

# Cleaners suffer setback, Press romp over ATW

Family Cleaners suffered their second loss of the industrial league season and it came at the most inopportune time. The Cleaners went through the regular season with only one loss, that at the hands of Van's Welding. The Welders did it again last night in the first game of the Acton Industrial League semi-

final play-offs topping league-leading Family 3-2. In the other semi-final match-up Blow Press had little trouble taking the series lead over Acton Terminal Warehouse with a 10-3 win. The big difference in the Van's Welding and Family Cleaners game was the way the league's

leading scorer, Ed Hillier, was contained. Hillier has averaged three points a game over the regular season but was held to only a goal and an assist in the first play-off match-up. Van's Welding picked up an early lead in the contest as Jeff Townsley found the range behind Cleaners' goaltender Mark Morrison with help from Dave Thompson and John McCutcheon. Cleaners pulled the count to even with a marker from Ed Hillier at the mid-point of the period and the score remained that way until John McCutcheon connected to give Van's an edge as the first period ended.

Bob Jarrett evened the count for the second time as he beat Rick Bonnette in the Welders' goal with help on the play from Ed Hillier and Rick Henderson. Jeff Townsley scored what proved to be the

winning marker with 5:52 remaining in the second frame. Rick Bonnette and the rest of his Van's teammates held on over the final frame to preserve the win. Bonnette is reported to have played extremely well according to one Cleaners' player "stopping a couple of break-aways over the final few minutes". The Welders win puts

them in a position to wrap the series up when the two squads meet at the community centre Sunday night at 8:20 p.m. In the other semi-final match, second place Blow Press went on a scoring rampage as they beat Bill Routledge in the Acton Terminal Warehouse goal for ten markers. The Warehouse could beat Dave Allan only three times at

the other end. Blow Press started early as they found the net with George McPhall netting his first of three goals after only three minutes of play from Mike Miller and Jim Cooney. The Pressmen extended their lead a short time later as Ron Schmidt scored an unassisted marker. At the 9:56 mark of the

opening frame the Pressmen counted their third goal. Russ Van Fleet netted the marker, what would be the first of a four goal evening, from Ron Schmidt and Evan Hayter. In the second stanza George McPhall scored unassisted and Russ Van Fleet hit from Evan Hayter and Ken Slaney to give Blow Press a 5-0 lead before Gary Pickles found the net for ATW with help from Lorne Gordon and Ron Melton. Blow Press came back with another Van Fleet marker before the second frame ended. Schmidt

and Hayter assisted. Jim Cooney scored the seventh Blow Press goal from Mike Miller before the Warehouse tallied their second of the evening, a Henry Toebes goal with assistance from Bill Fabian and Randy Weldon. Blow Press got goals from Ken Owens and George McPhall over the middle part of the frame before Henry Toebes'

second goal of the evening finished off the Warehouse's tallying. Russ Van Fleet finished off the game's scoring with 4:09 remaining as he scored his fourth goal from Evan Hayter and Ken Slaney. Blow Press will attempt to put the series away when the two squads meet at the Community Centre on Sunday at 7 p.m.

## Lions face elimination

Acton Lions Peewees have their backs against the wall in Ontario Minor Hockey Association play-offs. The Lions were facing elimination as they travelled to Paris last night (Tuesday). The Lions fell 4-2 in the first game of the best of five series in Paris and then lost a 7-4 overtime heartbreaker in game two. In both contests the Acton squad ran out of legs in the final frame.

In the 4-2 loss the Actonians surrendered a 2-1 lead over the final period. Paris opened the scoring in the match but Acton came back with a counter from Rick Dodds to even the score before the period ended. Chris Hicks drew an assist on the play. Acton took the lead at the midway point of the second frame as Randy Coverdale scored from Vince Danagher to give Acton the edge that they would hold until 1:22 of the third stanza.

From that point on Paris took over as they notched three unanswered goals to grab the 4-2 win. Coach Barry Inscow was pleased with the way his club played over the first two frames but felt defensive lapses over the last period led to defeat. The second game of the series was a barnburner. Paris held the lead five times over the contest with Acton being equal to the task and tying the count on four occasions. Paris netted the game's first marker but Paul Cargill's low shot evened the count before

the opening frame was eight minutes old. The Parisians grabbed the lead for the second time with a powerplay effort with only one second remaining in the opening period. At 7:29 of the middle frame Randy Coverdale evened the count for Acton with help from Jim Richard and Paul Cargill. Paris regained the lead with only 24 seconds left in the middle stanza and held on until there was only 15 seconds remaining in the contest when Vince Danagher found an opening in the net that gave Acton a new life and a chance at an overtime win.

Paris gained the lead early in overtime but Acton did not want to give up the fight as, only 37 seconds after the Parisians go ahead marker, Steve Raine scored from Chris Hicks and Paul Cargill. Paris finally got the marker that Acton couldn't match with 3:38 remaining and then added another pair in the last minute to take a commanding lead in the series.

Coach Inscow felt Acton "had the scoring chances in the contest but could not take advantage." He commended goaltender Tim McKendry, Steve Raine, Troy McNaught, and Randy Coverdale for their efforts. Game three of the series has scheduled for Paris last night (Tuesday) with a fourth game, if necessary, slated for Acton tonight at 8 p.m.

## Area swimmers lead Marlins

Kitchener-Waterloo Tarpon Swim Club hosted the Guelph Marlin Aquatic Club to a Golden Region Aquatic Association Dual Meet in Kitchener. The Marlins, beat the Tarpons 544 to 345. After four dual meets, the Marlins remain undefeated. On individual swims, Acton area swimmers did quite well. Adrienne Kosacs (8 and under girls), Peter Bray (8 and under boys) and Mark Bray (11-12 boys) each finished with 4 firsts in

their respective age groups. Parisians advance Acton Lions Major Peewees became the latest victim of Ontario Minor Hockey Association play-offs last night (Tuesday), as they dropped their third game of a best of five series to Paris by a 4-1 score. Bruce Canary fired the only marker for Acton in the contest.

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Acton Bantam Firefighter coach Steve Marshall talks a little strategy before his team prepared to open their Ontario Minor Hockey Association quarter-finals. Three members of the Firefighters who are helping to keep them alive are goaltender Tim Baker and defencemen Rob Vermeulen, and Mark Duval. The bantams slipped Glanbrook in the first game of the series but could manage only a tie in game two in Glanbrook. Photo by ERIC ELSTONE

## Firefighters

# Overtime goal saves bantams

Acton Bantam Firefighters could well be the only hope left for an Ontario Championship team in Acton. There are currently three teams remaining in play-off contention but only the Firefighters have a win in playoff competition. The Bantams, after disposing of Flamboro, have found a team very much comparable to their own, in Glanbrook. The Firefighters scored a slim 4-3 win the first game of the series in Acton and then had to score late in an overtime period to earn a 4-4 draw in Glanbrook.

The series was to continue last night (Tuesday) in Glanbrook with Acton holding a 3-1 total point lead in the six point series. In the first match-up between the two centres it looked as if there might be a cake walk as Acton carried the game to Glanbrook scoring four times to take a 4-0 lead before the contest was half over but three straight goals had the Firefighters fighting for survival at the final buzzer.

Mark Duval opened the scoring for Acton with Rob Vermeulen assisting at the 5:32 mark of the opening frame. With 20 seconds remaining in the second period Tim Ferguson put the Firefighters up by two with Vermeulen again assisting. In the second frame Gord McArthur made it three for Acton as he found the target with Rick Greenley and Tim Evans assisting. Before

the period had reached its mid-point Mark Duval scored his second of the day to give Acton a commanding 4-0 lead. Gord McArthur assisted. From that point on Glanbrook took control of the situation. With 2:30 remaining in the second Doug Riley put Glanbrook on the board. At the five minute mark of the final stanza Glanbrook fired two more counters to pull to within one and set the stage for an exciting ending.

Acton coach Steve Marshall felt his team had played a strong forechecking game over the first two periods but believed that the team tired over the final period. In Ontario Minor Hockey Association quarter-final play-offs and beyond bantams must play three 15 minute stop time periods. "They have never played this long a game," said Marshall. In regular league play the bantams play three 10 minute stop time periods. Firefighters were fortunate to come away from the second game of the series without being tied at a game apiece. Tim Evans' goal with just 24 seconds remaining in the overtime frame produced a 4-4 final that will enter the books as a draw, changing the series from a best of three to a series in which the first team to six points wins.

Glanbrook got on the board first in this outing but Rob Vermeulen's goal with 5:46 remaining

in the opening frame evened the count at one. Mark Duval and Andy Vaivods assisted on the play. Glanbrook regained the lead with the only goal of the second frame as Alan Flemming beat Tim Baker between the Acton pipes. Gord McArthur evened the count at 9:35 of the final stanza with help from Rick Greenley. Acton looked as if they may go home with a two game lead in the series as Tim Ferguson scored with 8:50 remaining to

give Acton their first lead of the day from Wayne McMillan and Andy Vaivods but a Glanbrook goal with only three minutes remaining forced the game into extra time. Glanbrook regained the lead at the mid-point of the overtime setting up the dramatic ending. With goaltender Tim Baker on the bench for an extra attacker Tim Evans picked up what coach Marshall considered a "perfect pass" from Tim Ferguson and fired it home giving the Firefighters the tie.

## One point short of semi-final berth

Acton Bantam Firefighters moved yet a step closer to a berth in Ontario Minor Hockey Association semi-final action last night (Tuesday) as they scored a 4-1 win in Glanbrook to take a five to one lead in the six point series. "Acton played well for most of the game," said coach Steve Marshall, who viewed the game from the stands after being ejected from game two of the set, "but we tired in the third period and ran into a bunch of penalties." Gord McArthur opened the game's scoring at the 3:38 mark of the opening frame from Mark Duval and Brad Manes. The early counter set a fire under the bantams as they went straight back to the attack, netting goals from Fred Kappert

and Rob Vermeulen over the next three minutes as the Firefighters built up what would be a comfortable lead for the duration of the contest. Tim Ferguson assisted on the Kappert marker with Andy Vaivods helping on Vermeulen's. Vermeulen added to the lead with the only goal of the second frame, an unassisted counter, at the 13:17 mark. The only Glanbrook goal came off the stick of Pete Monson breaking goaltender Tim Baker's shut-out bid with 11:15 remaining. Baker was also called upon to stop a penalty shot over the final 15 minutes. Cope Smith was behind the Acton bench replacing the suspended Marshall. Game four is slated for Acton, Friday night at 8 p.m.

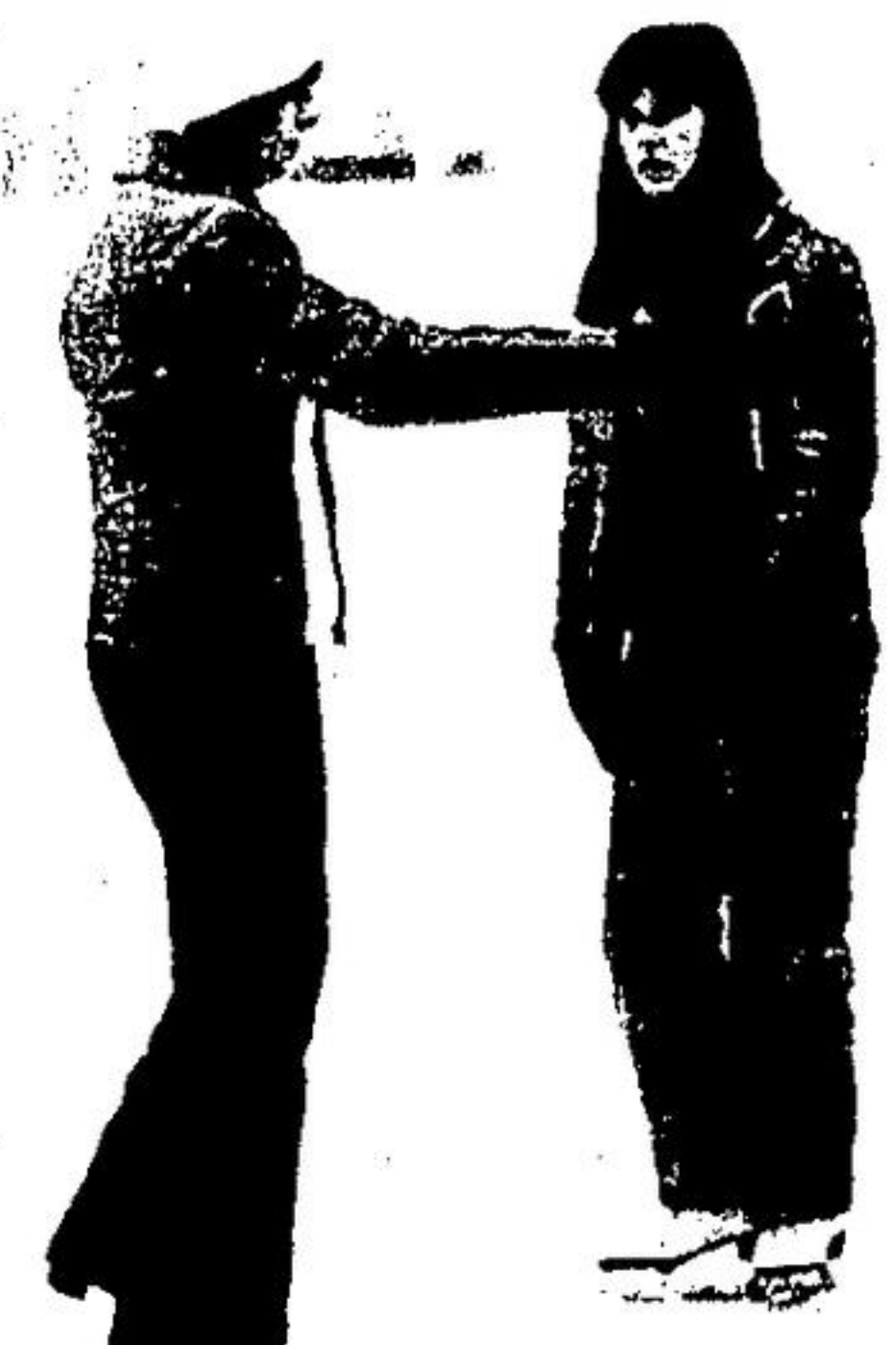
# Instruction, practice and enjoyment aims of Acton Figure Skating Club



Colleen DeBruyn helps out one of the younger pupils of the Acton Figure Skating Club.

Despite the fact that there is no carnival scheduled for the Acton Figure Skating Club this season the group is still working hard in attempts to help their skaters improve. Four teaching professionals help approximately 195 skaters pass different badge tests and get ready for local competitions. Linda Coe is in her first year of instructing with the Acton club after spending years in Guelph and Milton. She conducts lessons to the intermediate and senior level. Patte Boekhorst is in her fourth year of instruction at Acton, helping with the junior, intermediate and senior level. Sally Leatherland has been with the Acton Figure Skating Club for longer than any of the professionals. Sally is in her 13th season with the skaters. She teaches the Junior B and C levels along with intermediate and senior. Youngest and newest professional is Colleen De Bruyn. Colleen skated in Acton for a number of years before taking the lessons for Pre-schoolers and Junior A. Of the 195 skaters with the Acton Skating Club, 107 fall in the junior competitive category. Another 39 skaters are in the club's pre-school classes or the age 3 to 5 class. There are 21 Intermediate and 21 Senior skaters along with seven adults. "The aims of the club are to encourage the instruction, practice, enjoyment and advancement of its members in all aspects of figure skating," according to club secretary Carol Campbell. The skaters have been given standards of excellence that must be attained by an individual skater before they are able to move up in levels. The National Skating Tests begin with a beginner's test in which the skater must skate the width of the ice without falling, skate forward and glide on two feet across the width of the arena and stop. Fourteen tests later the skater must attempt a dance three test. This includes a perfected Dutch Waltz, Canasta Tango and Swing Dance. At that stage the skater is a

member of the Canadian Figure Skating Association and must pay two dollars for each test attempt. "Ice time," said Mrs. Campbell, "that is what hurts." The Acton Figure Skating Club, despite a decline in enrolment, is in need of 14 hours of ice time a week at \$22 per hour. Of the 14 hours the Acton club is on the ice, five hours are spent on patchwork or figures. The intermediate and senior skaters average three hours each with juniors gaining two and pre-school one. When it comes to time for Acton skaters to compete for a shot at a divisional or sectional title they are in select company. Acton is located on the border of the Central Ontario Section which extends from Barrie in the north to Rockwood and Oshawa, west and east, and Lake Ontario to the south. Although the carnival has been set aside for a 'pop concert' this year the Figure Skating Club has not narrowed its program. They have held two local test days, held a club competition, hosted an inter-club competition where their skaters competed with people from Milton, Georgetown, Brampton, Port Credit, Streetsville/Meadowdale and Chinguacousy. They are currently preparing skaters for a competition in Sarnia where they will compete with skaters of their own calibre in a freeskating competition. After Sarnia the club will prepare for their first ever 'pop concert'. They may not hold the ever popular carnival this year but the Acton Figure Skating Club is remaining quite busy, attempting to meet with the aims of the club. Members of the Acton Figure Skating Club executive include: Isabel Christensen (president), Pearl Sawden (vice-president), Bob Gardiner (treasurer), Carol Campbell (Secretary), Beth Butler, Lynda Devlin, Sharon Ford, Pat Gardiner, Ann Genoe, Dottie McGilloway, Fran McKnight, Babs Mitchell, Cathy Oakley, Eva Sansom, Shirley Skeggs, Sheila Wilson and Heather Homer.



Linda Coe gives some instructions to one of her students during a recent practise session at the Community Centre.