

Ed's battles for 5-5 tie in thriller

Swedes put on a show

By Diana Waltmann
More than 700 fans crowded Acton Community Centre Sunday night to watch Ed's In-N-Out midgets and Mora MIK battle to a 5-5 tie in the first international hockey match held here in four years.

Lucky people. Those who stayed home missed the most exciting and entertaining match of the year. Ed's kept the sold out crowd on the edge of their seats overcoming a three-goal deficit to tie the game—all in the final frame.

The Mora team arrived at the Curling Club at 3:30 Sunday afternoon for dinner and a few presentations. They took to the ice at 7:30 p.m. for more pre-game ceremonies. The civilities ended there.

It was to be a game neither team was determined to lose. Mora hit up the scoreboard first just two minutes into the game. Mikael Jackson shot high, over goalie Tim Baker, for an un-

assisted marker. Denis Kirton brought the crowd to their feet with Acton's first goal a minute later at 3:13. Mike Monahan and Gary Lumbers helped out.

Hakan Spannar took a pass from Mikael Jones and flipped it past Baker for the second Swedish marker at 11:33, only to have Kirton connect on his second goal on a perfectly executed passing play a half a minute later at 12:05. Del Mohammed and Monahan earned assists.

CHIPPY PLAY
Mora played some chippy hockey in the first period, jabbing at anything dressed in baby blue. The refereeing was what best could be described as confused, with only three penalties handed out to Ed's and one to the Swedes.

It wasn't until after the referee sent five Mora players to the sinbin, at about the same time no less, that the Swedes and midgets settled down to play fine

hockey in the second stanza. Spannar put the Swedes ahead at 4:20 of the middle frame, on a powerplay shot through the legs of Dave Anderson, who replaced an injured Baker midway through the period.

Tony Andersson gave the Mora a two-goal lead with his marker at 9:54, after a scramble in front of the Acton net.

Goran Rengarde picked up the rebound and flipped it over Anderson for the fifth Swedish score at 11:02 giving them a three-goal lead going into the dressing room for the second intermission.

Ed's came roaring back, netting their third goal, three minutes into the final period. Rick Smith fired a wrist shot over goalie Mikael Eriksson.

APPLY PRESSURE
Mohammed brought the midgets to within one three minutes after that at 5:04, on a beautiful passing play with Lumbers. Ed's began to apply pressure for the fifth goal, keeping the puck in

the Swedish zone for the next five minutes.

Monahan finally connected on a screen shot at 9:41 with Lumbers assisting, giving the jubilant Ed's the tie.

From then on it was end to end thrills and spills. The Swedes were not about to give in so easily, and Ed's with the momentum, were determined to win—only the clock ran out before either side could score.

FIRST GAME
It was the Swedish team's first game since arriving in Canada, (they played again in Brampton last night), and by the looks of it, will be giving hockey fans their money's worth.

When they were not busy serving penalties, although they only received three in the final 15 minutes, the Swedes were giving out solid body checks, passing and stickhandling with ease and outskating and outmuscled the midgets.

But Ed's did manage more shots on goal, throwing the puck a total of 30 times at the Swedish net, compared to the 19 shots Baker and Anderson faced. In the third period alone, the Swedes were outshot 17-6.

The Acton Minor Hockey Association (AMHA) presented the town of Mora, represented by Bjorn Aberg, with a hockey puck, while each Swedish player received a Halton Hills crest, a Halton Hills pin and wallets made by local Acton manufacturers.

WOODEN HORSE
Mora MIK presented Halton Hills with a hunting knife, while the AMHA received a hand-carved wooden horse (the Mora emblem).

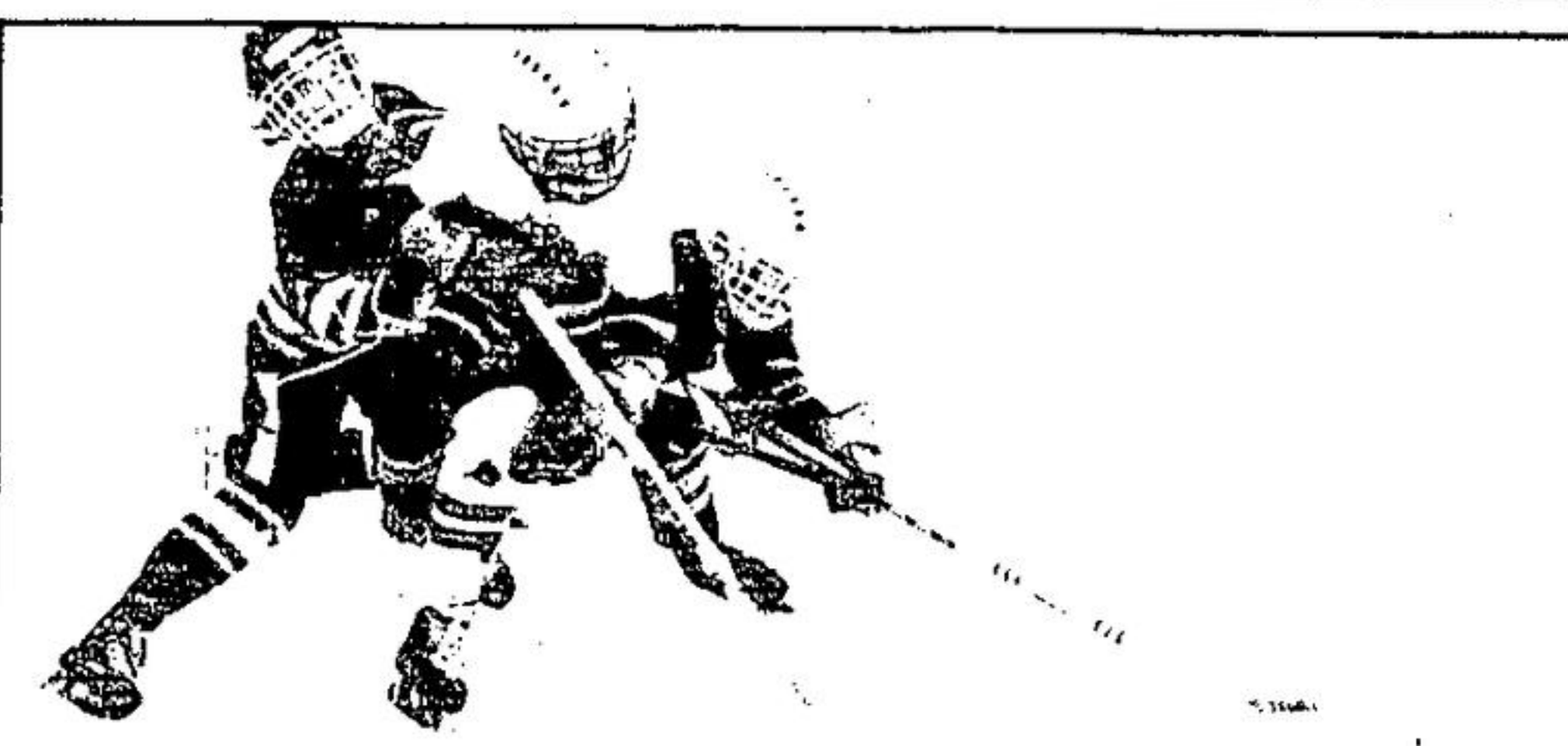
Each Acton player received a wooden totem with the wooden horse emblem in the colors of Sweden, and a hand-made doll with the MIK ensign on it.

Miniatures were also presented to a few organizers. Harold Townsley headed the organizing committee while the Hockey Moms, under the direction of Pat Kirton, set up the dinner at the Curling Club.

The midgets welcomed a special visitor for the match, Jody Russell, who hosted them during tournament in Kingston, January 12 and 13, served as Ed's stick boy during the game.

The Swedes had visitors too, with midgets from Brampton and Fergus accompanying them to the game. Mora will face off against those players at a later date.

The midgets start their quarter final playoffs against Paris tonight (Wednesday) at home at 8 p.m.



Squeeezzzzzzz play. Acton peewees give Niagara-on-The-Lake forward a bug hug during their consolation championship game Sunday at the community centre. The Acton team lost the game however, Ancaster topped Thorold 4-3 for the A consolation crown in the Legion's 11th annual peewee tournament.

Erindale ecstatic too

Peewees beam over win

The Legion's 11th annual Peewee Hockey Tournament went without a hitch as far as Beamsville and Erindale are concerned.

Those two teams won the championships in the A and B categories, after a full weekend of tournament play.

The peewee team representing Acton fared well too, reaching the consolation finals against Niagara-on-the-Lake.

The annual shinny event, sponsored by the Acton branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, attracted 17 teams including Erin Mills, Orangeville, Kitchener, Merriton, and last year's champions, Sault Ste. Marie.

Ancaster downed Thorold 4-3 to grab the consolation crown in the A group, while Niagara-on-the-Lake shut out Acton 4-0 for the B consolation.

To reach the finals, Acton blasted New Hamburg 10-0 in game 19, Sunday morning. Earlier Acton suffered a 4-2 defeat at the hands of Bolton.

In the New Hamburg match, Gary Coverdale led the team to its victory with a hat trick. Randy McIntyre netted two markers and singles came from Mike Nellis, Tom Turtscher, Tom Van Der Eyken, Warren Blaine and Andrew Ferguson.

Coverdale earned three assists, Turtscher helped out on two goals, McIntyre picked up three, while single brackets went to Steve Harkin, Chris Standsbury and Scott Nowlan.

In the consolation final, Acton played a strong game, but couldn't connect for goals.

David VanDer Eyken played most of the game in the Acton nets.

Beamsville fans saw a lot of action in the championship game Sunday afternoon. Lorne Park battled back from a two goal deficit to tie the game with only a minute left in the match, forcing a five-minute sudden death overtime. It took Beamsville two minutes to net the winner, and win the championship.

Erindale overpowered Jordan 7-0 to take the A championship.

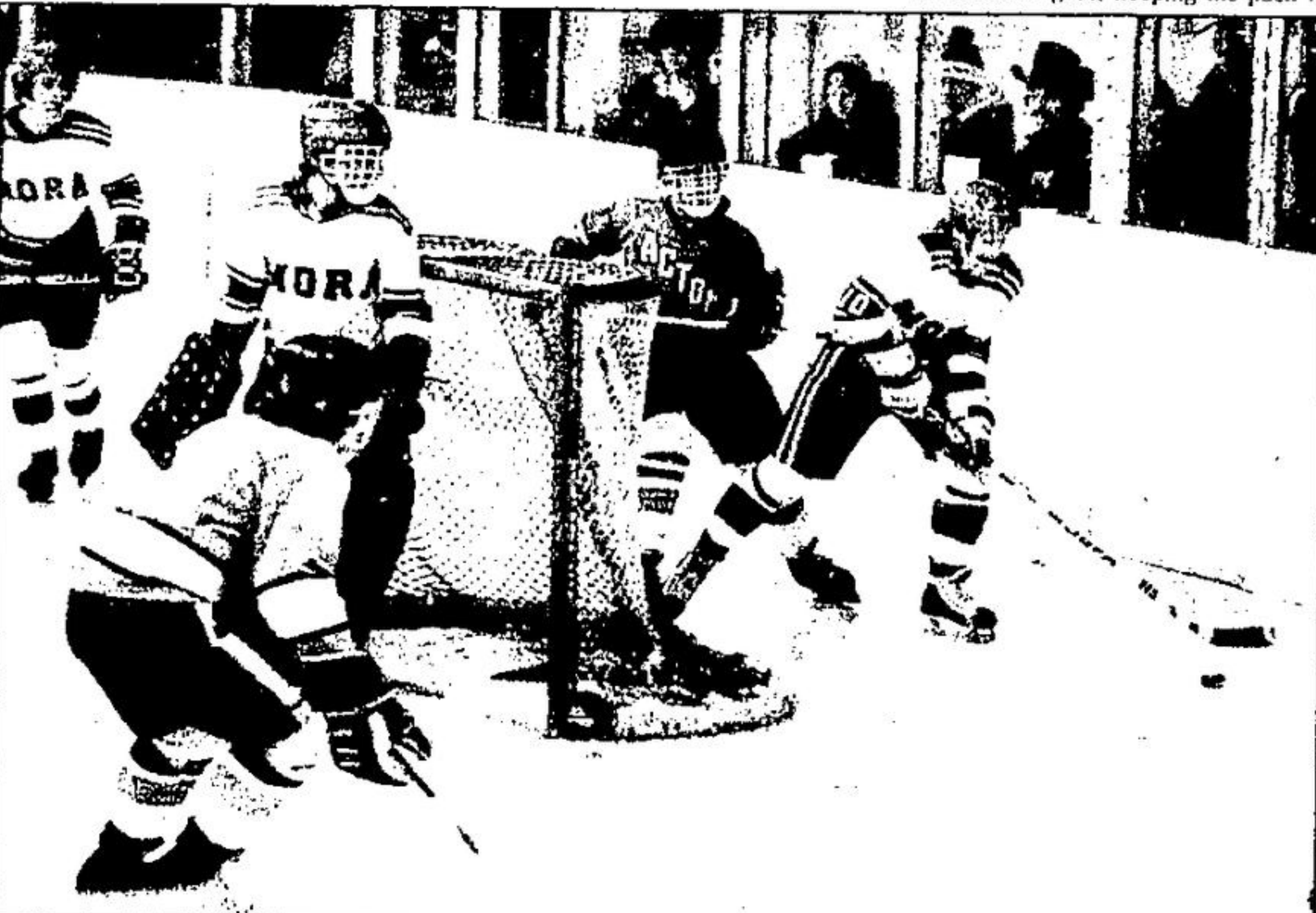
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- Game 1—ERINDALE 8-ORANGEVILLE 8-ORANGEVILLE 0
 - Game 2—NEW HAMBURG 0-LORNE PARK 2
 - Game 3—WELLESLEY 2-GRIMSBY 5
 - Game 4—ANCASTER 4—SAULT STE. MARIE 5
 - Game 5—BOLTON 4-ACTON 2
 - Game 6—HESPELER 1-JORDAN 4
 - Game 7—NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE 1-BEAMSVILLE 5
 - Game 8—THOROLD 0-PRESTON 8
 - Game 9—KITCHENER 6-MERRITON 7
 - Game 10—ORANGEVILLE 1-ANCASTER 6
 - Game 11—ERINDALE 7-SOO 0
 - Game 12—NEW HAMBURG 1-WELLESLEY 2
 - Game 13—LORNE PARK 3-GRIMSBY 0
 - Game 14—HESPELER 1-THOROLD 2
 - Game 15—JORDAN 3-PRESTON 2
 - Game 16—NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE 8-KITCHENER 0
 - Game 17—BEAMSVILLE 6-MERRITON 1
 - Game 18—ANCASTER 4-THOROLD 3 (A consolation)
 - Game 19—ACTON 10-NEW HAMBURG 0
 - Game 20—BOLTON 2-LORNE PARK 3
 - Game 21—ERINDALE 7-JORDAN 0 (A championship)
 - Game 22—NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE 4-ACTON 0 (B consolation)
 - Game 23—BEAMSVILLE 4-LORNE PARK 3 (B championship)



Brad Wilcox, captain of the Niagara-On-The-Lake peewees, who won the B league championship with a thrilling 4-3 victory over Lorne Park, holds trophy presented to him by Legion Ladies Auxiliary president Mary Dalgle, Sunday at the arena.



Lee Theobald, captain of the Beamsville peewees, who won the B league championship with a thrilling 4-3 victory over Lorne Park, holds trophy presented to him by Legion Ladies Auxiliary president Mary Dalgle, Sunday at the arena.



Swedish goaltender Ian Pettersson watches Jan Zackrisson (10), carry the puck around his net, all the while being harassed by Ed's midgets. The Swedes and the midgets tied the game 5-5. It was the first game for the Mora MIK in Canada. They played Brampton last night and travel to Burlington Sunday.

Redmen scalped in cager Championship, but still Midgets best season ever

The Acton High School basketball season came to an end Thursday, when the midget Redmen lost a disappointing championship match to Queen Elizabeth Park in Oakville.

The midgets were knicked 63-35 in the sudden death Halton final, by a powerhouse Q.E.P. squad.

The midgets, who reached the finals by defeating Lord Elgin in the semi-finals and Assumption in the quarter-finals, did not play their best game.

They were within reach before the end of the first half, actually outplaying Q.E.P. in the first quarter, but the Oakville team netted a few quick shots to give them a 14-point spread going into the final 20 minutes.

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John Lobello led the midget scoring parade with 13 points, Bob Little netted 12 while Les Dobisz scored eight. O'Neil Bailey led the the Royals with

16 points, followed by Pete Katsandalous with 14.

Redmen coach Rick Boychuk, disappointed with the loss, was however, enthused about his team's performances throughout the season.

"We were pleased we made it to the Halton finals. No other midgets team (in AHS), has made it to the playoffs. For a school of this size, it's quite an accomplishment."

Boychuk pointed out that Q.E.P. is twice the size of Acton High, and since it starts at grade seven, there are more players to choose from.

"If we had been able to score in the first quarter, when we outplayed them"

he added, "we wouldn't have had so much pressure."

"They applied constant pressure and we just lost our composure. Some of their players (Bailey and Katsandalous), really hurt us."

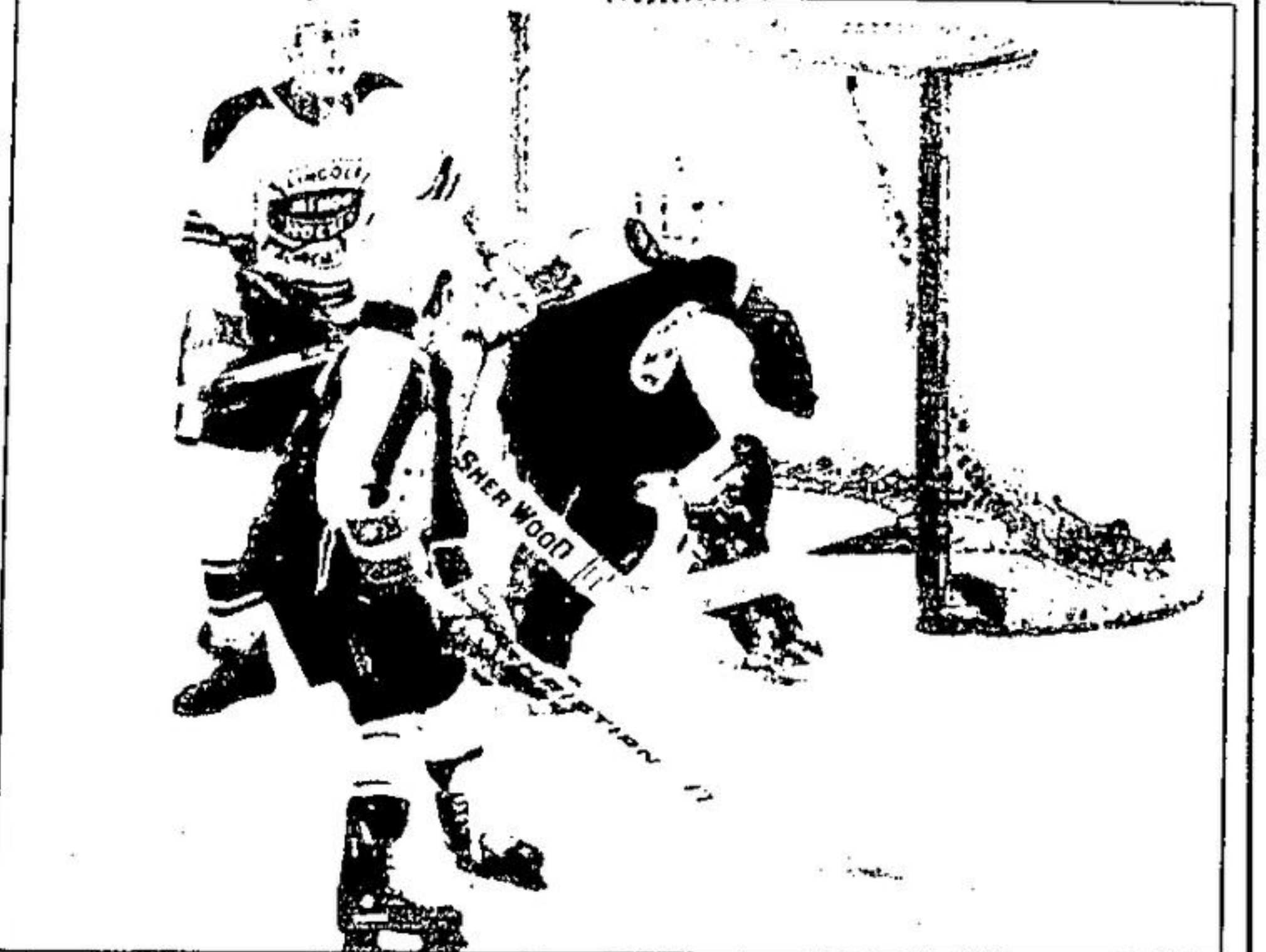
The midgets received plenty of fan support, although they were on the road. Two busloads of fans accompanied them to Oakville and managed to out yell Q.E.P.'s cheerleaders.

The midgets hung up their socks until next year. They lost only a few players to the junior squad.

The junior and senior Redmen completed their season with weekend tournaments. See story B2.



Acton High School swim team travelled to the Peel-Halton championships in Etobicoke Olympium last Friday. The meet ended the season. Here they are ready for a last splash: front row left to right: Tracey Parker, Beth Green, Cathy Grandy, Sharon Cook, Renata Brillinger, Norm Bourassa, Karen Costes. Second row: Naomi Donat, Nancy Allan, Edwin Ninaber, Brad Ottaway, John Moonie, Dave Quinn, Brian Patterson, Dave Fuller and Rick Papillon. Third row: Lynn Fountain, Allan Turner, Ed Blaser. Not present: Heather Thatcher, Jean Trueman, Heather Knapton, Doug Hannah, Linda Kilpatrick, Andrew Jenkinson, Miriam Beaton, Richard Stanley, Sue White, Mark Duess and Sylvia Bourassa. Photo by DIANA WALTMMANN



Plenty of action around the Lorne Park net during the B championship game at the Legion's 11th annual peewee tournament last weekend. Lorne Park made a gallant comeback in the game, however Beamsville won in overtime. Erindale blasted Jordan 7-0 in the A championship game, at the Community Centre Sunday.