

Heller's in Snow storm

Family Cleaners has sole possession of first place in Acton Industrial hockey league after dumping Lakeview Centre 8-1 Sunday at the Community Centre.

Acton Travel also moved up in the standings thanks to their 9-7 win over ATW and John Snow earned seven points as Neilsen's Clothing thrashed Heller's 10-4 in the final game Sunday.

Chris Tennant led the way for the Cleaners in the first game on tap Sunday, netting three goals and three assists.

Lakeview opened the scoring when Steve Atkinson potted a marker at 4:23. Ron Mellon and John Sykes assisted on the only Lakeview goal in the game.

Tennant scored his first a minute later, followed by a Mike Fields marker at 14:14. Tennant ended the period with his second goal, an unassisted effort, at the 18 minute mark.

He potted his third goal at 1:47 into the second frame. Other Cleaners goals came from Sid Barnes, Dave Morris and a pair from Mike Miller.

Besides Tennant, Cleaners assists were credited to Fields with two, Wayne Deforest with three, Morris, Miller and Barnes.

Not much went right in the game for Lakeview. After scoring their only goal, Atkinson was sent to the sin bin for playing with a broken stick. Henry Toebes potted four enroute to Acton Travel's 9-7 win over

ATW. Acton Travel took a 3-2 lead in the first frame after Toebes, McPhail and George Artum scored. Steve Townsley replied for ATW.

Toebes connected on two more early in the second period. Goals by Artem and Fred Crawford for Acton Travel and one by ATW made it 7-3.

ATW rallied in the third, with Gary Pickles and Gary Moore scoring, but Acton Travel ended any thoughts of a comeback when McPhail and Toebes scored late in the period.

Townsley and Evan Hayter rounded out the ATW scoring.

Townsley, Glen McKenzie, John McCutcheon, goalie Mark Morrison, Hayter, Moore and Jim Hurley assisted on the ATW plays.

Toebes picked up a pair for Acton Travel, as did Ashley, with singles going to Floyd Hillier, Jim Haggat, and McPhail.

Three goals and four assists by John Snow helped Neilsen's Clothing upset Heller's 10-4 in the final match Sunday. Randy McIntyre, Lloyd Smallwood, and Ron Schmidt all collected a pair of goals in the game.

McIntyre started off for the lone goal in the first frame. Schmidt made it 2-0 early in the second period, but Bruce Cooksley countered for Heller's.

Snow and Bill Manes traded goals, making it 3-2 at the 9:16 mark of the second, but that was the last time Hellers was in the game.

Snow, Smallwood and Steve McIntyre all scored before the end of the second frame. Cooksley got one back at 1:20 of the third but goals by McIntyre, Snow, Smallwood and Schmidt iced the cake for Neilsen's.

Bill Rogers scored the third Heller's marker at 16:28.

Manes picked up the assist. Russ Van Fleet collected four assists in the losing effort; other aids went to Rogers and goalie Dave Allen.

Besides Snow's four brackets, aids went to Schmidt, Bruce Macpherson, Smallwood, Bob Brent and Bob Jarrett.

This week in industrial action, Lakeview has an opportunity to get even with Cleaners, when they face Neilsen's at 7 p.m. at the Community Centre. Acton Travel and Family Cleaners face off at 8:20 and Heller's meets ATW at 9:40.

Acton Travel and ATW are tied in second place, Neilsen's and Heller's are tied in third and Lakeview is in last place.

In last week's report, names of two teams were inadvertently switched. The sentence should have read "a goal by Steve McIntyre spoiled Acton Travel's shutout in their 9-1 romp over Neilsen's." The Free Press regrets the error.



The Acton Tennis Club held their awards banquet Saturday at the Acton Golf Course. Award winners got together with their baubles. They are back row left to right: Christine Steen (ladies' doubles and singles finalist), Else Veldman (ladies' singles and doubles consolation), Joanne Marks (mixed doubles finalist), Marla Gregg (ladies' singles, doubles championship), Joan Morris (ladies' doubles finalist) and Margot Bollert (mixed doubles consolation). Front row: Bert Pursoo (mixed doubles consolation), Peter Marks (men's singles championship, men's doubles finalist, mixed doubles finalist), Don Gregg (men's doubles champ), John Kavanagh (Hilton Hills men's single consolation, Acton men's doubles finalist) and Mike Morris (Acton mixed doubles champ with June Lewis who is missing).

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Diana Waitmann

Montreal is still recovering

As usual, the 47 hockey fans who went to Montreal last weekend had a "good time" — most of it unprintable, says Rick Bonnette, whose firm, Acton Travel, organized the third annual trip.

The group left Acton Friday afternoon Oct. 31, by bus, boarded the GO Train in Georgetown and then the Via Rail in Toronto.

They arrived at the Windsor Arms Hotel in Montreal "just in time for the Halloween party."

But our fearless hockey fans came prepared. On the way to Montreal, about 20 of them donned costumes, arriving in the second largest French-speaking city in the world, in style.

Bonnette said everyone in Montreal was dressed up for the occasion, some in outlandish costumes. But he added, our group held their own. Honorable mention should go to Brian R. Robinson who appeared as a cave man, complete with leopard skins and carrying a club, and Scott Somerville who dressed as Chief Dan George. Bonnette gets my vote, going as Premier Rene Levesque.

And one more thing, added Bonnette. In Montreal no one threw any eggs.

As soon as our group got to Montreal, transit workers went on an illegal strike, as usual. Bonnette says it was the second year in a row the group met up with striking transit workers in Montreal. They had to resort to taxis, which means taking your life into your hands if you know anything about Montreal drivers.

Saturday afternoon a smaller group attended the Montreal Alouette-Edmonton Eskimo game at the impressive Olympic Stadium. Montreal lost 44-14.

Saturday night they watched the Habs skate circles around the New York Rangers and score seven goals in the process. Montreal won 7-4.

Several members of the group got autographs from Montreal players, including Ron McKnight. He and Jean Beliveau are old buddies. This year however, Ron did not visit the Hab dressing room.

But Gary Taillefer, his son and a friend did visit the referee's dressing room. It turns out Ron Asseltine, who is from Guelph and who refereed the game, is a friend of Taillefer. The boys also got to sit on THE bench, but not at the same time as the Canadiens.

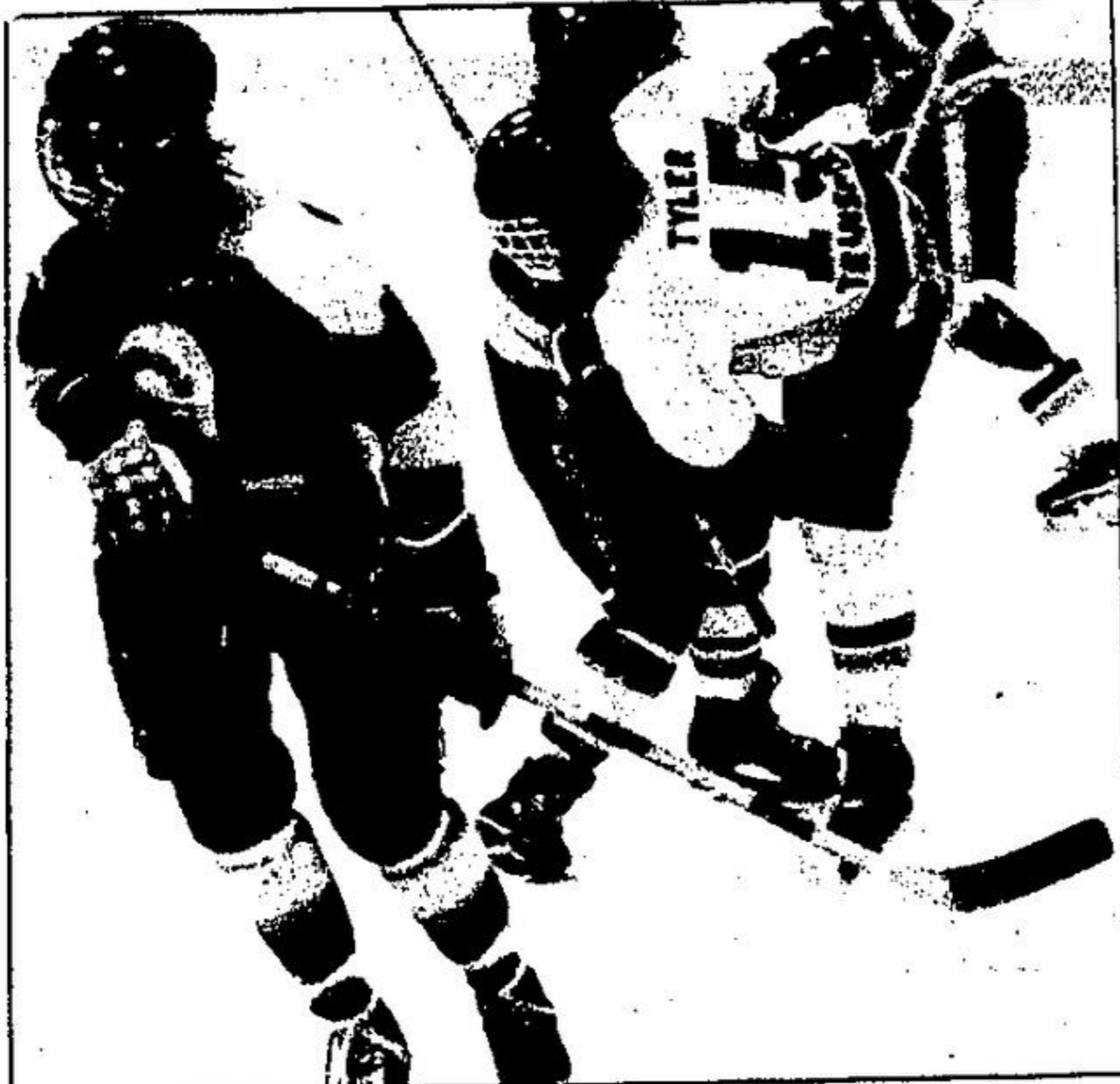
All in all, said Bonnette, everyone had a good time, at least what you can remember of it. And they can hardly wait until next year's trip.

Skaters in the Acton Figure Skating Club are preparing for upcoming test days.

Skaters are tested once a month for badges, with the next test next week. This is a way for moving the children up through the different levels.

Then on Thursday, Nov. 27, the intermediates and seniors will be tested on preliminary figures and dances and badge dances in the low test day.

That leads to the Club Day Competition scheduled for Dec. 11.



Dennis Kirton (No. 15) just flips over the Georgetown Gemini. Actually the Gems are preventing the Sabre attack any way they can in Friday's 7-4 win for Acton at the Community Centre.

League may expand

The Acton Men's Industrial Softball Association may expand by three more teams next season, if there is enough diamond time.

Karl Killingbeck, president of the association said there are applications by three teams which hope to join the league next summer.

Ron Hachey, Al Campbell and Bill Britton have submitted applications on behalf of the teams. They have until Dec. 15 to finalize a list of players and pay the \$50 entry fee.

Killingbeck said a preliminary decision of which, if any, team is accepted, will be made at the Dec. 15 executive meeting.

But he said the league won't have a positive answer until the Parks and Recreation Board hold their meeting on diamond time, tentatively scheduled for January.

The number of industrial games next summer won't be affected too much by

league expansion, said Killingbeck. If all three teams are accepted there may be only 18 or 19 games instead of 20, depending on diamond time.

The expansion issue came up at the league's annual general meeting last Monday, Nov. 3.

Also at the meeting, a motion was passed to adopt a written constitution and adapt it to their own specifications.

The executive and two representatives from each team will draft rules and present it to the players for further suggestions before a final constitution is incorporated.

Last year's problem of umpires was discussed (the league was dissatisfied with local umpires and switched to Georgetown officials midway through the season), but added Killingbeck, any definite plan of action would be left to the new executive.

The new executive will be elected in January.

Lions rally for victories

Lions Club major peewees nipped New Hamburg in a come-from-behind 4-3 victory, thanks to John Lloyd. They played Sunday, Nov. 2 in New Hamburg.

Lloyd scored two goals in the final frame, the tying and winning markers, to give Acton the victory.

Coach Barry Insoe credited the win to a good, positional hockey the club is playing. He singled out Craig Colton, Gary MacEachern, Kevin Lobsinger and Clinton McMillian saying they played strong games.

Lions Club opened the scoring after McMillian potted a goal at the 5:13 mark.

Gord Mitchell earned the aid. New Hamburg tied the game 13 seconds before the period ended however McMillian scored his second goal of the night to give the Lions a 2-1 lead early in the second frame, but New Hamburg struck back with two goals, making it 3-2.

The second frame ended that way, setting up Lloyd's heroics in the third. He scored the tying goal 28 seconds into the final stanza then clinched the victory with the winner at 4:14.

Despite some mental lapses suffered by the defence, Lions Club held on for the win. A pair of assists went to Steve Wagner.

That victory came on the heels of another close win for the Lions Club, when the locals knocked Waterloo 6-5 at the Community Centre Saturday, Nov. 1.

Waterloo came too close for comfort in the game, scoring two quick goals in the final period, coming within one of a tie.

Insoe quipped his team was just trying to be hospitable but some timely goalkeeping procured the victory.

Lloyd got things underway in the first period scoring the opening goal, followed by a marker from Craig Colton. Waterloo tied it up however, scoring a goal before the end of the first period and opening up the second act with another marker.

Lions Club went ahead by two again after Sean Cote and Wagner connected.

A second goal by Wagner after Waterloo had netted another marker, made it 5-3.

Lobsinger scored the final Acton marker in the third. Then Waterloo scored at 4:23 and 5:15.

Fergus doubled Lions Club 6-3 in another recent game on Tuesday, Oct. 30.

Acton was down 4-0 at the end of the second period, but rallied to make it 4-3 midway through the third period.

They lost the game when Fergus scored two goals in the final seconds of play.

Fergus scored their first goal in the opening period and followed up with three more in the second. Acton finally got on the scoreboard when Wagner connected at 1:29.

Mike Cunningham netted the second Acton goal at the five minute mark then Wagner struck again at 5:57, to make it 4-3.

Fergus scored the final two goals with 20 seconds and three seconds left in the game.

Insoe said a mental lapse by everyone, including himself, and some inconsistent refereeing cost the locals their victory.

Saturday the Lions nipped Kitchener 3-1.

Face Cougars tonight

Sabres drop Gems

by Diana Waitmann
Friday night at around 10 p.m. two major questions on the minds of us all were in the process of being answered. Who shot J.R. and will the Acton Sabres stick it to the Georgetown Gemini's?

The answers: we still don't know and you bet, 7-4.

The victory was a welcomed one. Not only did the Sabres hand their much despised cross-town rivals a solid defeat, but it moved them into fifth place in the standings. They are one point ahead of Orilla and one point behind Oak Ridges.

That's not all. The Swordsmen have only lost one game in the last 10 they played and as if that isn't enough, they are only five points away from tying their all-time, best ever performance of 21 points.

Unfortunately for Sabre players, coach Jules Russiani isn't smiling. He isn't even pleased.

"We didn't play well Friday night," he says.

Whhhhaat?
"We just threw discipline to the wind, and we can't beat the better teams if we do that. We didn't stick to our game plan."

"It's a good thing we did win. If the Gems had some of their better players on the ice we might have lost. They (the team) think it doesn't matter how you win as long as you do, but I didn't feel good about this win."

So Russiani put the Sabres through a grueling two hour practice Monday night in preparation for second-place Burlington Cougars who drop in tonight (Wednesday).

The problem, said Russiani, lies in the competition between the lines. He said they are so busy trying to score, they forget the defensive aspects of the game. "It was not a good defensive game."

Russiani believes in defensive hockey. "We should be taking the offensive role only when we have control of the puck," he said. "Otherwise we should think defense."

Russiani said the Sabres' defensive game plan sort of sunk into oblivion, Friday night when they should have been trying it out in preparation for the better clubs, such as Burlington.

"Every time we got the puck we raced up the ice leaving our defence stranded back there." Things will be different tonight (Wednesday) though, since the club was on the receiving end of another infamous Russiani cliché Monday night at practice.

Despite Russiani's displeasure with the team 400 or so fans who attended were thrilled with their beloved Sabres' victory.

Wayne McDougall, the Swordsmen nemesis, played a big part in Friday's win. He made several key saves off Gem rushes to secure the victory for the Sabres. The game was tied 2-2 after the first act. Brian Ward of the Gems scored first at 7:36, then Mark Duval potted one for the Sabres at 8:04.

Glenn Murray connected on a picture-perfect passing play from Barry Trood and Ken Relf.

But the Gems managed to tie it up while Duval was sitting out a high sticking infraction at 17:52. John Barnes scored assisted by Bill Taylor and Herb Kewley.

McDougall contained the Gems allowing only one goal in the second period, while the Sabres exploded with four.

First Dohman snuck a pair past goalie Chris Murden at 1:28 and then while the Sabres were shorthanded at 4:32 Steve Miller and Pat Fung picked up assists on the two goals.

Duval brought the crowd to their feet with his goal at 7:38 — making it 5-2. But Paul Gingras countered with a Gem goal at 11:51.

At that point Relf and Brian Ward began to mix it up in front of the Sabre's net. Each received four minutes worth of minors. Steve Miller and Mark Hamilton paired off shortly after and joined Relf and Ward in the penalty box three minutes later.

Relf and Ward were stepping out as Mike James and Murray were stepping in.

In between all the fracas Trood netted the sixth Acton goal at 15:07.

The Gems spent most of the third period shorthanded, but the Sabres couldn't capitalize on any powerplays.

In the final minutes of play Georgetown pulled the goalie in favor of an extra attacker. It paid off at 19:15 when Barnes scored, but backfired when Trood put the puck in the empty net with 43 seconds left in the game.

McDougall picked up his first point in the game, assisting on the empty-net goal.

Other Acton aids went to Murray, Fung and Miller. The Murray-Trood-Relf line earned six points in the game scoring three of the goals.

The Gems did outshoot Acton however, 40-33. McDougall faced seven shots in the first period, 10 in the second and 13 in the third. Murden handled 13 shots in the first period, seven in the second and 14 in the final frame.

Everyone dressed for Friday's game, but the Sabres are hurting. Art Keating has a bad knee and Don Brown a sore shoulder.

Russiani said he isn't sure what their condition will be tonight (Wednesday).

Game time tonight is 8:30 p.m. Friday the Sabres meet Oak Ridges, in what may turn out to be a battle for fourth place.

AHS cagers on top

AHS junior girls cagers are tops in Halton East after finishing the season last week undefeated in all eight games.

Their perfect record came after two convincing victories last week. The first was on Tuesday, Nov. 4 in Oakville as the junior Redmen thrashed Perdue 43-11, followed by a 38-25 win over Queen Elizabeth Park, also in Oakville on Thursday.

The record puts them in first place in the Halton East junior standings and gives them home court advantage come playoff time.

Quarter finals start Nov. 24 but coach Ann Lepick said they don't know who their opponents are. That depends on how the rest of the league finishes up after this week—the final week of play. AHS cagers are idle this week with a bye.

Teresa Dunn and Mardie Phillips were top offensive players in both Oakville games last week. They hooped eight points each in Perdue's downfall. Phillips was top scorer in the QEP game, netting 17 points while Dunn sunk 11.

The seniors are also in the playoffs, but they aren't sure exactly where. At the beginning of this week they were tied in second place with a four wins and three losses record, but Lepick said they expect to be knocked down as the other teams in the division complete the season.

The Senior Redmen split their games last week, defeating Perdue in Oakville 37-26 but losing to QEP 29-18 Thursday.

Linda Osso was top offensive player in both games. Tuesday she netted 14 points while Kelly White scored 11. Thursday she collected nine points; Dayle Robinson scored six.

The seniors will play their quarter-final match away from AHS, but since Lepick and Lyn McLaren are coaching both the juniors and seniors, matches won't be scheduled at the same time.

The playoff schedule should be more definite next week.

In the meantime, the juniors and seniors will host M.M. Robinson of the Halton West division in an exhibition match tomorrow (Thursday).

Although they were in the annual Red-

men tournament two weeks ago, the two schools didn't meet on the courts.

They may meet again after the exhibition

match however, since M.M. Robinson has made the playoffs in the Halton West division.



The Acton Figure Skating Club takes to the ice every Monday and Thursday at the Community Centre. Here pro Nancy Lovett gives Gemita Nasquos a lesson in stroking.