

Halton Major Midgets take Ontario title

CENTRAL TRIPLE A CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES Canada Brick Hurricanes vs Hamilton Wings

- Game 1, March 23 in Hamilton - Halton 4 - Hamilton 8
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Charlie Hanman got two presents recently, being named the new coach of Georgetown Raiders Jr. B team on Monday and having his Halton Hurricanes Major Midgets win the Central Ontario Championship on Sunday in Milton.

The culmination of Major

Midget Hurricanes' first 'AAA' season was played out in a five-game series with the Hamilton Wings in the past week to decide the Central OMHA Championship.

After a shaky start to the series which saw Hamilton jump to a convincing two game lead, Hurricanes dug deep to narrow the gap, draw even, and ultimately prevail with solid back-to-back performances in the final three games to clinch the title.

The opening game at Eastwood arena in Hamilton produced an 8-4 victory for Wings. The Hurricanes allowed three Hamilton powerplay goals in the opening period, with Trevor Elensky and Ken Kosziwka countering with a goal each for Halton.

Centreman Mike McPhail tied it at 3-3, four minutes into the

middle frame with Wings' goalie stranded well out of his net. The momentum changed quickly in Hamilton's favor with another powerplay goal 16 seconds later, and within seven minutes, Hamilton added two more to lead 6-3.

With 12 seconds remaining in the period, Kosziwka registered his second of the evening following some strong forechecking by McPhail. Wings again cashed in on the powerplay in the opening minute of the final frame and rounded out their scoring spree at the 9:50 mark for the 8-4 win.

Hamilton maintained the pressure in game two of the series in Milton on Monday evening, opening the scoring late in the first period. Hurricanes rebounded early in the second when Elensky tucked in a backhander around the net to tie it at 1-1.

Halton then moved to a 2-1 lead 1:17 into the third when Rob Crowe banged home the rebound from a Joe Piazza shot. The lead was short-lived as Hamilton popped four goals in 9 minutes, two of them on the powerplay. Shawee Tooley closed out the scoring for Hurricanes with 47 seconds remaining for a 5-3 win for the visitors.

Hurricanes found their form when they returned to Hamilton on Tuesday in a "must win" contest. Kosziwka struck early in the opening period, converting a set-up from behind the net by Sean Bourgeois and Sean Gustini.

Dave Osborne, who had been moved to the forward line from defence for the evening, created the opportunity for Trevor Elensky to put the Brickmen two goals ahead by the mid-point of the period. Hamilton responded late in the period on the powerplay.

The score remained at 2-1 until

late in the second when Pat Hennerberry tipped in a Gustini shot, and a minute later, McPhail broke in alone to make it 4-1 from a Jake Mashinter pass. Piazza added Hurricanes' fifth and final goal of the night early in the third with Hennerberry assisting. Wings added two goals in the closing minutes for a 5-3 final score and a return visit to Milton on Saturday.

Halton produced one of their highest scoring performances of the season in game four of the series with a 10-2 victory in front of a vocal home crowd. Hurricane onslaught began barely 38 seconds into the game when Rob Crowe outpaced a Wings defenceman to the left corner and flicked a cross to Piazza cruising into the slot.

The goal was to be Piazza's first of three on the night, and was followed 39 seconds later by a 30 foot bullet from defenceman Damien Dubien, assisted by Kosziwka and Gustini. Hamilton answered with a goal at the five minute mark and managed to keep Halton bottled up for the balance of the period, due in part to a steady stream of Hurricanes to the penalty box.

Period two saw Piazza, Crowe and Shawee Tooley combine in the first minute to add Halton's third goal. Hurricanes put the game out of reach midway through the period when they pile on another four unanswered goals in the span of 100 seconds.

Gustini started the goal-fest with a wrap-around from Bourgeois, then Osborne slid a backhander under the sprawling Wings' goalie from Crowe and Piazza. Elensky and McPhail added goals six and seven on the powerplay with Dubien, Wade Burrows and Jake Mashinter ear-

ning assists.

In the final frame, defenceman Todd Mulley drilled home a low point shot at the 8:00 mark from a Dubien feed to make it 8-1. Hamilton pulled back one goal on a fast break two minutes later, then Piazza clinched the hatrick, again assisted by Crowe and Tooley with 3:14 remaining. McPhail, with Tooley assisting, put Hurricanes into double digits one minute from the final buzzer, and set the stage for the championship final on the same ice surface the following day.

Halton jumped to an early lead in game five when Crowe banged home a Piazza feed to the slot, less than 40 seconds into the contest. The score remained at 1-0 until the last minute of the period when Hamilton took advantage of a bad bounce in front of Hurricane goalie Ryan Peddie to balance the score.

Crowe again found the mark early in the second with the tip in of a Dubien drive from the point. Halton's lead increased to 3-1 when Piazza, Crowe and Gustini combined in a goalmouth scramble at 8:25 of the period.


The advantage was short-lived however, as the Wings rallied with two goals in the space of 45 seconds to close out the middle frame at 3-3. Hurricanes struck back early in the last period as Piazza added his second with Dubien and Hennerberry assisting. This was followed by a goal from McPhail at the 6:37 mark, assisted by linemates Elensky and Mashinter.

Hamilton drew to within one with 4:56 remaining, but late goals by Mashinter from Elensky and Mulley from McPhail sealed the affair with a 7-4 final score, and the Central AAA Championship for the Brickmen.



GDHS Athletes

This week's Georgetown District High School athletes of the week are Jen Olah and Stew Teetzel. Olah is the captain of the cheerleading team and was chosen for her leadership in whipping the team into shape for the Halton Cheerleading Championships, to be held April 25 at M.M. Robinson. Stew Teetzel placed first in his weight class to help the Rebel wrestling team win the Halton Junior Wrestling championship at Bishop Reding on Thursday. (Herald photo)



Coach Donohue's Tips

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Coaching responsibly

As a coach, you are one of the most influential persons in a child's life. When I speak to coaches I tell them, "As a coach, you've got to help young people become all they were created to be. Your job is to produce good athletes, but more importantly, good people."

One of your greatest responsibilities is to develop your athletes' sense of fair play. Fair play embodies the principles of integrity, fairness, respect. Fair play emphasis the following:

- *respecting the rules of the game
- *respecting officials and accepting their decisions
- *maintaining dignity under all circumstances.

These principles apply in all circumstances, and they apply to everyone in sport - athletes, coaches, officials, parents, spectators.

As a coach, your fair play aims should be to:

- *behave the way you want you athletes and the spectators to behave
- *respect both the letter and the spirit of the game
- *help your athletes understand the reasons for rules and appreciate the job that officials do
- *teach your athletes to value opponents, because without them there would be no competition
- *teach your athletes to lose with dignity
- *emphasize that doing one's best is more important than winning
- *help each of your athletes equally
- *keep the fun in sport.

The athletic skills your athletes learn from you may be used for only a few years. The attitudes they develop towards themselves and others will last a lifetime.

Jack Donohue was coach of Canada's National Basketball Team from 1972-1988, and is a nationally recognized coaching expert. For more information on coaching skills and the National Coaching Certification Program, contact the Coaching Association of Canada, 1600 James Naismith Drive, Gloucester, Ontario, K1B 5N4, or 3M Canada Inc., P.O. Box 5757, London, Ontario, N6A 4T1.

Major Novice Sabres advance to Hub finals

Acton Major Novice Leather-town West Warehouse Sabres advanced to the Hub League finals by defeating Woolwich 3-2, taking the best of five series the distance.

Sabres had been leading the semi-finals series 2-1, but lost in St. Jacob's 2-1 last Tuesday when they allowed the home team to score the winner with just 15 seconds remaining in the overtime period. David Lajeunesse had the lone goal for Acton, assisted by Sandy Chapman.

In Acton on Wednesday, Sabres

scored first and then hung on for the victory. Opening the scoring for Acton was Kyle Artem. Lajeunesse assisted on that goal and scored the next two. Richard Raju assisted on the second marker, while Artem and Chapman combined on the winner.

Woolwich scored twice within

30 seconds in the final period to close within one, but goalie Andrew Coe closed the gates on any further opportunities to preserve the win. Acton now travels to Brantford on Saturday to play in the league playdown finals, but an opponent has yet to be finalized.

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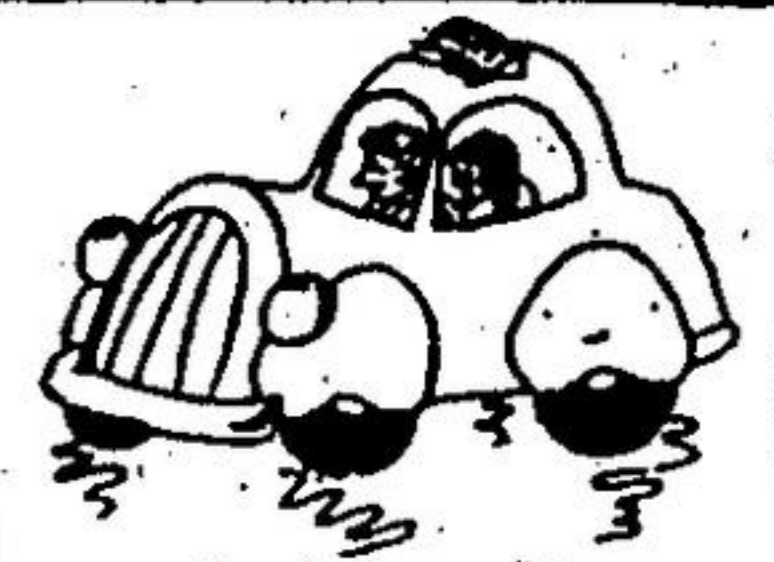
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