

Press leads playoff final

Blow Press is leading the Industrial Hockey League finals after weekend action at the Acton Community Centre.

Blow Press dumped Acton Terminal Warehouse 7-3 in the semi-finals Saturday night, before meeting Hellers, who defeated Lakeview Centre 6-4, in Sunday's match-up. There the Pressmen held on for a 5-3 victory, in the best of three series.

High scoring forward Bill Fields led the Pressmen attack, netting two goals and four assists in Saturday's game and three goals and two assists in Sunday's contest.

He's leading the playoff scoring race with 14 points in all.

In Saturday's match, George McPhail started off the scoring for ATW with a goal at 7:40 from Mark Morrison and Jim Cooney.

Wayne Deforest replied quickly for Blow Press two minutes later with a marker from Fields ending the period on a 1-1 note.

Wayne Allan gave the Pressmen a one goal lead early in the second frame on a marker set up by Fields again. Ken Owens and Fields netted a couple of more goals to make it 4-1 by the end of the period. Deforest, Toebes and Fields earned assists.

ON TRACK

ATW got back on track in the third period on a goal by Mark Morrison from Ken Hurren and Mike Mitchell at the 44 second mark. Then Chris Tennant potted another at 13.15 to close the gap. Morrison counted an aid on the goal.

But the ATW attack ended there as Blow Press scored three more goals to clinch the victory.

Wayne Allan scored a hat trick with two more goals, while Fields got the other. Assists went to Toebes and Wayne Allan.

Lakeview Centre fell to Hellers in a 6-4 upset in the other Industrial League playoff game Saturday.

Hellers took an early lead in the match on a goal by John Ashley at 2:42. Glen McKenzie tied it for Lakeview only to have Handy McIntyre make it 2-1 by the end of the first period. John McCutcheon Russ Van Fleet and Lloyd Smallwood pocketed assists, while Jim Haggart picked up the Lakeview aid.

For a while it looked like the game belonged to Lakeview as they netted two quick goals in the second period. Glen McKenzie scored his second of the night at 2:89 to even the score, while Bruce Cooksley potted the go-ahead goal at 8:42 to give Lakeview a lead.

Ron Mellon earned assists on both goals, while a single went to McKenzie.

FOUGHT BACK

But Hellers fought back with Vince Thornton's marker at 10:10 and Dan Arbie's goal at 18:42. The second frame ended with Hellers leading by one goal.

Bill Severinski connected on a fifth goal at 7:56 of the third period to make it 5-3. A flurry of activity in the dying minutes, led to two goals.

Mellon finally scored for Lakeview at 19:10 to bring them within one, but Bill Severinski scored an unassisted goal on an empty net to settle the battle. Hellers came out with a 6-4 win.

Van Fleet, Smallwood, Dave Thompson and Floyd Hillier picked up the remaining Hellers assists.

Atkinson and McKenzie counted brackets for Lakeviews losing effort.

Hellers came up against stronger opponents in the final series, as Blow Press dumped them 5-3 Sunday night.

Toebes and MacPherson connected on the first two goals for the Pressman on 5:50 in the first and 1:20 in the second period. Fields, MacPherson, and Sid Barnes counted assists.

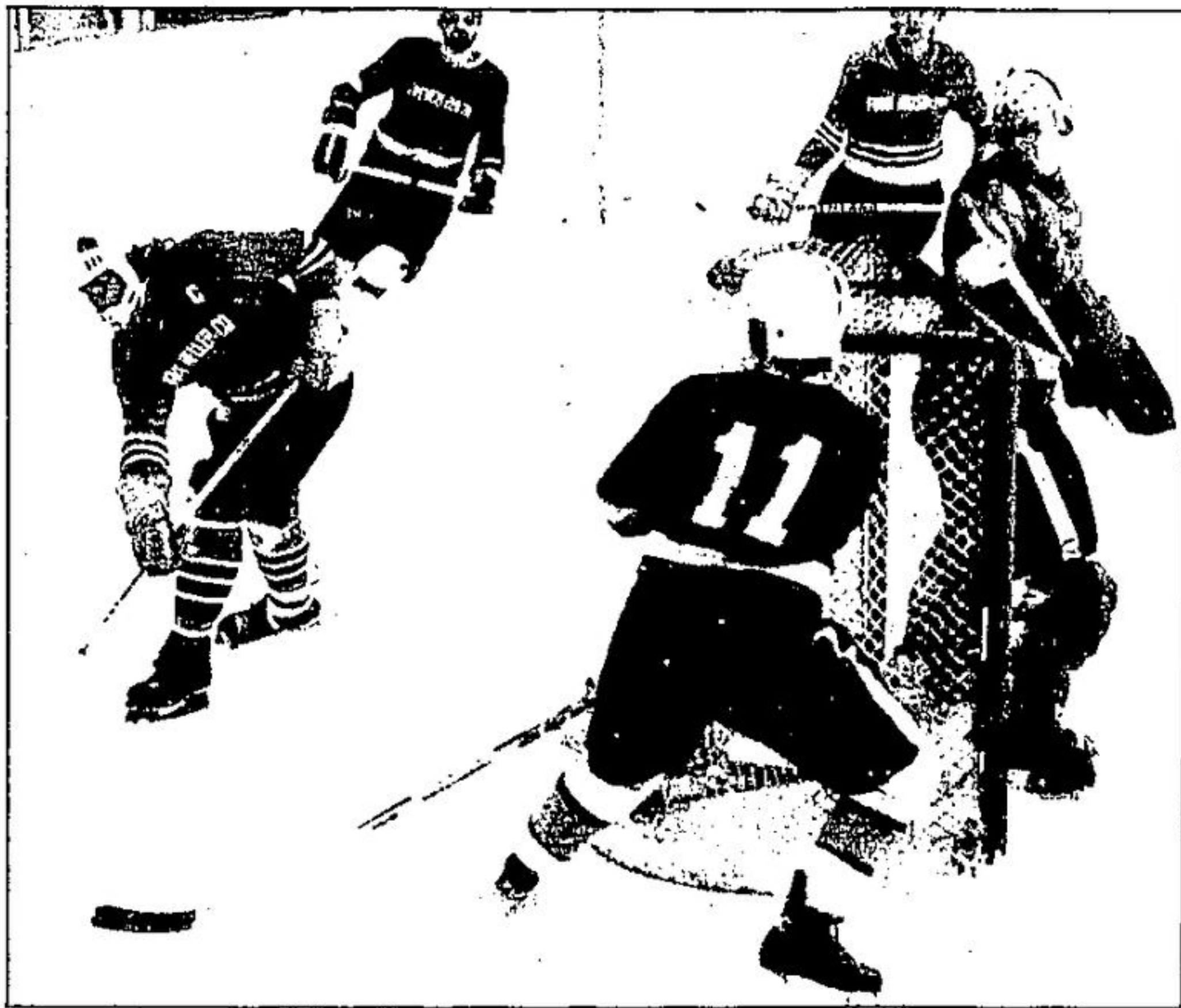
Van Fleet countered for Hellers at 11:36 in the second, but Fields quickly dashed hopes of tying the game with open marker at the end of the second period and another early in the final frame.

ON TARGET

Lorne Gordon kept Hellers in the game with a goal at 13:26, only to have Fields on target for his hat trick at 16:44. Arbie potted the final goal at 17:40 for Hellers.

Assists went to Toebes, Deforest, MacPherson and Gordon in Blow Press' end, while Jeff Townsley, McCutcheon, Arbie and Thompson earned aids for Hellers.

The next game will be played Sunday at the Community Centre, with the third game played the following week if necessary. Game time is 7 p.m.



Hellers upset Lakeview 6-4 in the second game of Acton Industrial Hockey League Saturday night at the Community Centre to advance to the finals. Hellers goalie Dave Allen watches teammate John McCutcheon behind the net maneuver the puck out of his zone. Floyd Hillier (11) and Ron Schmidt of Lakeview Centre are fore-checking, while Bill Severinski looks on. Hellers lost Sunday's match in the best-of-three finals to Blow Press 5-3.

Dramatic comeback

Ed's tie it in dying seconds

Mike Monahan scored one of the most important goals in the 1980 season for Ed's In-N-Out midgets Saturday in Petrolia.

He banged the puck past the Petrolia goalie with one short second left in regulation time to tie the game and force overtime, in the first match of their best of five OMHA semi-finals.

He assisted on the next tying goal, by Rob Vermeulen, in the overtime period too, this time with only 42 seconds left.

And all this after Ed's were behind 8-1 by the eight minute mark of the second stanza.

Ed's tied the game, 9-9, incidentally, in a penalty-ridden thriller.

Petrolia probably thought they had the game wrapped up with five first period goals, to Ed's lonely one, and three second frame markers.

POWERPLAY EFFORT

In the first of eight came from Rick Tremblay's powerplay effort at 2:10. Vermeulen was sitting out an elbowing offence. Rob McKeller and Terry O'Hara picked up assists.

Jim Verbuck netted a hat trick and Mark Whitlock scored two and Mark Dobbins tallied for Petrolia, with the last marker coming at 7:24.

Gary Lumbers scored Acton's only goal at 13:07 of the second period with Derek Hodgson and Scott Timbers earning aids.

It was about this time Ed's decided to collect a few of their own goals, receiving a lot of co-operation from Petrolia's addiction to penalties.

Every one of Acton's goals from then on came on the powerplay, but of course Petrolia played all but one minute of the match short-handed serving 54 minutes in minor penalties. That's not including a couple of misconducts either.

Monahan connected for the second Acton goal at 9:05 of the middle frame from Vermeulen.

WITHIN ONE

Denis Kirton potted one at 11:06. Monahan unleashed his second at 1:28 for the fourth, Vermeulen

was on target for the fifth at 3:13 in the third, and Mark Duval brought the midgets to within one with two goals at 10:12 and 11:15.

That set the stage for Monahan's moment of glory at 14:59 of the 15 minute period-foreing; a 10 minute overtime.

Two successive penalties almost spoiled the comeback for Monahan with Petrolia scoring while he was serving a slashing penalty at 7:09. Gord McArthur sat out the first two minutes for roughing.

That gave Petrolia a 9-8 lead until the 9:17 marker, when Vermeulen potted the tying goal for Acton. It was of course, another powerplay marker—Fraser was caught slashing.

ANGELS

The midgets were practically angels, compared to Petrolia. They served just 26 minutes in the sin-bin.

Single assists went to Kirton, Monahan, Duval, Vermeulen, Tom Ferguson and Rick Smith, while Monahan picked up three aids for Acton.

Rick Tremblay earned four assists, McKeller took three and Al Ferguson picked up two assists for Petrolia. Singles went to Ken Gould, Ken Vandenberghe, Ed McGregor and Brad Atkinson.

The next game was played last night (Tuesday) at the Community Centre with the third game this Saturday in Petrolia. A bus will be travelling to Saturday's match for fans interested in attending, and next Tuesday night here in Acton.

Bray competes

Acton swimmer Mark Bray will be competing against paddlers from other provinces in the Division Two Nationals in Brantford this weekend.

Bray will compete along with five other Guelph Marlin team members in Brantford, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Team spirit boosts novices as they fight back to tie series

The Alton McIsaac Concrete Construction Novices came back from a two-game deficit to tie their best-of-five series against Fergus two games apiece.

That sets the stage for Saturday's battle for the Waterloo-Wellington consolation crown in Fergus.

Acton nipped Fergus 4-3 in the fourth game Saturday at the Community Centre.

Chris Graham of Acton didn't waste any time opening the scoring with a goal just 30 seconds into the first period from Sean Sears.

Chris Driscoll tied it on an unassisted effort at 2:49 for Fergus. Fergus went ahead in the second period on a goal by Dave Neizen from Driscoll at 7:30, but Acton roared back to win the match.

Sears scored one of his own at 3:45 in the third, followed by a pair from Rene Vankesteren at 4:53 and 7:52. Robert Lockhurst picked up an assist on the first Vankesteren marker.

The entire novice team played their best hockey of the season in Saturday's match—a must win situation for them. Coach Ron Salmon said team spirit carried them through the playoffs, with a little help from sound positional hockey.

The final game for one of the teams comes this Saturday at 1 p.m., in Fergus.

In the meantime, the novices travelled to Plattsville for the 11th annual Plattsville Novice Tournament today (Wednesday).

Confused by allstar schedules? Don't worry, you're not alone

by Diana Waltmann

Playoffs. Playdowns. OMHA quarter-finals one week, Waterloo-Wellington semis the next. Paris today, New Hamburg tomorrow?

Confused? Some of us are positive the Ontario Minor Hockey Association has dreamed up its schedule with the sole purpose of creating mass confusion for coaches and nightmares for harried sports writers.

You see, the Acton allstar teams play in Waterloo-Wellington (W-W) league, along with Orangeville, Woolwich, Hespeler, Fergus and New Hamburg. At the end of the regular season however, Acton does not enter W-W playoffs, but competes in the OMHA playdowns against other BB teams.

(Acton is in BB class in OMHA along with Fergus and New Hamburg because of its population. Other classes include AAA, AA, BB, etc.)

Whoever survives the first two rounds of OMHA advances into OMHA playoffs. Those who are knocked out return to W-W to finish those playoffs—whether consolation or championship.

Now then. This is where the Acton allstar teams stand as of March 17:

Ed's In-N-Out midgets are embroiled in OMHA semi-finals against Petrolia. Their coach is Cope Smith, they ended in first place in the league and lost only three games all season, not including tournament play.

Ed's had a 19-5-0 record going into the OMHA playdowns where they disposed of New Hamburg in the first round and Fergus in the second.

They came back after two losses to dump Paris in three games to two in OMHA quarter-finals. They will not be returning to W-W playoffs.

The Acton Free Press Juniors, coached by Dave McKnight, finished fourth in the league, with a 6-0-7 record. They took the first round of OMHA playdowns against Fergus in three straight games.

However their luck against New Hamburg ran dry, losing three games to two in the second round of OMHA playdowns. So it was back to Waterloo-Wellington playoffs to defeat Orangeville in two games and they now face Hespeler in the second round.

The Bantam Firefighters ended in second place in the league with a 12-1-3 record and 25 points. They advanced to the second round of OMHA playdowns after defeating Flamboro three games to none. They lost to New Hamburg in the second round, so went back to W-W, where they downed Fergus two games to three.

Since then, the Firefighters have been waiting for three weeks to meet Orangeville. The Firefighters

are coached by Ed Hillier.

The Rotary Club minor bantams are coached by Ruddy Holmes. They finished second in the league with 25 points. The Rotary Club was knocked out of the OMHA playdowns by Hespeler in two straight games. They met New Hamburg in the W-W playoffs, winning two games and tying a third to advance to the Championships. They will play either Hespeler or Orangeville.

The Lions Club Peeewees ended in seventh and last place, but are a different club when it comes to playoffs. They were knocked out of the first round of OMHA playdowns by Fergus in three games, but came back to win, not only the first round of the W-W over Hespeler three games to one, but eliminated Elora in the second round in three straight games.

They will face Fergus in the W-W championship. Beardmore minor peewees came fourth in the league with a 7-9-2 record for 16 points. They are coached by Jim Haggart.

They defeated Elmira in two straight games in the first round of best-of-three OMHA playdowns. Beardmore proceeded to dump Fergus three games to two in the second round before losing to Orangeville in the quarter-finals.

They are facing New Hamburg in W-W playoffs—tied one game apiece.

Steelworker Atoms, coached by Danny McGilloway ended fourth in the league with an 8-0-5 record. They advanced to quarter-finals of OMHA playoffs after dumping Woodwich 2-0 in round one and New Hamburg in round two. They met Paris in the semifinals but lost that series. Now the Atoms are facing Orangeville in W-W.

They also competed in the Silver Stick tournament capturing the regional championship.

The minor Atom Hockey Moms placed fourth in the league with a 7-1-0 record for 15 points. They handed Fergus a three game to none defeat in the first round of OMHA playdowns but lost to Woolwich three games to none in round two.

In Waterloo-Wellington they were knocked out of first round of playoffs by Orangeville, so now they compete against either New Hamburg or Fergus for the consolation trophy.

And last, but certainly not least, the Alton McIsaac Concrete Construction Novices, who ended in fifth and last place with a 1-1-6 record, have tied their W-W best-of-five consolation two games apiece, with Fergus. They were down two games in the series at one point.

Earlier in OMHA playdowns, the Novices were ousted by Elora two games to one.

Got it?



The Brian Robertson rink won the annual IGA bonspiel Saturday at the Acton Curling Club. Curling club president Dave McCutcheon, of Ballinafad, presents the trophy to Brian Robertson and Betty Francis while other team members—Russell Lee and Patricia Foster—look on.

Atoms face-off for tournament

The sixth annual Atom tournament will be held this weekend at the Acton Community Centre, with 16 teams from all over Ontario attending, including the Acton Steelworkers Atoms.

Bill Knight is president of the executive, organizing the tournament, along with Jackie Phelan, John Yahwica and Judy Shannon, as well as dozens of other volunteers. It's sanctioned by the Acton Minor Hockey Association.

Trophies will be awarded for consolation

reaching the OMHA semi-finals before being knocked out by Paris. They captured the Silver Stick regional crown this year as well, and are now playing Orangeville in W-W playoff action.

They could face in the tournament such teams as Hespeler, (consolation winners last year), Oshawa, Barrie, Goderich, Chatham, Beamsville, Hanover and Stoney Creek. Last year's champ ions+Bowmanville, will not be attending this weekend.

For a complete schedule of the tournament, see scoreboard.

Moms bumped

The Acton minor hockey Moms will be battling either Fergus or New Hamburg for the consolation trophy in Waterloo-Wellington playoff action, after losing three straight games to Orangeville in the first round.

Orangeville ousted the Moms from the championship round by defeating them 3-2 in game one, 8-2 in the second match, and 7-1 in the third game.

Carl Yaroschak scored the two goals in the first game played Wednesday, March 5 at Acton, with an assist going to Brent Wedge.

Yaroschak scored the first goal and picked up an assist in the second game as well, with Frank Katsilleras netting the other marker.

John Van Dam scored the only Acton goal in the third game. Todd Lazenby earned the bracket.

Since the series ended last Tuesday, March 11, the Moms have been tuning up for the consolation series with a tournament

in Leamington, Saturday.

The Moms suffered a third-period let-down in the first game, against Cobourg, allowing four goals to be scored. Wayne MacEachern opened the scoring in the first period, from Lee Yaroschak.

Cobourg replied with three goals of their own in the second frame, despite the Moms solid effort, and clinched it 7-1 in the third.

The Moms lost the second game against Simcoe as well, although they outplayed their opponents.

The forward line of Jason Henderson, Wayne MacEachern and Craig Cadenhead Played a strong game for the Moms, connecting for the only Acton goal in the third period.

Henderson netted it, with Cadenhead and MacEachern assisting.

Brent Wedge, Lee Yaroschak and Rob Murray also played solid on defence.

Mistake helps juveniles advance

A minor technicality gave the Acton Free Press Juniors a victory in their best-of-three Waterloo-Wellington playoff series against Orangeville last week.

Orangeville had won the first game 6-1, but an OMHA ruling forced them to forfeit the game to the Juniors. The Orangeville team neglected to name a suspended player on the roster for the game. The rules state all players should be listed if they are able to play, including suspended players.

The juveniles came back with a 6-5 victory in the second game. Paul Campbell and Wade Vickery led the way with two goals each. Murray McNabb and Trevor Gardner added singles.

Dave Lawson scored the lone Acton goal in the first match.

The juveniles met Hespeler in the first game of the next playoff round last night (Tuesday), at the Community Centre and travel there Saturday for the second match, for the semifinals of the W-W championship playoffs.



Alton McIsaac Concrete Construction Novices create havoc for Fergus in the fourth game of the best-of-five consolation crown series in Waterloo-Wellington action Saturday at the Community Centre. Acton won the game 4-2, setting the stage for the final game to be played Saturday in Fergus.