

Acton Travel advances to final yanks Heller's out of playoffs

Acton Travel earned the right to compete in the industrial hockey championship playoffs after eliminating Heller's in two straight games.

Travel bombed Heller's 7-1 in the second game Sunday at the Community Centre. They won the first match of the best-of-three series 7-3.

Heller's, who ended the season in second place finished ahead of Travel in the final standings of the regular season by three points. Travel must wait however, before they get a crack at the industrial title, since first-place Family Cleaners extended their series with a 6-1 win over Lakeview Centre, Sunday.

Lakeview and Cleaners have tied the series one game apiece.

Henry Toebeas and George Artem figured

greatly in Travel's victory. Each potted a pair of goals and Toebeas picked up an assist as well.

Ken Slaney opened the scoring at 11:35 of the first period assisted by George McPhail. Toebeas made it 2-0 at 18:33 and Artem added a third marker at 17:41.

Fred Crawford, Slaney and Clare Snow earned the aids.

Heller's finally got on the scoreboard at 9:13 of the second frame when Brent Irwin connected on a pass from Wayne Noseworthy.

Their joy was shortlived however, as Artem capped his second goal at 17:49 to make it 4-1. Mike Petkoff scored at 1:19 of the third, followed by Crawford at 6:10 and Toebeas at 19:04, unassisted. Toebeas, McPhail, Snow and John Ashley assisted.

Family Cleaners returned to form after

being upset 5-3 last week by Lakeview. They tied the series by dominating the second game Sunday at the Community Centre.

Penalties were costly to both teams with Lakeview's lone goal coming on the powerplay.

Mike Miller opened the scoring at 13:22 of the first period for the Cleaners. Then at 18:48 Chris Tennant made it 2-0.

Dave Morris added to the total early in the second, scoring a shorthanded goal from Kent Kentner at 2:16, while teammate Wayne Deforest was sitting out a slashing infraction.

Although Steve Atkinson replaced for Lakeview on an unassisted powerplay effort at 16:20, Cleaners had the game sewn up.

Ken Owens closed the second frame with

his goal at 17:51. Wayne Allen potted the fifth goal at 18:36 but before Rusty Miller could wind up the game with his goal at 19:57, both Cleaner's and Lakeview expelled some pent up steam. The result was a double minor roughing to Mike Fields and single minor for the same offence to Ron Mellon of Lakeview at 18:16. Mike Morris joined his teammate eight seconds later for tripping, Deforest kept Fields company at 19:22 for interference while Bart Jacobs joined Morris and Mellon for elbowing. Tennant, Morris, Owens and Wayne Allan picked up brackets for the Cleaners.

The deciding game of the semi-final series between the Cleaners and Lakeview will be played Sunday at the Community Centre. Game time is 7 p.m. Whichever team wins Sunday goes on to meet Acton Travel in the best-of-three championship series.



Guelph Curling Club walked off with the Acton Pharmacy trophy after Saturday's Ladies Springtime Bonspiel. Acton Curling Club's Willa Hewitt, centre, presents the trophies to Judy Kerr, left, Helen Hebden, Hilda Peterson and Helen McLean. Val Cunningham piped the two draws onto the ice.

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Second Section



McKenzie-Smith boys (wearing AHS Redmen Jerseys) lost the North Halton basketball championship in a thrilling contest Thursday at the High School. The girls were knocked out of the championship in the semi-finals.

McK-Smith comeback foiled in cager drama

McKenzie-Smith boys lost the North Halton Basketball championship 25-22 in a dramatic final against Stewarttown Thursday at Acton High School.

Only three points separated them from victory, something they had almost gained after leading by one point with only 32 seconds left in the game.

But Stewarttown's Nigel Pickering connected on a 15 foot jump shot to put Georgetown ahead. A few seconds later, Pickering and Jim Ash teamed, stealing the ball from McKenzie-Smith and Ash scored to snatch the championship.

McKenzie-Smith played poorly in the first quarter, after dominating W.I. Dick of Milton in the semi-final, despite the close 39-33 score.

But they steadily improved, finally taking the lead with just over two minutes remaining in the fourth quarter. Still the final 30 seconds determined the championship.

Steve Wagner led the scoring for Acton, netting eight points. Joffy Silcox also had an outstanding game, scoring six points.

In the semi-finals Tim Briggs led the offensive effort with 13 points. Brad Youmans netted 12 while Bruce Raine hooped six.

Stewarttown dumped Centennial 20-17 in the other semi-final.

The girls' championship was also decided Thursday with Centennial getting the nod over Stewarttown 21-19. This too was a dramatic conclusion with the championship decided in the final minutes.

McKenzie-Smith girls were eliminated in the semi-finals losing 37-23 to the eventual champions. Boo Tufford was leading scorer with 12 points. Gail Hughes and Gretchen

Lathrophe each netted four. Stewarttown defeated W.I. Dick 26-23 in the other girls' semi-final.

The Centennial girls and Stewarttown

boys now advance to the Halton County semi-finals Tuesday night in Oakville. The Halton finals will be decided next Thursday, March 19 also in Oakville.

Invitational offered peak at east Haltons

The Invitational gymnastics meet at Acton High School last Wednesday hinted at what's to come from the AHS novice, junior and intermediate girls teams at the East Halton finals Thursdays in Oakville.

AHS hosted the annual meet for White Oaks, Georgetown and Oakville Trafalgar as a "practice run" for the divisional championship. Team scores were not recorded, but AHS had five firsts and three seconds and an exceptionally strong showing in novice bars capturing all positions but third place.

In novice girls, Carey Martin finished first on the bars, at 7.8, followed by Andrea Arbic in second (7.4), Natalie Russiani tied for fourth (6.1) and Kathryn Iredale in fifth (5.6). The first five finishers were given awards.

White Oaks captured the first two spots in the vault event, but Arbic placed fifth with a 5.67 score. Sandy Muir, Judy Vetricek, Mary Grandy and Cathy Beecham also entered vault, but didn't place.

Grandy did place in the novice floor event, coming fourth with a 7.03 score. She was the lone Acton competitor in floor event. White Oaks took top honors in the event.

Grandy also did well in beam placing second to White Oaks with a 7.43 score. White Oaks had the rest of the places sewn up, but Bahr finished sixth with 6.33, followed by Beecham and Vetricek both at 6.28. Grandy was highest scorer for Acton novices, amassing 20 points. Bahr had 16.33, Vetricek 11.98, Beecham 11.43, Arbic 13.07, Martin 7.8 and Russiani had 6.1.

Robin McClure took two firsts in the junior bars and floor, both times topping W.O. with a 7.8 score in bars and 8.10 in floor. The next highest Acton competitor on bars, Georgi Gaskill, didn't place with her 6.8 score, but came sixth.

Gaskill also finished behind McClure in the floor with a 7.07 score.

Teresa Dunn placed fourth on junior vault (7.2) followed by Acton's McClure (6.63), Gaskill (6), and Mandy Silcock (5.7), although none placed.

Gaskill won first place on the beam (8.46) with Silcock nabbing third (7.96) McClure finished with a 6.73 score, but did not place. That left her with 29 points total. Gaskill had 28.3, Silcock, 13.66 and Dunn 7.2.

Trish Renton was top intermediate competitor for Acton with 29.7 total points

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Novices place third

Acton High School placed third in the Halton novice boys' gymnastics championships at Oakville Trafalgar School, Thursday, Feb. 26.

The host school was first with 152.5 points, Georgetown second with 144.9 points while AHS had 76.4 points.

Mike Gidman placed first on the rings with a score of 8.90. He also competed on parallel bars nabbing a 6.90 score.

Norman Bourassa also took a first-place ribbon in the sidehorse with 7.60. He placed fourth in vault with 8.95 and tied for fifth in floor at 8.65. He didn't place on the horizontal bar with a score of 7.30.

Norman Harris placed sixth on the sidehorse at 6.80, and behind Bourassa on the horizontal at 6.65. Mike Soper also placed sixth on vault with 8.55 but didn't place on the horizontal with a mark of 7.00. Rick Chapman placed sixth on the rings with 8.25 score.

Series tied

Energy shortage costs overtime

No one is exempt from gasoline shortages these days, including Ed's In-N-Out midgets who ran short in the overtime period of the first game of the OMHA quarter-finals against Glanbrook last week.

Ed's lost the first match 5-3 in Glanbrook last Tuesday, March 3. But they came back to the Community Centre to capture a 7-3 victory Sunday and tie the series one game apiece.

Ed's were expecting to wrestle with Merriton in the quarter-finals since Merriton was up two games in their playdown series with Glanbrook. But Glanbrook proved themselves a comeback team, something they did last Tuesday.

Glanbrook opened the scoring in 4:47. Gord McArthur tied it up for Acton at 7:54. Then Roy Spear put Ed's ahead scoring two minutes later. Tim Evans picked up a pair of assists while Dell Mohammed collected a single.

But Glanbrook fought back scoring early in the third period on the powerplay to tie the game, and went ahead at 5:41.

That required a tying goal by Evans to keep Ed's in the game. Tim Ferguson aided.

Ed's played well in the overtime but with only 2:26 left to go in the 10-minute overtime Glanbrook scored. They clinched it with only 31 seconds left.

A strong team effort helped Ed's to even the series with a 7-3 victory Sunday at the Community Centre. McArthur opened the scoring in the first period, but Glanbrook came back to tie it up. A few seconds after their goal, Wayne McMillan connected from Randy Coverdale and Gary White.

Tim Ferguson made it 3-1 at 13:44 and with 15 seconds left in the frame Spear scored.

Glanbrook and Acton traded a pair of goals in the second period. Ferguson collected his second goal of the afternoon; Evans was the other marksman.

Evans scored his second goal in the third

to clinch the victory. Coverdale assisted. Mohammed, Evans, Spear, McArthur, Brian Demone, Ferguson and White picked

up the various assists. Midgets next home game is Friday at the Community Centre. Game time is 8 p.m.

Laing ahead by two in OMHA semi-finals

Laing Construction major atoms took a two-game lead in the OMHA semi-finals against Beamsville with a couple of close victories last week.

Acton nipped Beamsville 4-3 in the first game last Wednesday in Beamsville and defeated them 3-1 Saturday in Acton.

It was an exciting game between two evenly-matched teams. Laing started to pressure Beamsville from the opening face off. John Van Dam opened the scoring at the one minute mark assisted by Greg Leatherland and Frank Katsilleris.

Rob Murray made it 2-0 on the powerplay at 6:35. Carl Yaroschak and Troy Foster picked up the aids.

But Beamsville came back to tie it, scoring with only 42 seconds spent in the second frame and again at 1:44. Yaroschak put Laing in front once more on an unassisted goal at 4:38.

Once again Beamsville rallied back to tie it 3-3 scoring early in the third frame.

But with the possibility of overtime, looming Van Dam broke the tie, scoring at nine minutes to give Laing the victory. Leatherland and Todd Lazenby assisted.

Scott Williams made several key saves between the pipes, but the real story was the defence, which played outstanding hockey.

It was the key factor in the second game Saturday in Acton as Laing downed Beamsville 3-1. The game was another thriller, but this time round Acton both outskated and out-checked Beamsville. Van Dam continued his scoring prowess

netting the first Acton marker at 7:57 of the first period, assisted by Leatherland and Evan Hayter.

Rob Murray made it 2-0, 22 seconds into the middle stanza but Beamsville came back scoring at 1:11 and putting themselves within reach of a tie.

Yaroschak dashed their hopes however, potting a powerplay goal at 7:29 in the second to clinch the victory. Hayter assisted on both goals while Murray and Craig Cadenhead earned singles.

Leading the series two games to one, Laing travels to Beamsville tonight (Wednesday) for the third match. Game time is 8 p.m.

Tourney title awaits bantams

If Acton Firefighter major bantams are knocked out of OMHA and Hub League playoffs, they can still capture a title—the annual Georgetown bantam hockey tournament crown.

Firefighters are one of the 44 teams entered in the 21st annual tournament—one of the biggest bantam tourneys in the province.

The tournament gets underway March 21. Continued on B2



Members of the Recreation Department's gymnastics courses held a demonstration Sunday at Georgetown District High School. Both Acton and Georgetown groups performed—more than 70 children in all. The demonstration took the place of the annual gymnastics meet usually held.



Diana Waltmann

Batter up Saturday

Registration for both minor ball and minor soccer continue this week at the Community Centre.

Minor baseball sign up is between 10 a.m. and noon this Saturday and March 21.

But this is the last week for minor soccer registration, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The search is underway for recipients of the 1981 Halton Hills Honor and Recognition Awards.

A selection committee made up of Mayor, Pete Pomeroy, councillors Dave Whiting, Russ Miller, Walter Biehn, Marilyn Serjeantson, Gretchen Day of the Halton Hills Arts Council, Joy Gwilliam, Tom Shepard and Jennifer Linton from Parks and Recreation and three area sportswriters, myself included, will be choosing award winners from applications according to selection guidelines.

Eligible are those who are residents of Halton Hills or a member of a Halton Hills-based club or organization and have achieved placing in a recognized activity at a provincial level or better, in the year 1980.

Or those who have served as president of a provincial or national or internationally-wide organization, those recognized for cultural and recreational achievement of a provincial or better standard or have made a significant contribution to the town as considered by the committee.

Applications are available at either the municipal offices on Mill Street or recreation offices at Gordon Alcott in Georgetown.

Deadline for nominations are Monday, April 6. Honor and Recognition night is Wednesday, May 13.

Baseball diamonds will be ready for use April 17, weather permitting, the Works Department reported to various baseball groups at a meeting last Thursday.

The groups met with the Recreation Department to iron out everyone's favorite topic - diamond time, or lack of.

About 16 people attended the meeting at the library, from seven different ball clubs: the Acton Industrial fastball (formerly the Acton Men's Industrial Softball), Acton minor ball, Acton Ladies Softball, Ladies Fastball, Limehouse Ladies, Limehouse Men's Softball, Acton Interfactory league and Acton Condominium League.

All were trying for nine diamonds, including the three at Limehouse and one at Spesside. Only two diamonds are under the lights, at Prospect Park and Limehouse.

There's another diamond at Prospect, one at Robert Little, M.Z. Bennett and Donald Mann.

There were a few conflicts in scheduling, but minor ball does get priority. From there it's based on the longevity of the league.

The Rec department is billing adult groups (no lights) \$10 per team per season, adult groups (with lights) \$20 per team, per season and \$5 per team per season for minor groups up through midget age for diamond time.

Soccer fields cost \$5 per team per season for minor groups and \$10 per team per season for adult groups. Continued on B3