing the same? They should maybe sit down and talk. One junior 'B' team in Halton Hills may be able to produce a successful team both on the ice and at the gate.

To start with, Acton does not have the talent to produce a winning team without help from outside. If you look at this year's final standings neither do the Georgetown Gemini. The two clubs finished in the last two spots in the league.

Combining the two teams could generate enough talent to challenge teams like Burlington, Streetsville and Oakville but individually I say forget it. Both teams will be near the bottom of the league again next year.

A Halton Hills team could provide the area fans with good exciting junior hockey and show the people with a winning team, something essential in this day and age.

Where would a team such as this play home games—at Gordon Alcott and the Acton Community Centre?

Ice time has been a major complaint of both teams over the years. Not enough practice time. With the team operating out of two arenas it could use one and a half hours practicing in each arena. Plenty of time for junior hockey. Between the two centres they would still be using less ice time than if they ran individually—three hours practice a week and three hours for a home game, instead of two hours practice each and three hours game time each week.

Neither team really wants to give up the fight as an individual franchise. But let's face it, there just ain't enough talent for two teams in their 'Hills.

With two arenas to play in the Sabre-Gems, Gem-Sabres or whatever you want to call them could draw the larger crowds to help pay the bills. playing in Acton or Georgetown only once every two weeks you are more likely to draw a larger crowd than if you play every week in one centre. Not only would you get local fans, interested fans from the other end of Halton Hills would, probably, also make the trip.

The team might have problems at the executive level. Both sides would have to head into such an endeavor with the attitude that both Acton Sabres and Georgetown Gemini have folded and it is a whole new hockey team. No playing favorites because a player made the 'team' last year.

Teams such as Streetsville and Dixie get the use of Toronto players to draw non-imports. Acton and Georgetown only get half way to each other and Milton. Georgetown can go half way to Brampton while the Sabres can go to the Guelph border. Still not much room to find talent.

Combining the clubs could produce a winner at the gate, in the league standings and in Halton Hills.

Why have two losing hockey teams when one winner is just a merger away?



Acton pee-wee Brad Youmans takes a good shot at Alexander Park goaltender Dennis Toucham during the second round of the Legion tournament. Acton won their first game, defeating the eventual consolation champions from Jordan 5-3 but found the going too tough when they met Alexander Park, falling 4-0, which eliminated them from the tournament. A good crowd was on hand to take in the 22 game tournament.



Final Action! Orangeville's Kevin Miller tries in vain to get a stick on a loose puck in front of the Soo net during the final game of the Legion pee-wee tournament. The Soo captured their third tournament title



In four years, defeating Orangeville 7-0, Jordan walked off with the consolation crown with a 9-0 win over Hespeler.