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Nellis Major Atoms blanked 2-0 in tourney final

After dominating the Centennial Atom Tournament last weekend with three consecutive wins the Nellis Construction Major Atoms fell 2-0 to Tillsonburg in the championship match.

Tillsonburg managed to peg their first goal early in the first period and despite outstanding play by the local squad Tillsonburg managed to hold onto their lead.

With only minutes remaining in the match Acton poured on the steam and peppered the Tillsonburg goal with numerous shots but unfortunately a bad pass gave Tillsonburg a three on one advantage and in a scramble around the Acton goal Tillsonburg clinched the game with their second goal.

Nellis opened the second day of the tournament matched against the Mississauga Navajos and in a cliffhanger of a game Acton came out on top 2-1. Wayne Bousfield notched goal number one with assists from Chris Van Dam and Matthew Marcoux and then Denis Hosdill, aided by

John McLean and Van Dam struck for the winning goal.

Wayne Bousfield led the Acton assault in game two against Kitchener with a pair of markers and Eric Heagle pounded in a single for a decisive 3-0 win. Michael Kinnon, Jason Piper, Marcoux, Michael Thompson, Piper and Derek Martin were credited with assists.

Van Dam, Jamie Galway, Michael McMahon, Martin and Bousfield pegged a goal each in round three for a 5-2 win over Dundas. McMahon, McLean, Hosdill, Heagle, Thompson, Galway, and Van Dam assisted.

Also in Major Atom action Nellis overpowered Elora 3-1 in the third game of the Hub League play-offs.

Elora hosted the match in which McMahon, Hosdill and Piper scored for the win. Thompson, Van Dam, Galway, Bousfield and Kinnon assisted.



There was a huge pile up in front of the Acton goal as the Tillsonburg Rotary Bantams attacked. Tillsonburg won the championship match 2-0 despite a superb effort by the Nellis construction Atoms.

Tillsonburg tops after tangle with Acton

Despite an outstanding effort by the Nellis Construction Major Atoms the Tillsonburg Atoms managed a 2-0 victory to take the Centennial Atom Tournament for the third year in a row.

The 10th annual tournament started last Friday night and concluded with clean, fast paced hockey that entertained fans and parents for the duration of each match.

Acton entered two teams in the competition against 14 out-of-town-teams from Kitchener, Dundas, Mississauga, Waterloo, Glanbrook, Oshawa, Oakridge, Ancaster, Leamington, Tillsonburg and Ayr.

The Kitchener Panthers opened the tournament with a 5-4 loss to Dundas Friday night and then Mississauga blanked the Acton Glenlea Drugs Minor Atoms squad 6-0. The Kitchener Mets wrapped up day one of the tournament blasting Waterloo 3-0. The Acton Major Atoms were on the ice at 7 a.m. Saturday morning to take their first win of the tourney 2-1 against the Mississauga Navajos, then the Oshawa Blackhawks streaked to a 3-1 win over Glanbrook. Oakridge then defeated the Ancaster Royals 4-1, the Oshawa Redwings edged Leamington 4-3 and round one ended with Tillsonburg blowing out Ayr 10-1.

The Kitchener Panthers opened round two striking for six unanswered goals to blank the Acton Minors and Dundas continued their winning streak against the Mississauga Algonquins with a 4-3 win. Round two continued with the Mississauga Navajos nipping Waterloo 3-1, the Acton majors defeating the Kitchener Mets 3-0, Ancaster bombing Glanbrook 5-2, the Oshawa Blackhawks nipping Oakridge 4-3, Leamington thumping Ayr 7-1, Tillsonburg

dumping the Oshawa Redwings 6-0, the Mississauga Navajos slipping by the Kitchener Panthers 2-1, the Acton Majors upsetting Dundas 5-2, Leamington overpowering Ancaster 5-3 and Tillsonburg wrapping up the qualifying rounds with a 5-0 win over the Oshawa Blackhawks.

The end results saw the Mississauga Navajos pitted against Leamington for the consolation award and the Acton Majors matched with Tillsonburg for top honors.

In the consolation final Mississauga played a hard fought but clean match to come out on top with a 2-1 win and in the championship match the score remained 1-0 until the final three minutes of the match when a drive by Tillsonburg final rewarded them with the game clinching goal. Tillsonburg's win has given them their third consecutive win in the Centennial Tournament.

The Tournament Chairman Bill Knight described the tournament as a huge success and, with only one team really blown out of the competition, nearly every game was a thriller.

"Nearly 80 per cent of the people on the organization committee has been with us for 10 years," commented Knight, "and each year things run all that more smoothly."

There were only two injuries in the tournament said Knight and fortunately they weren't too serious.

Planning for next year's tournament will begin in a few months said Knight and everyone involved is looking forward to another three days of competition.

"All the coaches, parents and players had a really good time and everyone behaved themselves," concluded Knight.

Novice's nipped in Plattsville

The Alton McIsaac Novices competed in the 15th annual Plattsville tournament last week and for their fourth consecutive time this season, they battled to finals only to lose a cliffhanger 3-2 to Paris.

According to tournament officials it was the first time in the history of the tournament that an Acton team has made it to the finals.

Acton's first game on March 14 saw the local squad pitted against Burford. Acton tallied a healthy three goal lead early in the game with two goals scored by Brad Hayter and a single by Jim Lloyd. Steve Turkoz and Shane Corkum assisted.

With a three 3-0 lead Acton slacked off for the remainder of the game and Burford came back with two goals but Acton hung onto their lead for their first win of the tournament.

In round two Acton met Kitchener and going into overtime the local boys came out on top with a 2-1 win. Brad Cripps recorded Acton's first goal with an aid from Hayter and Hayter notched the winning goal.

The win put Acton into the finals against Paris. Acton got off the mark first in the match as Steve Turkoz, assisted by Cripps, pounded in the goal. In the second frame Paris tied up the score and then Hayter countered for Acton on an unassisted effort.

Unfortunately Paris managed another goal with only three minutes left in the match and despite a valiant effort by Acton, Paris took the win and the championship.

The Alton-McIsaac Novices will be back in action at the end of March as they prepare for Hub league championship play.

Area rider named ninth

A local rider has placed third in her division and ninth overall in the Quarterama horse show held at the CNE coliseum recently.

Julie Nelson, a member of the Rockwood TrailRiders, competed against 90 entrants in the youth activity division for riders 13-years-old and under and came away with a top ranking.

The horse show is an annual event that attracts riders from all over North America and the show caters to western riding.

The competitors are judged on their expertise and form in several events and over \$200,000 in prize money is awarded.

Julie rode a horse called Sugar and over 300 horses were on hand at the competitions.

Atoms ousted from play-offs

The Acton Glenlea Drugs Minor Atoms had a full slate last week with the Acton Centennial Tournament, Hub league play-offs, and the Niagara Falls tournament and despite playing top notch hockey they were eliminated in all three events.

In the Niagara Falls Tourney Acton met Woolwich in game one and although they dominated the game Woolwich managed to poke in a lone goal for a 1-0 win.

In round two Bowmanville scored a last minute goal to tie Acton 1-1. Dwayne Sankey pegged the Acton marker with aid from Ian Reid.

A strong Streetsville team defeated Acton 2-1 in game three despite good defensive play by the local squad. Chris Hayter poked in the only Acton goal unassisted.

In their final match Acton couldn't find the net and after three frames the score remain 0-0 and Acton was eliminated.

Also in Atom action Glenlea Drugs were eliminated from the Hub League play-offs as Preston took their third win of the series doubling the local squad 4-2.

Phillip Williamson pounced in Acton's first goal unassisted and Chris Shannon



The Nellis Construction Major Atoms played tremendous hockey all weekend in the Centennial Atom tournament but stiff competition from Tillsonburg in the finals resulted in a 2-0 defeat. The Nellis Atoms are from back row left to right; Mike Marcoux, George Galway, Pete Van Dam and David Piper; middle row John McLean, Jamie Galway, Derek Martin, Mike Thompson, Michael Kinnon, Jason Piper, Eric Heagle, Chris Van Dam, Denis Hosdill and Robbie Harnden. Front row Todd Demone, Matthew Marcoux, Michael McMahon, Wayne Bousfield and John Katsilieris.

Acton Travel ousted - longest game on record

by Glen McKenzie
 Unofficial history was made last Sunday night at the Acton arena when the industrial League's Nielsen's Clothing and Acton Travel played to 6-5 decision after four overtime periods.

The game took two hours, one minute and 58 seconds and is believed to be the longest game ever played in Acton.

During the first three overtime periods good defense and goaltending dominated the game and each team deserved to win at various times as numerous scoring opportunities were stopped time and time again.

Acton Travel was assessed the majority of penalty minutes in the match with 27 minutes to Nielsen's 16 and, with Acton Travel

eliminated from the play-offs, Nielsen's will do battle with Family Cleaners next Saturday night at 8 p.m.

Murray McNabb led the Nielsen's attack with a hat-trick and Andre Patkos and Bruce McPhail added a single each in regular time. George Artem pegged the winning goal.

Patkos, Don Brouillard, McNabb, McPhail and Henry Toebes were credited with the assists.

Todd McIntyre and Terry Winters notched a pair of goals each in the Acton Travel effort and Bruce McPherson recorded a single.

Scott Withers, McPherson, Lorne Gordon and Ken Owen assisted on the plays.

Shinny dates

On Saturday March 24 the Acton Legion Minor Hockey teams will compete for top honors in their respective divisions.

Tidewater vs. Rochester at 8 a.m., Rochester will take on St. Kitts at 8:40 a.m., Guelph will meet Dixie at 9:20 a.m., Brampton will host Oakville at 10 a.m., the Whalers will challenge the Jets at 10:40 a.m. and Toronto will battle Edmonton at 11:15 a.m. for the consolation awards.

The Championship matches will start at noon as Vancouver takes on Montreal and then the Cougars will meet the Rockies at 1 p.m., Baltimore will tangle with Cleveland at 2 p.m., Weston vs. Burlington at 3 p.m. and London hosts Hamilton at 4 p.m.

Industrial play-offs will continue Sunday March 26 as Nielsen's battles Family Cleaners at 8 p.m.

Battling Bants bomb London for finals berth

The Acton Rotary Minor Bantams are on their way to winning a division title in the Hub League after defeating the London Sabres 6-4 in game seven of the best out of seven series.

In one of the few play-off series that went seven games Acton and London battled back and forth until Acton broke away in the final game late in the third period.

Craig Cadenhead opened the Acton scoring drive with aid from Carl Yaroschak and Frank Katsilieris at 12:03 in the first period and then London struck back minutes later.

Vince Rogers poked in Acton's second goal to again take the lead with an assist from Mike Simmons and Todd Lazenby pounded in Acton's third goal early in the second frame.

With a two goal lead the local squad seemed to take a breather and London came back with two quick goals to retie the match.

As the third period opened London struck again to take the lead and a determined Acton squad came back to life to score three unanswered goals.

Carl Yaroschak, Greg Leatherland and John Van Dam were credited with the goals and Simmons, Evan Hayter, Van Dam and Leatherland assisted.

The Rotary Bants also had their sights set on a tournament win this week as they participated in the Harriston tournament with 68 teams.

The local Bants were entered in the A-BB division and unfortunately played two spotty games that resulted in losses to Waterloo and Brantford and elimination from the Tourney.

Acton met Waterloo first and succumbed 3-2 with Mike Simmons and Todd Lazenby scoring on assists from Carl Yaroschak and Cadenhead and then the Bants lost 5-3 to Brantford. Dennis Swinamer, Troy Foster and David Roden tallied the goals with aid from Rob Murray, Foster, Swinamer, Cadenhead and Lee Yaroschak.

However, the Acton squad received a chance to redeem themselves when they filled in for an AAA team that failed to show in the tournament.

With the odds against them the Bants took on teams from Galt, Thornhill, Owen Sound and Brantford and they came away with three wins and the most sportsman-like

team award.

Battling teams from a much tougher division seemed only to increase the Bants determination and in all four matches they came away winners in one sense or another.

In game one of the AAA competition Acton met Thornhill and despite suffering a three goal deficit at the end of the second period they rallied for a 7-6 win in overtime.

Greg Leatherland led the Acton offense with a hat-trick and Rogers, Simmons and Carl Yaroschak added singles to tie the match. John Van Dam notched the winning goal at the 2:13 mark in the overtime period. Van Dam, Lazenby, Phill Pumphrey, Carl Yaroschak, Roden, Leatherland and Lee Yaroschak were credited with assists.

In round two Acton found themselves pitted against Owen Sound and in a determined effort the locals edged their opponents 3-2.

Foster, Van Dam and Leatherland recorded the Acton goals with aid from Roden, Carl Yaroschak, Simmons, Leatherland, Pumphrey and Van Dam.

The Bants faced Galt in game three and again they surprised their opposition by striking five times for a 5-2 win.

Acton took an early lead in the match when Roden pounded in a pair of markers and Swinamer added a single to give their team a 3-0 edge.

Galt came back in the second and third frames to close the Acton lead but Roden struck for the third time in the game and Simmons notched the final Acton goal to ensure victory. Murray, Foster, Carl Yaroschak, Katsilieris, Van Dam, Leatherland, Rogers and Cadenhead assisted.

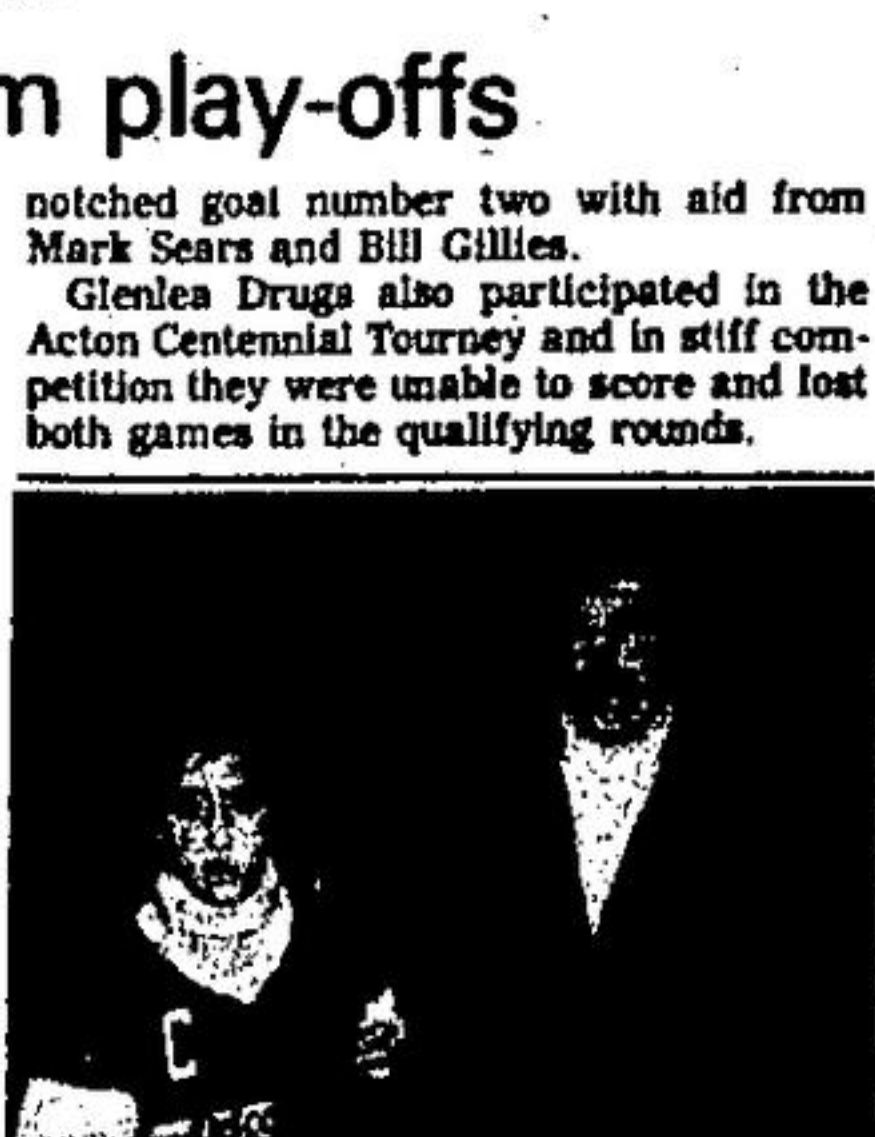
With three wins under their belts the local Bants found themselves in the AAA division finals pitted against Brantford.

The Brantford squad had previously blitzed their opponents 11-0 and 15-0 and despite the odds Acton didn't give up once during the entire match.

Playing one of their best games to date the Bants surrendered 9-2 to their powerful opponents and overall they came away with a bronze medal.

Simmons and Van Dam recorded the Acton goals with aid from Hayter, Lee Yaroschak and Van Dam.

The Rotary Bants will be back in action March 25 for their division championship.



Leigh Mahoney, captain of the Tillsonburg Atoms, accepted the Centennial Tournament consolation award from Walky Ella. Mississauga won the consolation after a battle with Leamington that saw Mississauga edge ahead 2-1.



Walky Ella, Mississauga player, accepted the Centennial Tournament trophy from Cape Smith. Smith donated the trophy 16 years ago when the first centennial tournament was held.