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sports and recreation

1980—a year of success stories

1980 has been filled with championships and champions and a few close calls in Acton sports scene. Here are some of the milestones, headlines and names that found their way in the sports pages in 1980.

WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS: Kevin Parker, who although didn't win the senior Canadian men's title, still finished a respectable seventh—terrific showing for a first-year performance.

Mike Creighton and Colleen Petty win gold medals in the inter-club figure skating contest in Milton in late January.

Teresa Dunn wins the Youth Bowling Council zone championships and places second in the provincial competition in Toronto.

Heller's upends Blow Press in industrial men's hockey to win the playoff title in three games.

Shirley Ancker places first in Halton's Secondary school badminton championship. Trish Renton is top Halton East gymnast after placing first in bars and beam in secondary school meet. John Vuk and Steve Springle pair up to take first in Halton Secondary School men's doubles in badminton.

AHS's Sandra Brundie wins first place in javelin toss at the Halton secondary school track and field championships. She goes on to place first in the Peel-Halton's, comes fifth in the southern Ontario regionals and sixth in the provincial (OFSAA) meet. The midget boys relay team also does well placing third in regionals and eighth in OFSSA.

The track and field team at McKenzie Smith school win four first place ribbons in the North Halton meet.

Dwayne Hay wins the annual Acton Open golf tournament, shooting a 69.

Sylvia Magee of Acton wins a gold medal as part of a five-member team from Ontario at the 1980 Master Bowlers Team championships in Vancouver.

The Acton Astros win the Beatrice Youth Challenge Cup—a provincial soccer title with a 4-2 win over Dundas in overtime.

Freedom tops the industrial softball league and takes the playoff trophy.

The Roadrunners meanwhile also place first in Georgetown Industrial Football league, but unfortunately lose in the semi-finals.

The Trojans Junior B soccer club goes undefeated all season and wins the final championship.

J & T Ladies capture the Ladies Fastball championship with an upset over L & L Mustangs.

Kelly White and Ken Kavanagh team up to win the Halton-Peel secondary school mixed doubles tennis championships.

The Acton Restaurant Outsiders dump Foberts to win the Condominium crown in industrial baseball.

Ed's In-N-Out midget boys baseball team qualify for provincial championships and place fifth, losing against the previous season's top Canadian team.

Geoff Denny wins the provincial shuffleboard championship.

Sally Briggs, Jill Briggs, Pierre Bollert, Brian Bollert, Kim White, Eric Veldman, Michelle Jones, Scott Hibbard, Ken Kavanagh, Steve Taitfer, Garth Marks, Larry Kee and Kelly White win trophies, shooting a 69.

phies in Acton junior tennis club competition.

Chris Steen, Marla Gregg, Peter Marks, Mike Morris, Don Gregg and June Lewis win trophies and titles in Acton tennis club competition.

The AHS junior girl Redmen are tops in Halton East secondary school basketball league, having been undefeated in regular season play. Unfortunately they lost in the semi-finals.

Mark Bray wins a gold medal in the 100 metre and 200 metre butterfly in North York Hall of Fame.

Tracey Oakley in beginner's free, Genoe and Heath Norton in mixed dance, Susan Auty in pre-juvenile, Cindy Brouillard in juvenile, Karen McEachern in intermediate Interpretive, Michael Creighton, Sharon Campbell and Heath Norton again all place first in the Acton Figure Skating Club annual club competition.

Optimists are the 1980 Halton rural squirt baseball champions.

The Transmitters are tri-county league squirt and playoff champions.

Nellis Construction atoms travel to the final of the OASA zone championships.

And in minor hockey this year: Ed's In-N-Out midgets travel to the semi-finals of the OMHA playoffs after an undefeated season.

The Steelworker atoms also travel to the semi-finals of the OMHA playoffs and win the Waterloo-Wellington championship. They also captured the regional championship in the annual silver stick tournament last year.

The minor atom moms win the W-W consolation championships as does the Alton-McIsaac novices.

MILESTONES: The minor hockey clubs in Acton made history with eight minor rep teams placing high within the W-W standings to enter OMHA play-downs. Six advanced to the second round of OMHA and one received a bye.

The junior Redmen boys basketball team place third in Halton East secondary school league and lose in semi-finals. The midgets however travel to Halton finals, before losing.

AHS swim team sets a new record in Halton finals. The junior girls medley relay team of Karen Coats, Heather Thatcher, Cathy Grandy and Renata Brillinger set the record and the entire girl's team qualifies for the Peel-Halton championships.

Frank Houston—long distance runner also sets a new record in the Lone Star Conference in Texas.

Mark Bray helps the pre-Olympic team to a first-place finish against Germany and Soviet Union at a swim meet in Germany.

The Waterloo-Wellington league is disbanded and the Acton rep teams join the mantle division of Kitchener-Waterloo Hub league.

The Acton and Rockwood mosquitos defeat Georgetown mosquitos in exhibition soccer play at CNE stadium before the Toronto Blizzard game.

Acton Ram Oldtimers start a new season in a new oldtimer lacrosse league. Two months later they have a 7-3 record in 11 games.

The Acton Soccer Club travels to Lockport, New York for some international play. The junior B Trojans win both their games.

David McGilloway and the Acton Sabres may

qualify for the Guinness Book of Records, but not for the most improved team in the world. Instead, McGilloway scores two goals at the same time.

The second annual biathlon is held in the streets of Acton. Archie Chase of Georgetown wins it for the second year in a row.

Names in the news: Mark Sawden is named outstanding goalkeeper of International Youth Soccer Tournament, held in Toronto. Sawden is captain of Toronto Jets in the 18-and-under division of the National Soccer League. The Jets reach the finals of the tournament.

David Haynes of the Acton Transmitters pitches a perfect game in baseball, striking out 15 batters in a tournament in Maryhill.

Jeff Inglis earns a spot with the Calgary Stampede. Inglis is a former AHS student.

Ray Mueller, a 17-year-old cyclist, wins the Hamilton and Kincardine events and qualifies for the Ontario Summer Games.

Steve Marshall, Chris Tennant and Joe Deforest of the Roadrunners are named to the GIFA allstar team.

David McGilloway, signs with the Newmarket Flyers of provincial junior A league. Two months later he is in a Sabre uniform causing a controversy between Acton and Georgetown Gemini club. The situation is resolved with McGilloway remaining a Sabre.

Teammate Glenn Murray is named to the second allstar team of the 1979-80 and is seventh in the scoring summary.

Teammate Pat Fung is awarded four trophies at the Sabres annual end of season awards night.

Sabres start the 1980-81 season on a losing note then sign goalie Wayne McDougall.

Mark Beaton and Don Coats of Acton with Dave Hobson of Burlington form the three-man team of the racing Soling called Obelix. The trio are attempting to qualify for the Olympics and world championships.

Sharon Cook is named top AHS athlete. She wins outstanding cross country trophy, outstanding female athlete trophy, and the Bill Spehar Memorial trophy. Bob McClure is named outstanding male athlete.

Mark Bray is honored as Halton Hills Athlete of the Year. Gary DeBruyn is runner-up in the sports-builder category.

Audrey McCabe, is the first woman to cross the finish line in the Hamilton Marathon.

HEADLINES: Huff-n-Puffers head west for the national Oldtimers hockey championships. The Harlem Diplomats basketball entertainers put on comic performance at AHS. Stouffville wins the annual Sabre Gemini merger is put to rest in discussion at the Sabres annual general meeting.

The Acton Figure Skating Club tops off a successful year with an equally successful ice show. The Swedish team Mora play Ed's In-N-Out midgets to a sold-out crowd. The game ends in a 5-5 tie.

The Junior C Sabre Oldtimers meet the Junior B counterparts in a fund-raising exhibition and tie the game 7-7.

Lions capture crown

Lions Club peewees, experiencing a seesaw season so far this hockey year, came together as a team last week, and just in time too, to capture the Flamboro Optimist Tournament championship.

The Lions defeated Caledonia 3-1 and Smithville 1-0 Saturday, and came back from a 3-0 deficit Sunday to win the championship game 4-3 in overtime over Dundas.

Coach Barry Insoe said the comeback was the "mark of a good hockey club." "We didn't play well in the first period," (of Monday's match), he said, "but we played well in the third and overtime periods."

"Dundas is no slouch either. They are a strong club."

Brent Connors played all three games in net and played them well, added Insoe, but the victories were the result of a good team effort.

Kevin Lobsinger scored a pair of goals in the first win over Caledonia Saturday. Gary MacEachern picked up the other marker.

The only goal of Lion's Club second victory came in the second period when Lobsinger again connected on a pass from Craig Colton.

Steve Wagner finally put Acton on the scoreboard with six minutes left in the second frame of the final

match, on an unassisted effort.

Randy McIntyre scored once more before the period ended, with Wagner earning the aid. Lobsinger tied it early in the third period and Wagner performed the overtime heroics, scoring at 2:54.

He also picked up an aid on Lobsinger's goal. Insoe singled out Wagner, McIntyre and Lobsinger for praise, saying they played to their potential.

It's the first tournament title this version of the Lions Club peewees have won.

Now it's back to regular season play Saturday, when the peewees travel to Elmira.

Firefighter bants take tournament title

A new trophy will be gleaming from the case at the Acton Community Center, thanks to the Acton Firefighter Bantams.

They won the Briggs memorial trophy and the championship in the Sandwich West Tournament last week, on the basis of best point record in two round-robin series.

That's because their final game against Leamington remained scoreless after two five-minute overtime periods.

Twelve teams competed in the tournament, in three groups of four, playing round robin to qualify for the consolation series.

In that set of round robin, Acton qualified for the

silver medal by tying Wallaceburg 3-3, downing Sandwich West 4-1 and Windsor 12-0.

In the 3-3 tie, Bill Morrison scored two goals with the third from Lorenzo Civierno. Todd Laing, Rick Dodds, Richard Kilpatrick, Brad Youmans and Stan Smith earned assists.

Randy Coverdale, Kilpatrick, Smith and David Milne were goalgetters in the 4-1 win over Sandwich. Dodds picked up a pair of aids with singles to Milne, Civierno, Paul Cargill, Vince Danagher and Morrison. Sandwich's goal against the Firefighters was to be the last one scored on Acton.

From then on goalies John McGrath and Tim McKendry kept the opposition shut out. Such as the

3-0 win over Shoreline in the first game of the second round robin series to determine the championship.

Danagher, David McKnight and Morrison scored with Dodds, Civierno and Coverdale pocketing assists.

Then McKendry was in nets for the 1-0 shutout over Leamington in the second match. Morrison scored Acton's lone goal, assisted by Smith and Youmans.

The Firefighters met Leamington again in the championship final, after Leamington downed Shoreline in the other game.

That set up the 0-0 tie, still intact after two overtime periods.

Sabres resolve to pull out of slump

Jules Russiani and the Acton Sabres can hardly wait until next year.

That's when the Sabres are going to shake themselves out of their slump and make their move according to Russiani, and it starts Friday with the Swordsman's first game of 1981. They face Streetsville at the Community Centre.

Last Monday, Dec. 22 they dropped yet another game 8-7 in Oak Ridges, then Friday sank to their lowest yet, losing 8-3 to Brampton at home.

Russiani blames the losses on a number of things. He said the Sabres weren't getting the goaltending they could count on earlier in the season. Wayne McDougall has been shaky in the nets ever since the Sabres' loss to Burlington earlier this month.

But said Russiani, although he has put Steve Kruk in net a couple of times, including the latter half of Monday's match, McDougall will stay. "I'm going to keep playing him and try and get his confidence back."

"We're a young club, with 11 kids out of midget, one of them our number one goaltender, so in a situation like this, they tend to panic. They're trying too hard and as a result not playing the way they should be."

Saturday's game was a write-off but the Sabres were carrying the play Monday night. They were down 6-3 at one point but came back to tie it 6-6. Oak Ridges captured the victory with 39 seconds in the third period when they broke a 7-7 tie.

Mike Monahan scored a hat trick in the game.

Steve Miller, added a pair and Ken Relf and David McGilloway potted singles.

McGilloway earned three assists, Pat Fung, Rob

Nielsen's upsets Cleaners 4-1

Nielsen's Clothing upset Family Cleaners 4-1 in industrial hockey action Sunday at the Community Centre. Lakeview Centre took a 7-2 victory over ATW and Heller's and ATW battled to a 7-7 tie in other games Sunday.

Bruce MacPherson and Lloyd Smallwood each scored a pair of goals for Nielsen's. Ken Owens was the lone Cleaner's marksman. Bob Jarret, Mike Schultz, Ron Schmidt, and Randy McIntyre earned assists. Dave Morris and Wayne Allan picked up aids for Family Cleaners.

Gary Pickles and Bryan Lloyd scored for ATW in their losing effort. Lakeview goals came from Mike Morris, Steve Atkinson, Bart Jacobs, Rick Henderson, and John Symkes. Atkinson, Henderson, Morris, Jacobs, Dave Thompson, and Ernie Ruck earned assists.

Evan Hayter, John McCutcheon, Jim Posicuk and Glen McKenzie pocketed ATW aids.

Henry Toebes scored a hat trick for Acton Travel while Bruce Cookley potted four for Heller's in the 7-7 tie. Other goals came from Wayne Noseworthy, Brent Irwin, Russ Van Fleet and Bill Severinski for Heller's.

Vermuelen and Barry Trood pocketed a pair with singles to Denis Kirton, Tony Dulsse and Mark Duval.

Scoreboard

Legion Minor Hockey Schedule For January 3/4

PEEWEEK

6:30 a.m.—Cleveland vs. Tidewater
6:55 a.m.—Rochester vs. Baltimore

ATUM

7:50 a.m.—Oshawa vs. London
8:45 a.m.—St. Kitts vs. Hamilton

NOVICE

9:55 a.m.—Dialo vs. Guelph
10:50 a.m.—Weston vs. Burlington
11:40 a.m.—Brampton vs. Oakville

BANTAM

12:45 p.m.—Cougars vs. Whalers
1:40 p.m.—Tocoles vs. Jets

Tuesday, Jan. 4

4:00 p.m.—Boston vs. Chicago
4:55 p.m.—Buffalo vs. Montreal
6:00 p.m.—Vancouver vs. Toronto

STORY OF THE YEAR—has got to be the complete reversal of the Acton Sabres. In February they ended their 1979-80 season in last place, having only won three games.

They lost the first five games of the new season,

but a completely revamped team signs a goaltender and they're off and running, building a 14 game undefeated streak. That ended two weeks ago, as the Sabres experience a holiday slump. But they are still in fourth place.



YBC players with highest scores won turkey and chocolates Saturday, Dec. 20. Turkey winners in the second shift bantams were Dana Petrillo, Allen Widish, Christine Dunn. Back row left to right: Karen Swackhamer, Lonnie Patenaude, Tracey Haggett. Not pictured: winners in the first shift bantams—Elaime Marsh, Steven Sheppard, Adam Fabian, Melissa Fabian, Peggy Warford and Trevor Marsh.



Turkey and chocolate winners in the juniors first shift are left to right: Bev Dunn, David Ruse and Lisa Waterhouse. Back row: Don Swinamer, Shelly Graham. Other junior winners in were Anthony Walton, Leanne Butler, David Deforest, Scott Kennedy.



Turkey winners in the bantams shift and juniors second shift are left to right: Jackie Rouch, Stephen Turkosz, Becky Schipper. Back row: Stewart Hoy, Barry Manes and Ann Greln.



Turkey winners in the seniors shift were front row, left to right: Greg White, Chris Lobsinger, Nancy Thomas and Rita Bolter. Back row: Lisa McCrystall and Teresa Dunn.