

# Midget Redmen cop tourney title

A week ago the Acton Junior Boys' basketball team copped a tournament title but this week belonged to the Midget Redmen. The Midgets remained undefeated in pre-season over the past week as they knocked off some tough competition to take home a tournament crown at a Westwood tourney.

The Redmen played tough through the entire event topping J.A. Turner 25-15 in the opening round and then disposing Erindale 30-16 and Ancaster 36-25 before clinching the title with a 26-18 win over the host Westwood in the finale.

Acton showed a strong defensive form through the tournament and on two occasions held their opposition scoreless for more than half of the game.

In their second round game with Erindale the Redmen had their backs against the wall at half-time trailing 16-15 but a solid second half performance stalled any chance of an Erindale victory. The Redmen counted 15 points in the last half while holding Erindale scoreless.

In the final the Acton squad was again at their defensive best as they

built up an 18-0 half-time lead before allowing Westwood two third-quarter points.

John Lobello paced the Acton attack in the first game of the tournament, the 25-15 win over Turner. Lobello netted 10 points while Bob Little followed close behind with nine. Paul Nolan added the other six for the Redmen.

In the 30-16 win over

Erindale Lobello was again the top point getter with 15 markers. Little counted ten with Nolan adding three. Mark Walker picked up two points.

The Ancaster win, (36-25), was a more rounded effort with several players sharing in the scoring. Bob Little paced the Acton attack with 13 points while Paul Nolan was close behind with

ten. John Lobello added five. Mark Walker counted four and Les Dobisz and Cliff Nibbs counted two each.

In the final against the host Westwood Little and Lobello again took charge of the scoring with Little counting 10 points and Lobello firing six. Mike Smith and Paul Nolan counted four points each with Les Dobisz counting the other two.

Bob Little wound up the tournament with a total of 42 points, high for the Acton team. John Lobello added 36 with Paul Nolan 23.

In exhibition play over the past week the Midget Redmen topped Oakville's T.A. Blakelock 45-39 in a battle of two Halton East teams. Little counted 15 points in the match with Nolan adding 13.



Acton Midget Redmen's Basketball team captain John Lobello proudly displays the trophy his team won at the Westwood Tournament on the weekend. The Redmen captured four straight games to take the title at the 18 team event.

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### Industrial

## Hellers surprises Lakeview

Hellers let everyone know they are on the move in Acton Industrial Hockey action Sunday night at the Acton Community Centre. The Hellers team, winless in their first five attempts, have now gone two straight weeks without a loss including a surprise come from behind 3-3 tie with the league leading Lakeview Centre this

week. In other games Sunday Acton Terminal Warehouse took a solid hold on third place with a 8-4 win over Family Cleaners while Blow Press got back on the winning track dropping Van's Welding 4-1.

It was a complete reversal for Hellers in their match with Lakeview. Hellers started the

season dropping games in the final five minutes but they overcame a Lakeview 3-0 lead over the final ten minutes this week to earn the draw and blemishing the Centres record for the first time in seven weeks.

Floyd Hillier had a hot night for Lakeview as he fired all three markers with Glen McKenzie earning assists on each

one. Jim Haggett also added an assist. Lakeview scored once in the first period and twice in the second to build up the lead.

In the final frame Hellers came to life. Their first goal of the game with 9:23 gone in the final stanza set the gears in motion. John Ashley fired the marker, his first of the season.

from Randy McIntyre and Russ Van Fleet. A powerplay marker from Bob Jarrett pulled the Hellers squad to within one settling up a last minute marker from John McCutcheon earning them the draw. Russ Van Fleet assisted on the final marker while Dave Thompson helped on the Jarrett goal.

A three goal performance by Gary Marsh lifted Acton Terminal Warehouse into sole possession of third spot in industrial play as they topped Family Cleaners 8-4.

Ken Slaney fired a pair of goals to help the ATW cause while George McPhail, Chris Tennant and Mike Mitchell converted singles.

George McPhail and Chris Tennant shared the playmarker honors earning two assists each while Bruce McPhail and Mike Morris counted single helpers.

Family Cleaners got single goal efforts from Jim Poelsk, Ernie Ruck, Tim McIntyre and Bill Manes with Fred Allen picking up two assists. Joe Deforest, Bill Manes, Jim Poelsk and Stan Rhynolds added single

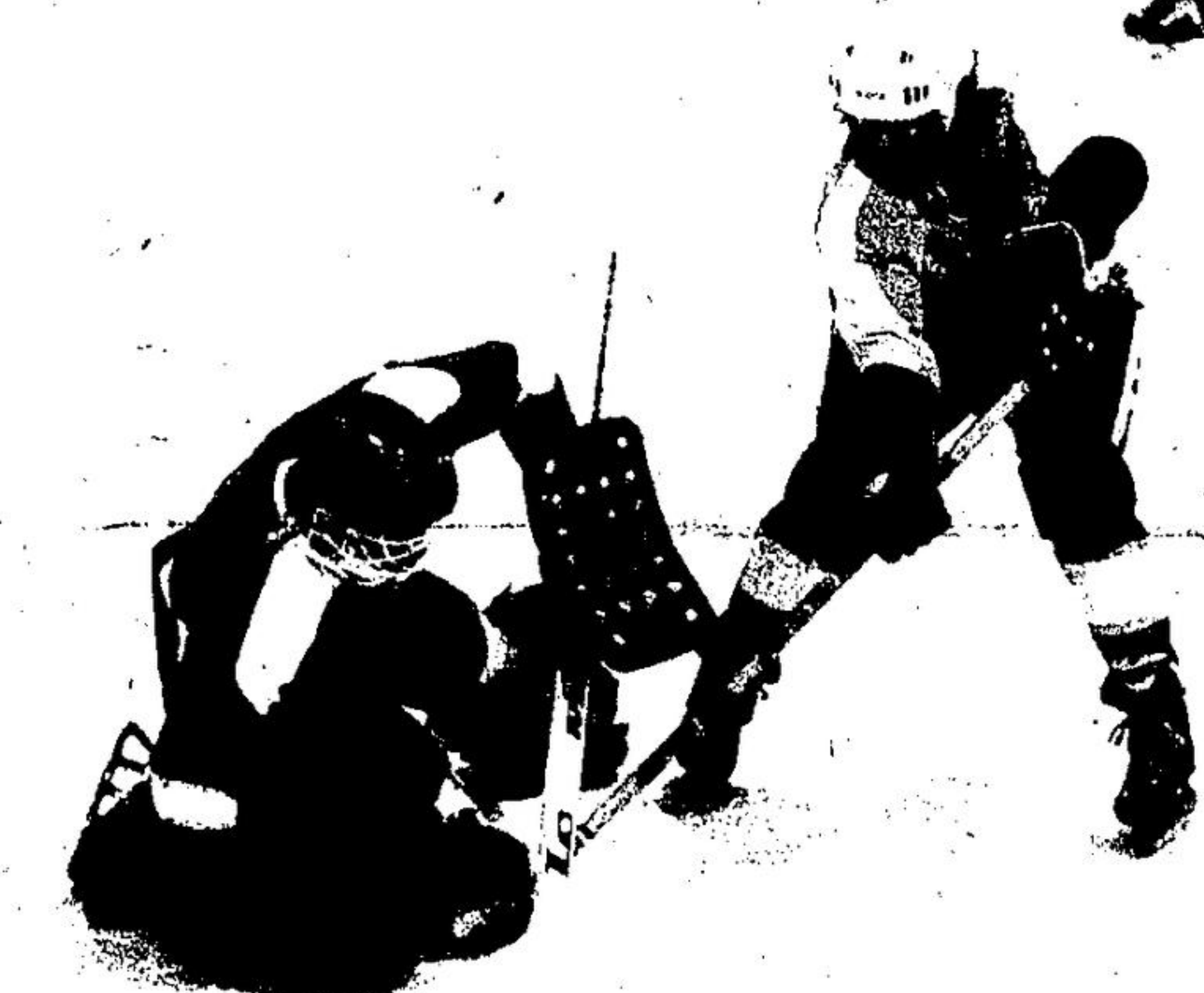
helpers to the cause. Acton Terminal built up a 3-0 lead early in the contest but were fighting to maintain a 4-3 lead by the game's mid-point. A late second period marker and an early third stanza score gave the Warehouse control and the win.

Blow Press rebounded after their loss of a week ago to score a 4-1 win over Van's Welding and drop the Welders into a tie for last place over all.

Rick Henderson and Wayne 'Hot Dog' Deforest netted two goals each for the winners while Brent Irwin fired the only Welders goal with only 12 seconds remaining in the final period.

Wayne Allan counted two assists for Blow Press while Sid Bares added another. Gary Moore assisted on the Van's marker.

In action this Sunday Van's Welding and Hellers meet in a 7 p.m. match to decide last place while Lakeview Centre try to get back on the winning track against Family Cleaners in an 8:20 p.m. game. At 9:40 p.m. Acton Terminal Warehouse and Blow Press tangle.



Acton Terminal Warehouse goaltender Mark Morrison keeps a tight rein on the puck as Family Cleaner Ted Saltz attempts to pry the piece of rubber loose for another goal. ATW scored an 8-4 win to take a solid hold on third spot.

## Gems get Malcolm back

The Acton Sabres and the Georgetown Gemini don't just keep their hockey battles to the ice. The executives have been in combat over Scott Malcolm for almost two weeks.

At present there is a lull in the battle and the Gemini have acquired or re-acquired the playing services of the former Acton Minor Hockey and Acton Sabres grad.

Malcolm, the subject of

much attention over the past couple of weeks, was playing in Georgetown until an Ontario Hockey Association ruling reverted the slick centre's rights back to Acton. Since that time the Gems have been trying to reacquire his rights.

On Saturday morning a final deal was made between the two clubs involving, a straight cash deal that returned Mal-

colm to the Gemini lineup. "Both teams gave a little," said Acton president Lee Vickery of the agreement between the clubs. A week ago the Gems and the Sabres were at different ends of the spectrum in lines of a price for the Malcolm waiver. "We're happy with what we got from the deal," commented Vickery. Unfortunately the

Georgetown Gemini are not as pleased as the Sabres. "We paid more than we wanted to," said Gems president Bob Girdwood, "but he's a gentleman in the dressing room and a good hockey player."

The main beef the Gems have is they paid what Girdwood considered almost double the price that teams receive for Junior 'B' players and then they found out what they were paying for was only a one year release meaning Malcolm will become Acton property again at the end of the 1979-80 playing season.

## Redmen slate cage tourney

Acton High School begins two weekends of basketball tournaments this weekend when the Acton Redmen put their unbeaten string on the line against teams from Markham, Collingwood, Milton, J.A. Turner, Georgetown, Stayner and Dundas. Milton is the defending champion.

Acton meets Markham in their inaugural match of the tourney at 9 a.m. on Saturday morning. The tourney final is slated for 8:30 p.m. Saturday while the consolation game runs at 7:15 p.m.

The week following (December 15) the Senior Redmen take to the courts with schools from Milton, M.M. Robinson, Sacred Heart, Monarch Park, Saltfleet, Ridgeway and Erin.

- Redmen Invitational Junior Saturday, December 8
1. 9 a.m.—Acton vs. Markham
  2. 10:15 a.m.—Collingwood vs. Milton
  3. 11:30 a.m.—J.A. Turner vs. Georgetown
  4. 12:45 p.m.—Stayner vs. Dundas
  5. 2:00 p.m.—Loser One vs. Loser Two
  6. 3:15 p.m.—Loser Three vs. Loser Four
  7. 4:30 p.m.—Winner One vs. Winner Two
  8. 5:45 p.m.—Winner Three vs. Winner Four
  9. 7:15 p.m.—Consolation Final—Winner Five vs. Winner Six
  10. 8:30 p.m.—Championship Final—Winner Seven vs. Winner Eight

## Bants suffer loss

Acton Rotary Minor Bantams suffered their first defeat of the Waterloo-Wellington league season last week as they found trouble when they skated into Orangeville dropping a 3-1 decision.

Acton coach Ruddy Holmes says he "questioned the officiating" in the match with the Rotary team picking up 30 minutes in penalties while the home side Orangeville were handed only four.

"I can't understand how one team can be so aggressive and the other team so passive," said Holmes.

Jim Richard fired the only goal of the game for Acton after the locals had fallen behind by a 3-0 score.

Scott Hibbard turned in a fine performance in the Acton net, according to Holmes, stopping several

key break-a-ways. Acton played the entire final frame short-handed. In other action over the past week the Rotarians scored a convincing 8-1 victory over Fergus in what coach Holmes considered a relatively clean but well played game. A total of five penalties were handed out.

Lorenzo Civiero led the scoring parade in the match picking up three goals while Rick Dodds and Bruce Canary added two each. Jim Richard fired the other Acton goal. Randy Coverdale, David McKnight, and Jim Richard each picked up a pair of assists with Vince Danagher and Troy McNaught counting single helpers.

Acton built up a 7-0 lead in the contest before Acton goaltender Tim McKendry relinquished the shut-out.



Taking careful aim! Bruce McArthur takes dead aim on the rocks at the other end of the ice during the Businessmen's Bonspiel at the Acton Curling Club Saturday.



Winners of the Acton Curling Club's Businessmen's Bonspiel Saturday were, left to right: Roger Wilson, Dave Neely, skip Crawford Caswell and Les Weir.

## Midgets score big against Elora

The Acton in-n-out Midgets remain undefeated in Waterloo-Wellington but the status makes the Acton team a mark for the other league teams.

Last week the In-n-outers needed everything they had to hold off a late charge by the Fergus 'Green Machine' holding on for a tie in what has been considered one of their poorest performances of the year. In other action the In-n-outers scored a 15-0 win over Elora. The highlight

of that game was the Elora team itself. The visiting Elora team played the entire match with only six players in uniform.

Acton took a 2-0 first period lead in their match with Fergus as Tim Ferguson and Denis Kirton netted the twine within ten seconds of each other with a little more than three minutes remaining in the opening frame. But the locals could not hold on as Fergus closed the gap to within one before the

stanza ended. Mark Duval extended the Acton lead from Cord McArthur early in the middle frame but again Fergus came back to pull within a single marker of the lead.

Denis Kirton fired his second goal of the game with 11:31 remaining in the final period to restore the two goal in-n-out margin. Fergus replied with two markers within 70 seconds to even the score and the two sides played scoreless hockey over the final ten

minutes. At home to Elora it was a matter of tired legs that did in the visitors by a 15-0 tune.

Acton managed only two first period markers against the six man opposition and extended the lead to 10-0 as Elora legs wore thin. Five more third period markers gave the locals their biggest win of the year.

The In-n-outers split the scoring production with ten players netting goals and no one scoring more than twice.

## Olympic hopes swim in Alan Swanston's mind

Olympic hopes of Rockwood swimmer Alan Swanston are more and more becoming a reality each time he competes.

On the weekend Swanston was one of several Olympic hopefuls to hit the water at the Etobicoke Olympia as part of the Canada Cup competition.

Swanston swam in five events over the competition against several of the top swimmers for Canada and United States clubs finishing fifth in his specialty, the 100 metre freestyle in 52.98 seconds. Swanston's other top performance came in the men's 100 metre breaststroke where he finished in sixth place overall in a time of 1:07.82. It was Swanston's first time competing in the breaststroke event and he was quite pleased with the performance.

The Canada Cup Meet is a "development meet" according to the young

swimmer. "It's top level competition in mid-training season," said Swanston in a telephone interview. "Most of Canada's national swim team was at the meet."

Swanston was pleased with his swim times not just in the two events he placed in but all five. "I'm ahead of what I was at this time last year," says Swanston. "I'm tired from the training but pleased with the results."

The Rockwood swimmer is optimistic about his Olympic chances but feels he can qualify. "You have to be optimistic," cited Swanston. "A pessimist just won't make it. It's going to be tough and I realize that."

Swanston is gradually setting his training program toward next June and the Olympic trials in Montreal and the 1976 Olympic Pool.

In two weeks Swanston is hoping to be at a meet

in Long Beach California and then he will concentrate on qualifying for the United States Nationals. "I must qualify but I should be there," said the swimmer with confidence. From the U.S. Nationals it will be back to the Canadian Winter Nationals next

Murch and then the stretch drive to the Olympic Trials and the 1980 Olympics in Moscow.

Swanston was a silver medalist at the Pan-American Games in Puerto Rico last summer swimming on the men's four by 100 metre relay.



Alan Swanston

### Third time

## Horseman honors for Ron Waples

It has been a successful season for Rockwood's Ron Waples. He added another win to his credit being chosen the Ontario Jockey Club's Horseman of the Year for the third successive time last week.

Waples has recorded his best season ever in harness racing scoring 396 wins to date in North America, including 323 wins on the Ontario circuit.

The Rockwood driver ran away with the balloting for the horseman award picking up 11 votes with one other driver earning two ballots.

Waples is also in a position to become the first Canadian-based driver to win the North American title for most victories. He currently leads in that department by more than 30 wins over two other drivers.

Waples will receive his award at the Ontario Harness Horseman's Association dinner in Toronto on January 15.



Ron Waples

Despite the fact of being outraged by the way the final deal ended up the Gems wasted no time in putting Malcolm back in a green, yellow and white sweater. Malcolm was back on the Georgetown bench when the Gemini met the Streetsville Derbys at Georgetown's Gordon Alcott Arena on Sunday night.