

Handled with caution

Acton Sabres goalie Jim Mantione protects the puck as captain Steve Locke looks on during their game against Grand Valley Friday. Sabres won 9-6, also taking the other two weekend games and improving their chances at finishing in second place. (Herald photo by Ben Dummett)

Major Atom

Star Fuels split three

Star Fuels Major Atoms split three of their most recent games against Milton and Flamborough.

Thursday night, Star Fuels Major Atoms hosted a much improved squad from Milton and escaped with a 4-4 tie.

Michael Crawford opened the scoring for Georgetown halfway through the first period as his long shot from the blue line fooled the Milton netminder.

Crawford has been a solid performer on defence for five years and this was his first goal in a

Two minutes later, he combined with David Papadopoulos to send Steven Smith in alone on the right side. Smith drilled a shot off the far post to give Georgetown a 2-1 lead.

Georgetown failed to score in the second period, but just 25 seconds into the final frame, Smith scored to put Georgetown up 3-2. Assists went to Papadopoulos and Crawford.

Milton came right back to the at three but when Papadopolous counted a short handed goal late in the period it looked like the winner.

Milton refused to quit though, and they scored the final goal with just 54 seconds on the clock.

Saturday, Georgetown travelled to Milton for a rematch and came up flat for a 5-1 defeat. Andrew Beavan scored Georgetown's only goal unassisted.

Sunday evening, the boys were looking to break out of their slump with an evening contest in Flamborough. The team pumped in four unanswered goals in the opening frame and then cruised to an easy 4-0 win.

Scott Herbert was solid in the net and recorded a shutout.

Fraser Brown opened the scoring two minutes into the game unassisted. Three minutes later, Brown set up Beaven for the game's second goal.

With just under two minutes left in the period, Rick Clark and Beavan combined to send Smith in on the right side and he neatly tucked the puck between the Flamborough netminder's pads.

Beavan then completed the scoring from Clark and Smith.

goal late Beavan

Minor Novice

Georgetown loses 2-1 to Streetsville team

By BEVERLEY BIGGS Herald Special

Georgetown AA minor novices played Streetsville Jan. 7 and lost a tough game, 2-1. The game was scoreless until the third period.

Georgetown's Martin Lefebrue popped in the first goal early in the third period while Streetsville was busy tackling the rest of Georgetown's team.

With five minutes to go, Streetsville tied up the score and with 22 seconds remaining, squeezed in the winning goal.

Wednesday night, the minor novices travelled to Burlington for a tie game. Burlington scored and Georgetown couldn't seem to get the game together, with the home team scoring again early in the second period.

Georgetown came back and tied up the score with two goals. Simon Saulnier got the first, assisted by Ryan Inglis and Peter Veltman at 2:31. Corey Forbes got the other, assisted by Ryan Inglis and Andrew Lefebrue at

The third period was also closely played. Justin Normore scored a third goal assisted by Greg Bidwell, but then Burlington tied up the score 3-3.

Thursday night's game in Milton was another tie game. The first period was scoreless, as was the middle period until the last second when Milton popped in their goal.

Georgetown got in their goal with six minutes remaining in the game, credited to Ryan Inglis and assisted by Matt Walinga.

Next Saturday the Georgetown, minor novices play their last regular season game against Stoney Creek. In February the minor novices enter the playoffs.

Industrial League Curling Fiddlers win 10th straight

With consistent shot making throughout their roster, the Fit-As-A-Fiddle foursome sponsored by Work That Body seems to be working its way to an unscalable lead in Industrial Curling play.

Their tenth straight victory on Jan. 10 at the North Halton rink was a decisive 15-1 shellacking of the 15th place Boxers. The Boxers under Dean Zilio were only able to capture one of the game's eight ends.

A showdown with the third place Hog Liners in their next contest should prove to be foretelling of the Fit-As-A-Fiddle squad's potential to hold their lead to the end of regular season action.

The Hot Liners tuned up for the showdown by winning handily over their Varian confreres, the Challengers, by a 12-7 margin. the Mark Hyttinen rink built a 10-0 lead after four ends of play, and then coasted to the win over the game's second half.

The Dunlop Insurance Rocker team managed to hold on to second spot with a nail biting victory over Steve Foster's Automatons. The Rockers, with Rob Crichton filling in for vacationing Bert Osborne, missed several opportunities to take con-

trol. With the house set up on a number of occasions, skip Barry Dunlop could not close the door on the Foster team.

Missed shots by Dunlop and/or great shots by Foster saw this see-saw game come down to last rocks. But with the hammer in the eighth end, Foster could not manage to eliminate both of the counting stones placed by Dunlop's front end. As a result, the Rockers squeaked a 6-4 win.

Curling always seems to have its surprises as players and/or teams rise to an occasion - one of the things that makes curling an interesting game to play and to watch. And such a surprise occurred in the Thursday game played between JAWS and Kendale Hackers.

The 12th place Hackers provided the surprises. They stayed focused, kep the game close and, in fact, had a single point lead after six ends of play against their fifth place rivals.

In the final end with the game tied at 4-4, the Hackers's skip Ken Buck made two perfectly weighted in-turn shots. The crowd of spectators cheered as his last rock bumped the JAWS' counter out, leaving his squad counting two and realizing a sweet 6-4 win.

Among other games, the most noteworthy was that played between La Guys and Lopers' Swimmers. The line was a six end 12-3 thrashing by the Lopers' team, and only the second setback suffered by La Guys this season. La Guys were missing their regular skip Tom Reed in this contest.

In others, Brad Smith skipped his Wingnuts to a win, a rare event thus far this season. His prey was the cellar dwelling Dead Enders, and the final tally was 7-3. Kendale Eight Enders had a relatively easy time of it with The Sign Shoppe Sliders, posting a 13-6 final. Lastly, The Senators found their form after close play in early ends to down The Norval Boys by an 8-3 count.

The schedule of match-ups for excitement at the North Halton club on Jan. 17 is as follows:

At 6:45 p.m.: Hog Liners vs Work That Body Fit-As-A-Fiddle; The Norval Boys vs JAWS; Dunlop Insurance Rockers vs The Sign Shoppe Sliders; Bill Smith Auto Wingnuts vs La Guys.

At 9:00 p.m.: The Senators vs Kendale Hackers; Dead Enders vs Lopers' Swimmers; Challengers vs The Boxers; The Automatons vs Kendale Eight Enders.

Acton High School Athletes



Acton Redmen senior girl's volley ball player Heather Willmott and midget boy's basketball player Devon Ambrose were chosen as their school's athletes of the week.

Willmott, a member of the girl's basketball team earlier this year, continues to work hard for her school and is one of the leaders on the court. Her effort was there Wednesday, but was unable to prevent Redmen from losing 11-15, 6-15 to Bishop Reding.

Ambrose, according to coach Dave Boycott, is one of the team's most dedicated players and the staff is hopeful he will return to help improve the junior squad next year.





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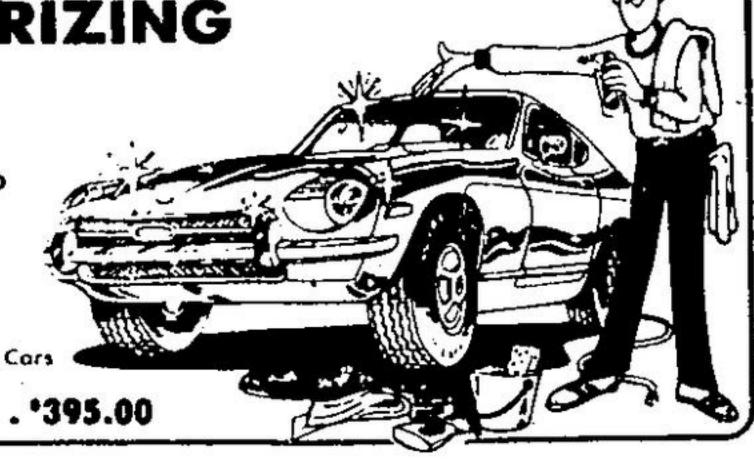
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