

Flying the coop - thanks for your help and co-operation

The past 18 months as sports editor of the Acton Free Press have afforded me a chance to see the other side of the coin. Instead of being the one written about, I have done the writing. I took the knowledge of the Acton sports world in which I grew up, and developed that into a worthwhile career.

However, advancement in that chosen career has knocked on the door, and I find myself accepting the challenge of the position of sports editor for the Georgetown Independent, a sister paper to the Acton Free Press. The town is larger, which will give me the opportunity to write about sports Acton does not have. I hope to round out the career Acton people gave me a chance to start.

As a youngster growing up in the Acton minor sports leagues, and even now in the

industrial leagues of the community, I realized the importance of a local newspaper. In the past 18 months I have realized that importance even more.

To the people who coached me the past several years, and who are now friends and business contacts, I thank you. Without you back then, I would never have made it, and without you now I would never have made it. My promotion to the Independent was made possible through our combined efforts.

When I was taken on as sports editor with the Free Press I thought I knew most of the local people involved in the area but learned fast that there were many people and sports I knew nothing about. Over that time I have tried to give an honest opinion and fair coverage to all sports and recreation groups in the Acton



reading area.

I feel very fortunate that I got my start in Acton where the people were friendly and co-operative and willing to give me a chance. To all of you I say a big thank you.

Although I will no longer be working for the Free Press I am remaining in town and will still be interested in the local sports and I hope to see you at as many of

the local games as it is possible for me to attend.

My leaving is only one of three that the Free Press will see next week with editor Hartley Coles moving to Georgetown Independent full time after splitting his time between Georgetown and Acton for the past year. The Free Press news editor Helen Murray is also leaving the journalism field. Helen is moving to the composing room after over five years in news.

When I started writing for the paper I knew absolutely nothing about the business and I must thank Hartley and Helen, along with the Dills family and Eric Elstone for the help they have given me, teaching me the ropes and angles necessary in doing my job.

My replacement at the sports desk will be a very capable young lady—Diana Waltmann. Diana has been at a sports desk before, spending nine months in Midland after graduating from Ryerson.

Diana has spent a couple of days traveling around and meeting several of the people she will be dealing with but time has limited her from meeting all of the Free Press contributors.

I am hoping that you, the people of Acton, will help Diana in the same way you helped me. It is difficult moving into a new town and trying to pick up where someone else left off but I am confident you will make Diana welcome and cooperate in getting the Acton Free Press sports published each week.

Again I say thank you and may you all have a happy new year.

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Undefeated in 24 matches

Midgets cop tournament crown

Ed's In-n-out Midgets continue to dominate teams they meet in hockey circles scoring four more wins over the holiday season to lift their record to 19 wins, five ties and no losses in Waterloo-Wellington league, exhibition and tournament play.

The In-n-outers scored three straight victories at the New Hamburg Christmas Tournament over the past week to bring home their first tourney title of the season. The Acton team topped Alliston 3-0 in the opening round of competition and then edged the host 'burg squad 3-2 to advance to the final where they outclassed Goderich in an 8-0 tune.

The two shut-outs were recorded by Dave Anderson for the In-n-outers earning him the outstanding goaltender award while Tim Baker was between the pipes for the 3-2 win over New Hamburg.

In exhibition play over the holidays the In-n-outers scored a 7-2 win over Guelph's AAA Minor team.

Three different players shared the scoring in Acton's 3-0 victory over Alliston in the opening game of the New Hamburg event while five others earned single assists.

Mike Monahan gave Acton their first goal at the five minute mark of

the opening frame and the In-n-outers were ahead to stay. Gary Lumbers and Denis Kirton assisted on the goal.

Two goals within 20 seconds of each other provided the rest of the scoring for Acton in the second stanza as Tim Evans and Scott Timbers found the range with Rob Vermeulen, Gord McArthur and Mark Duval earning assists.

Acton outshot the opposition 39-21 in the contest.

Acton never fell behind in their second round match with host New Hamburg but were fighting to keep their lead throughout most of the game.

After a scoreless first period, the In-n-outers netted a pair of second period goals from Gary Lumbers and Tim Evans before they allowed the 'burg to get on the sheet with less than two minutes remaining in the stanza.

Acton extended their lead to two at the 5:50 mark of the final frame as Monahan netted the twine giving the In-n-outers what would be the winning margin.

New Hamburg fought back with one more late tally to pull even but fell short in any bid to even the count. Tim Baker faced 22 New Hamburg shots while Acton fired 34 at the New Hamburg net.

Goderich was no match for Acton in the tourney final as the In-n-outers powered their way to an 8-0 win.

They started off slow in the match and didn't net their first goal until the first period was over six minutes old. Gary Lumbers netted the marker with Mike Monahan and Denis Kirton earning helpers.

Acton extended the lead before the period ended as Tim Evans found the range from Tim Ferguson.

The In-n-outers added three more to their totals in the second period and an identical number in the final frame giving them a convincing win and the tourney championship.

Mike Monahan fired three goals for the Acton squad in the final two frames with Tim Evans, Rob Vermeulen and Denis Kirton counting singles.

Rick Smith picked up two assists for Acton in the onslaught as did brother Randy and Gary Lumbers. Scott Timbers, Mark Duval and Derek Hodgson counted single helpers.

Acton outshot Goderich 27-16 in the contest.

In exhibition play the In-n-outers spotted Guelph two early goals and then rebounded for seven unanswered markers keeping their record

intact.

Gary Lumbers paced the Acton attack scoring twice and assisting on another while Denis Kirton and Gord McArthur added one of each. Randy Smith was

the only other Acton player earning two points. He assisted on a pair of markers. Mike Monahan, Tim Ferguson and Mark Duval added the other Acton goals with Rob Vermeulen and

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Atoms regional champs in 'Silver Stick' tourney

Acton Major Atom Steelworkers are set for round two of the Ontario 'Silver Stick' Championship.

The Steelworkers were in Midland over the holidays week where they scored three straight wins to capture the regional Silver Stick and advance them to the Ontario finals in Sarnia on September 18, 19 and 20.

The Atoms played three tight hockey games on their way to the championship, scoring one goal decision in each of their three contests. They nipped Penetang 2-1

in the opening round before giving Bolton their first loss of the year when John Van Dam fired the winner in a 3-2 decision during the second overtime period. In the grand championship the Steelworkers played a rematch with Penetang scoring an identical 2-1 victory that advances them to Sarnia.

Peter Cargill was named the outstanding player of the game during the first two matches for Acton while John Van Dam earned the honor during the grand championship match.

Cargill fired both Acton goals in the first match with Penetang while Mike Baker earned assists on both counters.

In the match with Bolton it was again Cargill who did the Acton scoring netting both regulation time goals, setting up the fifth period heroics of John Van Dam. Mike Baker and Kirk McNabb earned assists on the first two Acton goals while Van Dam's came unassisted.

Acton coach Dan McGilloway was quite pleased with his team's performance. "The boys played good aggressive

hockey every game," said McGilloway. "Our goalies were great and our defense was sharp. Our forwards worked hard every game." McGilloway added that all three games were "hard on the nerves" but it was worth it.

McGilloway had thanks for the parents who helped make the tournament possible through their transportation and support. The Acton team also had special thanks to Ted and Judy Hall of Midland who billeted four Acton players overnight.



STRIKE: Acton Bowling Lanes are a busy place over the winter with leagues running each night of the week. The most competitive of those leagues is the Men's Majors. Bob Turkosz shows some of the form that keeps his average at 210 in that league. Turkosz's average is third best on the Acton Lanes.



Getting full use of his 1979 membership, Acton Meadows golfer Paul Murr took advantage of the warm spell between Christmas and New Year's to get in a few holes of golf at the Meadows. Although the pins weren't in place several golf fans were on the course for some late season fun.

Teams jostling for position in industrial league action

The action is becoming furious in the Acton Industrial Hockey League as teams begin the battle for play-off positions.

Over the past two weeks teams have been jockeying for position with several teams being shifted.

Lakeview Centre has regained first place in league standings while Blow Press has fallen off with a tie and a loss in the past two weeks. Van's Welding, sitting on the bottom a short time ago, has moved into fourth position one point ahead of both Heller's and Family Cleaners.

Lakeview Centre earned top spot with a win over Blow Press on Sunday at the community centre outdoing their rivals by a 5-2 count. In other games, Family Cleaners surprised Heller's 4-2 and Acton Terminal Warehouse solidified their hold on third with a 10-3 thumping of Van's.

A week earlier Blow Press and Hellers played to a 1-1 tie, Lakeview Centre attacked ATW 11-5 and Van's nipped Family Cleaners 6-5.

Floyd Hillier and Bruce Cocksley paced the Lakeview assault on Blow Press in the battle for league honors with a pair of goals each while Bart Jacobs was credited with the other.

Bruce MacPherson fired both Pressmen markers while Bill Fields and Henry Toebes earned an assist each.

Van's Welding looked impressive in the first period of their 10-3 loss to Acton Terminal building

up a 3-1 lead before the Warehouse got rolling. George McPhail paced the Warehouse attack with four goals and an assist while Chris Tennant fired a pair of goals and a pair of assists for the Terminal. Ken Slaney added to the ATW total with a goal and three assists while Bruce McPhail netted a single marker and a pair of helpers. Mike Morris added a goal and an assist while Gary Marsh counted a goal and two assists.

Mike Mitchell and Ken Hurren helped on singles.

Evan Hayter, Brent Irwin and John Snow counted the Van's Welding goals while Snow picked up an assist on the other Van's goals. Hayter and Gary Moore also picked up a helper each for the Welders.

In the nightcap on Sunday Family Cleaners built up a 3-0 lead going into the final period and then hung on as Heller's came storming back scoring a 4-2 win.

George Artem, Jim Poelsk, Tim McIntyre and Bill Manes fired the Family goals with Manes picking up a pair of assists as well. Jim Poelsk, Stan Rhynolds, Ernie Ruck and Tim McIntyre assisted for the Cleaners.

Randy McIntyre and Russ Van Fleet did the damage for Heller's with John Ashley earning assists on both goals and Bill Severinski on the first Heller's tally.

Acton this Sunday night will be a completion of last week's games with Blow Press and Lake-

view Centre battling it out for first spot at 7 p.m.

At 8:20 p.m. Family Cleaners and Heller's do battle with the loser gain-

ing last spot while at 9:40 p.m. Van's Welding will try to make up some ground on Acton Terminal Warehouse.

Industrial standings

	G	W	L	T	F	A	P
Lakeview Centre	11	9	1	1	69	36	19
Blow Press	11	8	2	1	47	34	17
Acton Terminal	11	5	5	1	64	62	11
Van's Welding	11	3	7	1	39	63	7
Family Cleaners	11	2	7	2	36	60	6
Hellers	11	2	7	2	38	45	6

Lions split with Midland

Midland was too much for the Acton Lions Peewees when they headed north for the regional Silver Stick in Midland.

Acton had little trouble in their opening round of the tourney handling Midland Minors a 9-0 pasting but the Lions found the Midland Majors much tougher in second round play, dropping a 5-2 decision.

Mike Hudson and Sandy Waites paced the Acton attack against Midland Minors. Hudson fired three goals and assisted on four others while Waites scored a pair and picked up three assists. On the last four Acton goals Hudson and Waites earned two goals and two assists each.

Greg James and Ted Morrisette showing particular improvement.

Tony Van Dam counting the others, James, Ted Morrisette, Grant Smith and David Thomas added assists for the Lions.

The match with Midland Majors was much closer than the score indicated according to Lions manager Al McKerracher. "We applied the pressure throughout the game and had several good scoring chances."

Minor pee-wees nipped at Milton Beaver tourney

Acton Beardmore Union Minor Pee-Wees found themselves on the short end of a pair of decisions at the Milton Beaver Hockey Tournament over the holiday week.

The Beardmore team dropped a pair of two goal matches, 3-1 to Cawthra Park and 4-2 to Kitchener.

Gord Mitchell fired the only Acton goal in the 3-1 loss with Kevin Lobinger and Scott Phelan earning helpers. The goal pulled the Beardmore team to within one, at 2-1, but an empty net marker put the game away for Cawthra Park.

In the 4-2 loss to Kitchener Steve Wagner and Craig Coltsun netted the Acton goals.

In exhibition play over the vacation the pee-wees dropped a 4-2 decision to Guelph's AAA Minor team.

that was all Acton could muster until Brad Demone's unassisted goal pulled Acton to within one at 3-2.

Peewees short

Beardmore Union Minor Peewees sat on the short end of a 4-2 score in a recent exhibition game against Guelph.

After a quick start in the game played in the Acton Community Centre Sunday, December 23, Beardmore fell behind three goals and failed to recapture their lead.

Acton's Steve Wagner opened the scoring just 29 seconds into the first period, on a passing play with Clint MacMillan and Gordon Mitchell, who were credited with assists.

But Guelph came back to tie it at 7:04 and took the lead on another goal with nine seconds left in the first period.

The second period saw Guelph and Acton trading goals; Guelph scoring first at 5:01 before Beardmore narrowed the gap on an unassisted marker by Brad Demone at 6:23.

Beardmore couldn't connect with an equalizer however, before Guelph netted an insurance marker in the final frame, giving them an insurmountable two goal lead with less than five minutes remaining in the game. The contest ended in a 4-2 loss.

A total of five penalties were handed out during the match three of them to Acton.