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Halton nipped by Ching 4-3

The Halton Minor Peewees returned to league action on Sunday afternoon against Chinguacousy at Bramalea's Victoria Park arena.

This was the final regular season meeting between these teams and a late third period rally by Ching gave them the 4-3 victory to even up their season record against the Hurricanes at two wins, two losses and two ties.

The first period started with some good end to end action from both clubs with Halton carrying the edge on good scoring opportunities.

At 6:24 the Hurricanes banged in what appeared to be the first goal only to have it disallowed on a dubious high sticking call. Minutes later a Halton two-man breakaway met a similar fate, this time disallowed by a large goaltender's glove. Finally with 16 seconds left in the period, Hurricane centre Todd Miller picked up a short lead pass just outside the Ching blue line, skated in on the right side using Peter Mashinter as a decoy on the left and deked the goalie to score Halton's first goal.

This opening salvo by the visitors seemed to wake up the home town Blues and with just 1:22 elapsed in the second they cashed in on a two on one opportunity to tie it up.

Reacting quickly to this swing in momentum, Halton's Darin Finlayson, Justin Davis and Jamie Walker out muscled their Ching opponents and were rewarded at 7:50 of the period when Finlayson jammed it home to regain the lead.

Just 22 seconds later Andrew Hartholt made it 3-1 when he fired a ten footer in from the slot on a pretty set up from Mashinter and Miller.

The Hurricanes continued to take the play to Chinguacousy for the balance of the period but had to settle for the two goal lead into the third.

Yes the third! That five letter word that has so many times this season proved a nemesis to the minor peewees. Through the first two the whole team was firing on all cylinders then suddenly they just went flat.

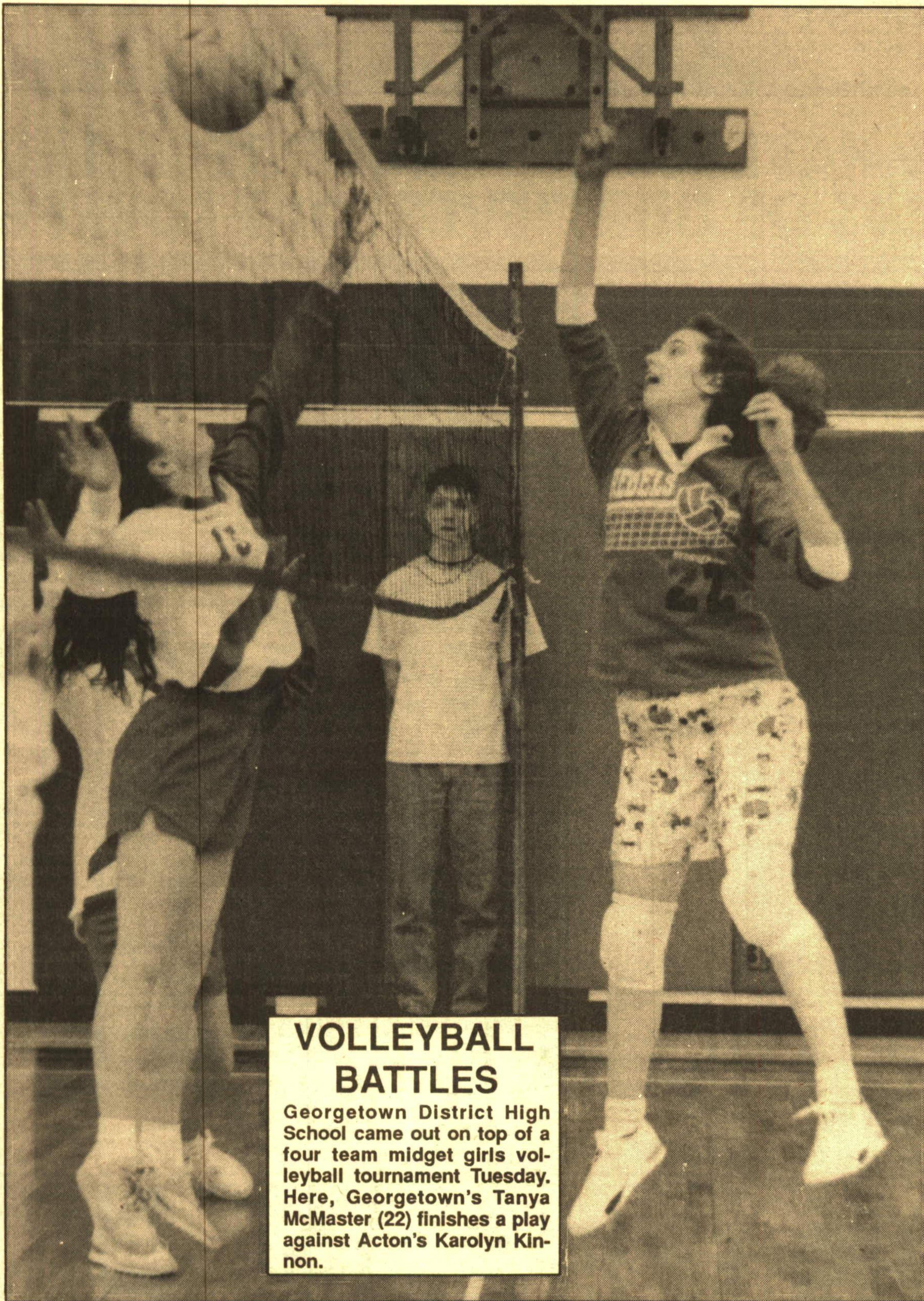
Before Halton could find the spare, Chinguacousy had scored at 10:52, 3:25, and 2:13 to lock up the win.

Fergus tops Acton in tourney final

Although Fergus claimed the championship of the Acton Atom Tournament held on December 28 this marked the first time the members of the host squad have ever made the finals of any tournament.

The final score of 12-1 was not indicative of the talent and potential the Nellis Construction Atoms have shown all year in compiling their impressive 29 wins and only two losses.

Acton's first two games resulted in hard fought victories as the team struggled to overcome a combination of holiday sluggishness and nervous excitement. Luckily James Metcalfe, in goal in game one against the Milton "A" team, was sharp because a lot of rubber was fired his way before his team found their skating legs and finally had some passing plays click. For his stalwart performance Metcalfe was chosen



VOLLEYBALL BATTLES

Georgetown District High School came out on top of a four team midget girls volleyball tournament Tuesday. Here, Georgetown's Tanya McMaster (22) finishes a play against Acton's Karolyn Klinon.

Sabres add Gagnon to roster

The Acton Sabres hopes for a third spot in the Mid-Ontario Junior C hockey league got a boost this week when forward Bob Gagnon returned to the fold.

Gagnon was the second leading scorer with the Sabres last season picking up 21 goals and 24 assists

for a 45 point year.

Gagnon, a Hearst native, did not return the Acton this season signing on with the Pembroke Lumber Kings Junior a Tier Two Junior A squad.

Sabres coach Ken Steen is planning on reuniting Gagnon with

centre Jeff Shevalier. Last year the two terrorized the Mid-Ontario loop.

Steen feels that with the addition of Gagnon, and a couple of others he is close to inking, the Sabres will be serious contenders come playoff time.

team MVP by the opposition coaching staff.

Acton goals were fired by Jon Routledge (2), Devon Fraser and David Owen. Jason Hinds, a stalwart on defence all day, added two assists to go with single helpers by Mark Faseruk, Ryan Owen, Kevin Denny and Phil McIntyre.

Game two had Acton playing the persistent Milton Selects who had advanced to the Championship Round by scoring six unanswered goals in the final frame to defeat the Guelph Selects 7-6.

The "hardhats" had their hands full for two periods but won pulling away 6-3. Phil McIntyre and Paul Guy collected two goals apiece while defencemen Jason Hinds and Ryan Owen each scored one on blistering shots from the point.

The MVP of this game was

awarded to speedy centre Jon Routledge. This victory qualified Acton for the championship game against the impressive Fergus squad which arrived there by defeating Orangeville 9-0 and Georgetown 8-0.

The only flurry Acton could muster in the final was in the opening minutes when Phil McIntyre (who was also Acton's MVP for the game) popped the first and only goal.

This startled the Fergus machine into high gear and from that point with their size and skill they steamrolled over a staggering Acton squad.

The consolation final was won by the Orangeville team which had defeated Flamboro to reach that final against Milton "A".

Congratulations must be extended to convenor Karen Owen who organized and directed all aspects of this tournament

along with her own team of willing Atom parents.

The Atoms returned to league play against the Fergus 2 team in Fergus and had a struggle getting untracked before winning 4-1.

Devon Fraser led the sputtering offence with two goals while Phil and Derrick McIntyre counted one each.

Back at home the following Tuesday Acton hosted Kitchener and proceeded to regain their scoring sights in an 8-0 victory. Goals were scored by Jon Routledge (2), Phil McIntyre (2), Paul Guy (2), David Owen and Brent McGuire. Solid defensive play anchored by the goaltending duo of Metcalfe and Luedee contributed to the well-deserved shutout.

The construction crew competes this weekend in the Elora Tournament with their first game at 9 a.m. Saturday.

SPORTS SHORTS

Skiers compete

Skiers from Halton Hills are among the competitors at the Milton Heights Ski Club races on weekends at Glen Eden Ski Area.

This Saturday, January 12 skiers 13 and under race at Glen Eden at 10 a.m. On January 27, skiers 14 to 19 years race at 10 a.m.

Saturday, Feb. 2 the 13 and under skiers race and the next day, Sunday, Feb. 3 the 14 to 19 years of age compete. Feb. 9 it's the 13 and unders again.

Members of the Milton Heights Ski Club and three other teams are represented in each race.

Darlene Fitzsimons of Halton Hills says both Acton and Georgetown skiers compete for Milton Heights Ski Club. Further information is available by phoning 877-2831.

Hockey contest

Good, clean fun hockey received another endorsement last month when former Team Canada and National Hockey League star Paul Henderson announced that almost 60 per cent of the teams that entered the 1990 Esso Penalty Free Sweepstakes won or tied their game.

Any Ontario amateur hockey team that plays a penalty free game between January 1 to 31, 1991 is eligible to enter the sweepstakes.

Entry forms are available from local amateur hockey association's representatives, Ministry of Tourism and Recreation field offices, HDCO member offices and more than 680 arenas throughout the province.

Rally falls short

Acton Industrial League skaters had a busy day last Sunday.

Troy Ferriera's four goals led the scoring in the Sit'N Bull Tavern's 11-4 victory over Mr. Mugs/Acton Bowling Lanes.

Todd McIntyre and Jeff Townsley scoring three each for Sit'N Bull while Todd Lewis rounded out the scoring.

Gary Lumbers netted a pair, while Dave Morris and Ed Ebbing picked up singles for the Mr.Mus/Acton Bowling Lanes team.

Halton Flour Milling doubled Lindsay Brothers with their 8-4 victory.

Ken Whetham's hat trick led the Flour Mill attack backed up by a pair from Morgan Vaters and singles from Don Thornhill, Mike McQuay and Mike Phelan.

Bob Baker put two in the net for the Lindsay Brothers while Trevor Wilson and Scott Withers rounded out the scoring.

In a game between Churchill Collision and Acton Terminal Warehouse (ATW) Pat McDonald dominated the scoring helping the Collision team to a 9-7 win.

McDonald racked up a double hat trick (six goals) leaving Rob Evans to score a pair and Colin Lewis a single to round out the team's scoring.

ATW didn't get going until the third period rallying from a 9-0 deficit. Brian Denmore came away with a hattrick as Craig Andrews, Lorne Gordon, Bill Morrison and Doug Bishop scored singles to help their team.