

Each year around this time the Town of Halton Hills frantically looks for recipients of their Honor and Recognition Awards but the support of the community in such a venture is not necessarily the greatest. As a result the local papers and councillors have become involved trying to catch all the possible candidates and see they are added to the nomination list.

Those eligible for the award are those who placed at a provincial level or better in competition or brought special recognition to the town through arts and culture.

What I am asking the people of Acton to do is stand up and nominate their own, instead of forcing the paper or councillors to remember the past year.

Acton is always saying that Georgetown gets preferential treatment but they don't seem to want to stand up and speak out. Let the Town know there are people of Acton interested in what is going on and the community and make sure the local people are given the due recognition.

It is sometimes difficult to find all the

deserving individuals just by running through back issues of the Free Press, and the Recreation Department and myself are asking anyone knowing of someone who placed at a provincial level or better to give the recreation department a call at 877-5185 or by reaching me at the Acton Free Press 853-2010 or The Georgetown Independent at 877-5366.

Deadline for application or nominations is this Friday, March 11. Make sure your friend or relative gets the honors they deserve.

Former Acton Sabre coach and local resident Jules Russiani is pulling off some of the magic he used to turn the Acton Sabres into a legitimate contender during the 1980-81 Central Ontario Junior "B" Hockey season.

Russiani took over a lifeless Georgetown Gemini in early December and in a very short time has done to the Gems what he did to the Sabres.

The local area coach couldn't move the Gemini out of seventh spot in the eight

team league but once they hit the play-off trail the fan-following which the green and white have picked up corresponds with the season that Russiani had with Acton.

Remember back then! The Sabres took bus load on bus load to Burlington and had to turn people away at the Acton



Community Centre as the Sabres battled the Burlington Cougars to seven games before losing out. It was something Acton sports fans will long remember.

Well, now his magic is working with the Gemini down the road. The Gems polished off the second place Oakville Blades in six games winning the deciding

match in a 1-0 barn burner.

That triumph left Jules against, who else but the Cougars, once again. This time Russiani vowed to walk away a winner and so far he has three times in four games. He has the Gemini leading the third place finishers three games to one winning 5-4 in double overtime, 5-2 and 5-2 and losing a 5-2 contest.

Russiani is looking for a berth in the league final if he can talk the other half of Halton Hills into winning one more game against the Cougars. In the final he would more than likely meet the team that eliminated the Acton Sabres, the Streetsville Derbys. The Derbs are doing the same thing to the Barrie Colts as they did to the Sabres, leading three games to none.

Several local hockey fans have been seen in the confines of the Gordon Alcott Arena over the past few weeks watching the former Sabre mentor and his Gems do battle and for the most part it has been entertaining hockey. The Gems are in Burlington on Friday and back at home,

if needed, on Saturday evening at 7:30 p.m.

While Jules Russiani has been behind the bench of the Georgetown Gemini this year it is rumored he will be returning to coach the Acton Sabres.

Hold on now! While the Sabres are officially done for this season they will be playing an exhibition encounter on Saturday, March 19 and Russiani may be handling the opposition.

While many are remembering what Russiani did in 1980-81 with the Sabres, so is the current Acton executive and plans are underway to have that team back on the ice at the Community Centre to tangle with this year's edition.

The likes of Glenn "Motor" Murray, Pat Fung, Barry Trood, Dennis Charbonneau may not have played their last game at the local rink.

Many of them will be back in uniform when the "Oldtimers" take on this year's Sabres. The March 19 game is slated for 8 p.m.

Free Press SPORTS



Moms out Waterloo advance to finals

The Acton Minor Atom Hockey Moms will advance to the Hub League championship day in Stratford next weekend after eliminating Waterloo in a close five game series.

Last Tuesday at home the Moms got by Waterloo 3-2.

John McLean fired a pair of goals for Acton in this contest, with Derek Johnson picking up a single. Wayne Bousfield, Jason Piper, Jamie Galway, and Michael McMahon all contributed assists in the win.

Acton then won the third game of the series 4-2 in Waterloo on Thursday evening.

McMahon counted for two Acton markers in this one while Michael Kinnon and Eric Heagle added singles. Chris VanDam and

McLean both had two assists in the victory with lone helpers going to Bousfield, Piper, Derek Martin and Kinnon.

Acton and Waterloo fought to a 2-2 draw on Saturday afternoon at the Community Centre.

Bousfield pocketed both local goals in the match.

Piper had an assist.

Acton won the series in Waterloo on Sunday with a 2-0 victory.

Kinnon and Bousfield lit the light in the victory with Jeffrey Koprowaki and Heagle passing for assists.

John Katsilieris was a steady performer in the Acton goal throughout the series.

Major Atoms topped in tourney title tilt

The Acton Major Atom Reps made it to the finals of a hockey tournament in New Hamburg on the weekend.

In the locals' first game on Saturday, they defeated Tavistock by a 3-1 score.

Kelly Jupp, Paul Westaway and Jeff Burton netted goals for Acton in the match with assists going to Eric Mattson with a pair and Brydon Gilliss, Jupp, Rob Heagle, Jamie Lowrie and Marty McAfee all with singles.

Acton shaded host New Hamburg "A" 2-1 in their second match of the tourney on Sunday.

Mattson and Jupp fired the Acton goals here with assists contributed by Scott Rowse with a couple and Jupp and Gilliss passing for lone aids.

Acton then advanced to the tournament final where they dropped a 6-0 decision to a tough squad from Unionville.

Bantams fall 7-4 in OMHA

Acton's only entry remaining in Ontario Minor Hockey Association play-offs could soon be gone if Saturday's opening game in the bantam play-offs is any indication.

The local second team fell 7-4 to Oakridge of London in the opening game of the series.

Oakridge took an early lead in the match but Acton's Steve Wagner found the range to even the score with help from Phil Wedge a short time later. Oakridge manage a second before the opening frame ended to hold on to a narrow lead.

The opposition added to the margin early in the middle stanza only to have Acton

come roaring back with markers from Clinton McMillan and Wagner to tie the score, but then the roof fell in.

Oakridges added two more second period tallies as the see-saw affair continued before Acton was able to find their fourth of the game with 1:35 remaining in the period. Brett Carachi found the net with Wagner and Mike Peters helping out.

The offensive battle of the opening two frames was non-existent in the final frame as Oakridges fired the lone goal for a 7-4 win and an early lead in the series.

Good showing for swim team

The Acton High School Swim Team participated in the OFSAA Swimming Championships at Brock University on Friday.

Kirsten Jarvis swam to seventh place in the senior girls' 50M butterfly. Although Jarvis is a junior-age competitor, she competed against senior swimmers at the Ontario Championships.

Tim Baker finished ninth in the boys' 50M

butterfly, and Bill McKenzie came tenth in the boys' 200M freestyle event.

Coach Lynne Fountain was extremely pleased with the team's showing throughout the season. She commented on the small size of the Redmen team, compared to many of the larger squads sent to the final meets. There were 104 teams from across the province swimming at the OFSAA championships.

Industrial

Cleaners tie set Centre advances

Lakeview Centre has advanced to the Industrial League finals, eliminating Nielsen's Clothing. Their opponents will be determined this weekend when ATW and Family Cleaners square off in game three of their series.

Lakeview Centre shaded Nielsen's on Sunday by a 4-3 score.

Randy McIntyre and Bren Irwin each fired a pair of goals for the winners in this one with Bruce Cooksley, Cliff Britton, McIntyre, Jeff Townsley and Russ Van Fleet all collecting assists.

Steve Bennett, Gary Moore and Jim McNabb pocketed the markers for Nielsen's. Steve McIntyre and Brad Buchanan had helpers in the losing cause. Lakeview won this series in two games straight.

Family Cleaners tied their series up with ATW with a 6-4 win on Sunday evening.

George Artem netted a hat trick for the winners with Gary Lumbers adding a pair and Stan Rhynolds grabbing a single.

Bruce McPhail and Don Brumillard each had three assists for Family Cleaners with Lumbers adding two and Artem and Wayne DeForest passing for one.

Todd McIntyre lit the light three times for ATW while John Snow banged in a single

marker. Assists went to Mike Petkoff with three, Bruce McPherson with a couple and Dave Paul and Terry Winters with single aids.

The deciding game of this series will be this coming Sunday at 7 p.m.

Uranick takes first

On Friday the North-Halton Road Huggers competed in the George Harvey Invitational High School Indoor Track and Field Meet at York University.

Doreen Uranick finished first in the Open Ladies 800M, outrunning a field of approximately 16 competitors. Doreen's time of 2:14.20 set a new school record. It was her best clocking to date over this distance.

George Gidman finished fifth in the Men's Open 800M with a time of 2:01.6. There were approximately 40 runners in this event.

Gord March finished fifth in his 60M heat with a time of 7.81 seconds.

This Saturday George and Doreen will compete in the Eastern Canadian Junior Track and Field Championships at York.



The Acton Referees took off their whistles and their black pants and put on hockey equipment Saturday night, as they played the CKOC Hockey Pucks at the Acton Community Centre. The CKOC Hockey Pucks, with their sense of humor filled the arena. All proceeds went to Acton Minor Hockey. Top photo CKOC's only accident was Jason Roberts as he had to be carried off the ice by his fellow players. Bottom left, CKOC's morning man Angus McKay was a little pie-eyed as Acton's coach Brian Eccles ducked as a pie was thrown. Bottom right, "Can I have this dance," Acton's goalie Charlie Harrison and CKOC's Ralph King danced the night away.



Family Cleaners Chris Rowse tries to take ATW's Mike Nichols in to the boards Sunday night at the Acton Community Centre. Family Cleaners beat ATW 6-4 to tie the series at one each.