

Sports



Leaver AAA Peewees join Ontario's top four

The Leaver Mushroom Halton Hurricane Major Peewees finished their season March 12 as one of the top four teams in the Ontario Minor Hockey Association. They had played 90 games (one third more than any boy had ever played in a season before).

Leaver was defeated in the semi-final round by the Richmond Hill/Vaughan Kings, who were provincial finalists the previous season. The Kings (also a regional team who draw from Richmond Hill over to the Town of Caledon) will face off against the winner of the London/Kitchener semi-finals to determine the OMHA representative to the Hostess Cup.

Held late May in Thunder Bay, the Hostess Cup will pit the Toronto and OMHA winners against the winners of the Ottawa and the Northern Ontario region. The championship game is scheduled to be televised.

In their first season together (and selected from seven competing towns), Leaver was not expected to pick up any honors. But, they shocked the hockey world by winning the Buffalo

Regals Tournament, the Regional Silver Stick Championship, earning the right to participate in the prestigious International Esso Challenge Cup, then topping it off by knocking out the defending Central AAA League champs - Burlington - to advance to the OMHA semi-finals.

In the end, it was not talent that put Leaver out. Indeed, with members of four provincial championship teams on its roster (Provincial Hockey AA Champs - 1988 and 1989, Provincial Lacrosse Champs - 1989, and Provincial Hockey A Champs - 1990), the squad displayed more talent per person than the Kings.

But, together longer, Richmond Hill/Vaughan had the teamwork that could not be developed in the one season that Leaver had together. Whenever Leaver missed a pass or a check, the Kings were right there to take control of the puck. It is this type of teamwork which is needed to win at the provincial AAA level and which Leaver will no doubt develop in their future years together.

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FIGURE SKATING HONORS

The Acton Figure Skating Club made a couple of presentations following the final performance of *Bookshelf Magic* at the Acton Community Centre Saturday evening.

(Above) The Petty family is seeing to it that Gold Test recipients are recognized in the local club. The Pettys have donated a plaque that will remember all those who have attained their top level of skating as members of the Acton Club. The first three names on that plaque will be current club pros (centre, from left) Colleen Petty, Cindy Currie and Michelle Perry. Carol (left) and Ken Petty (right) made the presentation.

The Acton figure skating carnival was dedicated to the memory of one of the club's skaters, Ron Barker, who was killed in a car crash in November. Ron Barker Sr. and wife Gloria made a special presentation Saturday (right). Each year, the senior skater voted Most Sportsmanlike, will receive the memorial award. Dianne Burt (centre) was the first recipient.



ONTARIO GOLD MEDALIST

It's all in the family for the "bowling Lanes." Master Bowler Carolyn Lane holds a lucky mascot while daughter Christiana, 16, displays the gold medal she won earlier this month in the senior girls' category at the Ontario Winter Games Youth Challenge Tournament. Christiana was first in the Barrie event, commanding 47 points in the final round, and earns a shot at the nationals.

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GDHS

Athletes of the Week

MICHAEL BOSMAN, JULIE PURVIS, CHRIS CAMBOURIS and HILARY WIESE (from left) share the Athletes of the Week honors at GDHS for their fine performances in the Rebel Varsity Badminton Tournament a week ago Friday. In competition against teams from four other schools, Michael and Chris won the men's doubles title, while Julie and Hilary captured the women's doubles championship.



Canadian Tire crew gain some revenge

The Acton Canadian Tire Novice hockey squad gained some sweet revenge Tuesday night as they skated to a 2-2 draw with Brampton's AA minor novice squad.

The Acton crew regained a little self-respect in the contest making up for a 6-1 pre-Christmas drubbing.

Brampton opened up a 2-0 lead

in the match but the Canadian Tire crew rallied. Ron McCaslin closed the gap to one late in the second period and Mitch Moore's powerplay effort from Matt Bodin and McCaslin knotted the contest at 2-2. Jeff Newman assisted on the first marker.

Acton had several chances to claim victory missing three breakaways, the final one with just four seconds on the clock.