



Ball hockey champs

There was plenty of action in last Tuesday's championship ball hockey match between Sit N' Bull Black and Superior Glove. Sit N' Bull won the game 7-4. Sit N' Bull Black defeated Superior Glove for the ball hockey championship last Tuesday night at the Acton arena. The final score was 7-4 for the team of Rob Evans, Ron Turkoaz, Terry Winters, Jim Trowbridge, Marty Collerton, Ted Sitz, Brian Demone, Brad Demone, Don Brouillard, Floyd Hillier, Micky Moore and Gary Lumbers. Missing from the photo are Kent Kentner, Chris Tennant and Glen McKenzie.

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Ah, the hockey season is here again. It's time for all the parents to shudder at the thought of going out and spending hundreds of dollars on new equipment for their child or children, put up registration fees and then look forward to those bitter six o'clock Saturday mornings at the arena.

When I was a young hockey player, pretending to be the likes of Gordie Howe or Bobby Orr (it all depended on what position the coach had me playing) I know my parents must have dreaded the thought of what was to come over the next few months, but without a complaint they made sure I was out there developing my skills and learning the meaning of team effort.

The days I was't out on the ice, myself and the guys were under the streetlights playing shinny with lumps of snow and ice for goal posts.

Things haven't changed much over the past decade. Kids are still playing hockey on and off the ice and a handful of those kids are someday going to attain those dreams of NHL stardom. It's our job as adults to see that these kids are given every chance to make those dreams come true.

For the parents who can't or don't want to pay the incredibly high cost for new hockey equipment, there are usually hundreds of parents who, no matter how much they push on their kids heads, find their offspring have grown another six inches and their equipment doesn't fit.

These parents, rather than throw away all the equipment they bought last year, would dearly love to recoup some of their costs, so why not put an ad in the paper or make a few phone calls to other parents who might have some unused equipment? It's bound to be cheaper than going out and buying new stuff.

When the youngsters are out in the street playing shinny, sometimes they are so involved in their games they don't notice 2,000 pounds of steel bearing down on them. Drivers please slow down and give the horn a honk because it's awfully hard to play hockey from a pine box or a hospital bed.

For the parents who feel they just can't face getting up so early in the morning and play taxi to a bunch of kids, just think of what your parents did for you on those cold January mornings. If they did it for you, then you can do it for your kids.

The last topic I have to cover is summed up with the old saying, "It's just a game." Well, it is just a game. Minor hockey is for fun and recreation. If a kid misses a shot or makes a bad play, tell him about it after the game and don't yell it across the ice so the poor fellow will end up colored the same as the goal posts.

Kids deserve encouragement rather than ridicule, so let them go out there and have fun.



Troy MacDougall is safe at home while the Eramosa Red back catch goes looking for the ball. Acton won the game 7-2 to capture their league championship.

Foodland Tri County champions

The AB Foodland Atoms have taken the Tri-County championship after defeating last year's champion 7-2 last Tuesday night.

Despite the unseasonably cool temperatures, Foodland bats were hot in the fourth inning scorching the bases four times to break a 2-2 tie and claim the victory over Eramosa Red.

Jason Dunn started the Acton scoring drive in the first frame with a triple that put him into scoring position.

Following, David Deforest was walked to first, then Kyle Thomson struck out. Chad Rowsell was up to bat next and belting out a double he sent Dunn across home plate and put Deforest into scoring position. A sacrifice play by Kenny Jaffray brought Deforest home.

Previously, in the top of the first inning, Eramosa had tallied two runs so at the end of the first frame the game was tied two all.

For the second, third and top of the fourth inning neither team was able to score and then, in the bottom of the fourth Acton exploded with four runs to clinch the game.

Starting it all off was Troy MacDougall with a walk to first. Following MacDougall with another walk was Deforest and then Kyle Thomson loaded the bases with a third walk. Chad Rowsell then went up to bat and hammering out a double he sent both MacDougall and Deforest across home plate. Kenny Jaffray then belted out another double sending Thomson around the bases and a final triple by Michael Schell brought Jaffray home.

AMHA hits high gear for Norway

Despite considerable controversy and unrest surrounding a trip to Norway for two hockey teams Dec. 26, fund raising and preparations by the AMHA are moving into high gear.

The unrest, which was causing a rift between the AMHA and several of their supporters, has been smoothed over, said Carol Robinson, secretary of the AMHA, and over \$3500 has been raised since early August for the trip.

According to Robinson, the dismal showing at the Acton Rock Fest Aug. 4 of the AMHA's supporters and questions over transportation arrangements for the two teams going to Norway left a few people upset as well.

"When the concert failed to raise any money for the organization many people thought the trip to Norway was doomed," said Robinson, "but we have every intention of sending the boys over no matter what."

"The parents have even agreed to foot the bill even if another cent isn't raised but we really don't think that will happen," Robinson added.

Since the concert the AMHA has sponsored a cheese sale and a yard sale which has netted the organization around \$3500.

"If everyone keeps working as hard as they have been I don't see any reason why we shouldn't meet our goals," continued Robinson.

The arguments over transportation costs were something the AMHA weren't really aware of until recently noted Robinson. Some people were rather upset when Rick Bonnett, president of Acton Travel, acting on behalf of some parents came up with a travel arrangement that were \$200 cheaper per person than arrangements made with Scandinavia Air Services (SAS) by the AMHA through Tyler Travel.

However, once the AMHA explained that

SAS has been arranging transportation for the majority of Ontario hockey teams travelling to Europe for the past few years without any trouble and that SAS is the only airline which will keep the teams on schedule, most of the complaints have died down.

As well, Robinson said, the OMHA has agreed with the decision to go with SAS and that the \$200 difference in transportation costs would work out the same once bussing was included in the lower price.

Parents who are sending hockey players to Norway also commented. Jackie Phelan, the mother of one of the boys said she was quite pleased with the way things are going.

While she said it may be difficult to entirely finance her son's trip she said she wouldn't want to see her son miss a chance to play international hockey.

Mrs. Phelan, also remarked that she would like to see more Acton merchants out supporting the effort.

Mrs. Leatherland, who also has son travelling overseas said she thought the OMHA was handling the trip's organization very well.

AMHA resigns as Sabres' exec.

With the Acton Sabres Junior "B" hockey club back on its feet again, the Acton Minor Hockey Association (AMHA) has withdrawn from the team's executive.

According to Carol Robinson, secretary of the AMHA, the local minor hockey organization had only one major goal when they took over the Junior "B" club, which was to ensure that Junior Hockey stayed alive in Acton.

"Now that the Sabres have some solid management, there is no need for the AMHA to remain involved with the organization," said Robinson, who also noted that the AMHA will be on hand if the Sabres need any further help.

Bruce Cargill is the president of the Sabres, Dave Innes is the team's general manager, Harold Townsley is the assistant General Manager and Gary Ford is the head coach.

Stingers tops in Mosquito

The Royal Trust Stingers wrapped up first place in the Girls Mosquito division last week with a convincing 4-1 win over Milton Remax.

Forwards, Angie Priestman and Kathleen Montgomery, were continually pushing the ball upfield towards their opponents goal and each were awarded an assist in the match.

Goal scorers for Acton were Joanne Lewis with three markers to her credit and a single goal come from Amy Newman.

On Sept. 6 the Stingers capped a successful regular season in fine fashion by shutting out Milton Body Fit 4-0.

Halfback Stephanie Ford had what has to be her best game ever in the effort and congratulations were in order for Stacey Patenaude as she recorded her first shutout of the season.

Goal scorers for Acton were Monica Biffis with a pair of markers and Lisa Nadhazi who also recorded a pair.

Hisaki's unbeaten in 84

Acton's Tri County Squirt girls, Hisaki's D.H.'s, had the distinguished honor of remaining undefeated throughout the entire 1984 season.

The local team capped their unbeaten record taking the league's best out of three semi finals against Brookville and then they swept the finals against Puslinch in three games straight.

In their first game against Brookville Acton blanked their opponents 3-0 to take a lead in the series. When Brookville failed to show for game two Hisaki's were assured of a berth in the finals.

In their opening game with Puslinch the Acton Squirt girls had little trouble taking the win as they pounded in 14 runs while their opposition tallied only three.

Scoring for Acton were Rose Lowrie with three runs, Paula Demontmorency, Tammy Landry with two runs and singles were earned by Leanne Prueter, Jenny Foster, Melissa Fabian, Maureen McGillivray, Michelle Matlocks and Heather Wilmott.

In round two of the best three out of five series Acton again came out the victors as Demontmorency, with two runs, led the local girls to an 8-1 win.

Also scoring for Hisaki's were Landry, Lowrie, Kelly Koellner, Fabian, McGillivray and Christine Graham.

In the final and championship deciding match Acton proved once and for all that

they were the top ball team taking a decisive 18-0 win.

Tammy Landry swung the big bat for Hisaki's as she cracked out two home runs. Also notching two runs were Demontmorency, Laura Homer, Lawrie, Koellner and Matlocks. Rounding the bases once were Jenny Foster, Fabian, McGillivray, Wilmott, Charlotte Walker and Ellen Piehl.

Hisaki's Squirt Girls, parents, and coaches Carl Killingbeck and Mike Matlocks all want to thank their sponsor Mr. Edward Hisaki for his support and thoughtfulness throughout the season.

Industrial playoffs

With the weather turning cooler and the days getting shorter, it's almost time for the Industrial league playoffs.

Starting Sept. 20 at Prospect Park, the playoffs will pit the best in the industrial league against each other.

The playoffs will continue until Sept. 25 and, if necessary, final games will be played Sept. 26 and 27.

All game times are at 8.30 p.m.



Danny Allen gives Phyllis Stuckless a hand filing in some forms at minor hockey registration on Saturday.