



Round Robin

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If you looked outside your window over the last couple of days you probably thought it was mid-December and local hockey teams and curlers would be getting ready for play-offs. But we are in April and the winners seasons are over.

The ice in both the Community Centre and Acton Curling Club is gone for the season. Sunday, curlers pulled the plug, while the arena staff threw the switch Monday.

Looking back on the winter Acton teams and curlers had successful seasons and a few winning teams.

At the Community Centre we saw the Acton Sabres finish out of the Central Ontario Junior 'B' cellar for the first time after going undefeated in their opening seven games of the schedule. We watched as the Acton Bantam Firefighters battled their way into the All-Ontario Bantam "BB" semi-finals before losing out to the three time Ontario champions from Petrolia.

The Acton Hockey Mom minor atoms were also successful on the year reaching zone semi-finals before meeting up with a tough Streetsville team. Acton Lions major pee-wees were OMHA quarter-finalists while the minor pee-wees, after being upset in Ontario play-offs topped the Waterloo-Wellington crown.

Acton Major Atoms had a few surprises up their sleeves at tournament time this year as the local team fought hard and earned respect from all local fans for their gutsy performance at the Centennial Atom Tournament. The local Novice showed a vast improvement from the beginning of the season, to the end and will be a team to watch in the future. They, like the midgets, started slow but improved every time they hit the ice.

Atom Rotary Minor Bantams had problems winning hockey games over the past couple of years but they turned things around this year and became a contender in league play.

Acton Legion Minor Hockey, also, had a good season with many kids enjoying what the league had to offer, fun and enjoyment. The Legion held a very successful "Day of Champions" two weeks ago to bring their season to an end.

Acton Industrial Hockey League had its moments as Blow Press and Family Cleaners battled for first place. At the other end there was a battle to the wire to decide the final play-off positions. A definite sign of a successful year.

The other industrial team from Acton, the Tigers, had a bright spot in their season as well as tangling with the National Hockey League Oldtimers in a charity game before a large crowd at the community centre.

All local hockey teams had bright spots in their seasons and they will hopefully have more in every season that follows.

The curlers had their winning rinks this time around. Probably the biggest win for Acton was the zone victory at the Governor-General's tournament in which two Acton rinks combined in total scores to advance to the Ontario semi-final matches in Bracebridge. The two rinks include Fred Archibald's crew of Bill Cripps, Pete Vidler and Glen Gray while John Mintern's troupe of Carl Brundle, Brian Robertson and Keith Hampton made up the other side of the entry. The teams went three and zero in the zone competition before meeting the tough competition in the Bracebridge event.

The Archibald rink had another successful bonspiel in the British Consuls winning three games before bowing out in the final. The winners of that competition competed at the inter-divisional 'spiel for the right to represent Ontario at the Briar.

Many other local rinks spent time in other area curling arenas enjoying the sport and meeting friendly people of other parts of Ontario. If they didn't bring home any silverware and some of them did, they can probably still say it was a successful trip. They all represented the Acton Curling Club well.

It's now time to hang up those skates and brooms until next winter season and enjoy the summer months. See you next winter at the rinks.

Streetsville Derbys last night (Tuesday) advanced to the all-Ontario Junior 'B' hockey championships by topping the Oshawa Legionaires 7-4 to take the best of seven series four games to one.

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Beardmores end season with W-W league title

Beardmore Union Minor pee wees capped a successful end to their season last week, capturing the Waterloo-Wellington league title before finishing as runners-up at a United States invitational tournament.

The Local Union topped the Waterloo-Wellington league crown in an unusually high scoring 9-6 win over Fergus, taking the series in five games.

Mike Hudson carried the bulk of the load for the locals, scoring seven times.

Fergus got on the board first before Terry Danagher could even the count. Then Hudson went

to work netting four straight markers before Fergus got back on the sheet. Jamie Lawson assisted on a pair of the Hudson goals with David Thomas helping on another.

When Fergus finally got back on the score sheet they counted three times to even the score, forcing Hudson to restore the Beardmore lead from Lawson.

Fergus tallied two more to gain the lead for the first time since early in the opening frame but Mike Hudson had no intention of letting a big scoring night go to defeat as he potted another pair to give Acton a narrow lead that Jamie Lawson

extended with an empty net marker. Hudson drew an assist on the goal.

"It was an end to end battle," according to Acton coach Bob Raine, one in which "Acton was ready to take the championship."

In the US tourney the Acton side met their stiffest competition in the opening game of the round robin competition falling to Amhurst, New York 4-2. In other round robin action the locals split four goals with West Seneca and then topped District Five 3-1 to advance to the final when Amhurst again scored a two goal margin of victory, this time 3-1.

In the opening game the locals "were shaky" according to coach Raine and "not used to the play of the American teams."

Amhurst got on the board first and then extended the lead to two before Sandy Waites found the net for Acton with Terry Danagher and Bruce Raine assisting. Amhurst added another pair before the tournament's most valuable player, Mike Hudson, hit the board from Jamie Lawson to produce a 4-2 final.

Acton began playing their own game in the second round match with West Seneca and the result was a 2-2 tie. Hudson scored the game's opening goal unassisted before West Seneca matched the tally. Sandy Waites put the Acton team ahead from Danag-

her and David Thomas before allowing Seneca to even the score.

A 3-1 win over District Five put the locals in the championship final with a chance to revenge their earlier defeat to Amhurst.

Mike Hudson scored the game's first goal to give Acton the lead. District Five came back with their only goal of the contest. Sandy Waites restored the Acton lead from Danagher and Hudson. Hudson gave Acton breathing room later in the game with help from David Thomas.

Amhurst scored the game's opening pair of goals in the final on the way to a 3-1 win. Mike Hudson was the only Acton marksman to find the range as the Beardmore shooters had trouble beating the Amhurst goaltender.

Amhurst added an insurance marker late in the game.

"For a championship game you couldn't ask for better hockey," said Raine. "We hit goal posts but couldn't buy a goal. It was a good tourney," he said "and the team enjoyed themselves as well as the parents."

The tournament brought to an end the season for the pee wee pucksters and coach Raine expressed thanks to the team for their terrific play over the season as well as to assistants Jim Hugggett and Dave Allen.



Acton Meadows captured the Acton Men's Major Bowling Championship on Saturday with a four game sweep from the Rebels in the final match-up. Meadows scored total pin wins, 1223-1209, 1173-1162, 1154-1074 and 1244-1015 to top the crown. Team

members include front row l. to r. Ray Toth, Peter Homer, Jim Timleck, Ron Shannon; back row, Wayne Mason, Mono Casrin and Mack Herrington. Missing from the photo was Norm Hayward.

Rotary bants thump Fergus

Acton Rotary Club minor bantams capped what coach Ed Hillier considered "a good year" last week with an 11-0 drubbing of Fergus giving them the Waterloo-Wellington consolation championship.

The locals had little trouble taking the game as they opened up a 4-0 first period lead. They extended that lead by three in the second stanza and then added another four in the final period of the year.

Mike Yelowica paced the Acton attack scoring three times and assisting

on a pair. Brian Demone scored twice while assisting on the same number as did Todd Wiseman. Mike McNabb scored two and assisted on another while Wayne McMillan reversed the role scoring one and assisting on a pair. Paul Vermeulen added the other Acton

goal while helping out on one.

Blake Norton was the playmaker of the day for the Rotary boys picking up three assists. Ken Kavanagh counted two assists with George Gidman and Brian Canary helping on singles.

Pop Concert ends year for local skaters



Diane Baginski (left) and Simone Christenson skated solo performances to the same music at the Saturday's pop concert. The girls demonstrated two different dance versions to the music "Over the Rainbow"

Gary MacEachern and Charlotte Hillier were members of a group of skaters demonstrating intermediate dance numbers.

An estimated 400 to 500 people were at the community centre on Saturday afternoon as the Acton Figure Skating Club brought its season to an end with their first ever "pop concert."

The concert, which replaced the ever popular carnival, was a demonstration of dance and skating routines the club members had learned over the years while competing in the many club events.

The senior skaters opened and closed the performance with group numbers while individuals skated solos throughout the afternoon.

Each level of the skating club's membership skated group numbers while Barb Wil-

son, Karen MacEachern and Cindy Brouillard did the routines that won them medals in a club competition. Simone Christenson and Diane Baginski did special numbers along with guest skaters David and Cindy McGilloway. Cindy had skated this past year in Delhi while David pleased with the Guelph Skating Club.

The concert wound out with presentations to all

skaters who had volunteered their time to help the junior skaters over the year and to the four professionals, Linda Coe, Colleen DeBruyn, Pat te Boekhorst and Sally Leatherland who worked with the skaters all year.

Incoming president Sheila Wilson was pleased with the way the pop concert went over but is still hoping that registration will be up

and costs will be down enough next year that the group can return to a carnival.

One problem Mrs. Wilson foresees for next year is the cost of ice time. "The rates are going up 36.4 per cent" she said, and an increase in registration fees is very likely. "Last year the club raised its fees \$7.50 when they felt they should have been boosted \$10.



Senior skaters who helped the club professionals teaching the junior skaters were honored following the final number at the Pop Concert Saturday. Figure Skating Club outgoing president Isabel Christenson (third left) presented small gifts of appreciation to

from l. to r. Lisa Gillis, Mike Crelighton, Mrs. Christenson, Karen MacEachern, Colleen Petty, Kelly Buchanan, Julie Townsley, Linda Sawden, Lori DeBruyn, Diane Baginski, Kelly Edge and Barb Wilson.



Sharon Campbell goes into a spinspin during a number at the pop concert.

Acton Figure Skating Club professionals Colleen DeBruyn, Linda Coe, Sally Leatherland and Patte Boekhorst received special gifts for their work over the year in a special presentation following the concert.



Colleen Petty, (left), Debbie James and Andre Charlebois skated a trio routine at the pop concert. An estimated 400 to 500 people watched the afternoon performance.

Cindy Brouillard does a segment of a solo she performed at the Pop Concert on Saturday