



McNally Raiders set for playoffs

The McNally Construction Minor Novice Raiders finished their regular season with a win, a tie and two losses.

On January 5, the Raiders traveled to Guelph and secured a 5-1 win. After a slow start, Bradley Norton put Georgetown on the scoreboard with assists going to linemates Matt Hilts and Jordan Cole. Shortly after, Joel Hamilton put the Raiders up by two on a pass from Steve Kogon. Guelph scored once late in the third period to make the game close, but the Raiders exploded with three goals in the last minute of the game. Norton fired an unassisted shot past the Guelph netminder, followed by markers by Matt Velten and Jordan Armstrong. Armstrong and Howie Martin earned the assists.

On January 8 the Raiders skated to a 3-3 tie with Dundas at Memorial Arena. This was a great offensive and defensive effort by the young Raiders. Dundas took a 2-0 lead in the first period but Georgetown played strong to tie the game in the second.

Once again the line of Norton, Hilts and Cole started the scoring for the Raiders, with Norton dumping one in with the help of his friends. Ryan Hirtle added the second marker, assisted by defenceman Daryl Veltman. Dundas gained the lead in the third but the Raiders didn't give up. Matt Hilts tied the game up with 1:21 left. Jordan Cole and Kyle Kennery collected assists.

The Raiders traveled to Hespeler on January 10th only to be defeated 4-1 by their opponents. The Raiders only goal of the game was scored on a rush by Jordan Armstrong, unassisted.

On January 13, the Raiders played host to a tough Brampton squad at Alcott Arena and dropped a 3-1 decision.

This was a great game despite the loss, with a great effort by the entire Minor Novice squad. Goalies Alex MacLeod and Jason Armstrong were outstanding, facing some wicked shots by Brampton. Ryan Hirtle scored Georgetown's lone goal assisted by linemate Steven Kogon. The Raiders couldn't contain the Brampton captains he scored a hat trick and secured the win.



Acton peewee netminder Thomas Wolfer tries to cover the short side during an exhibition contest with Guelph at the Acton Community Centre on Tuesday evening. The visitors claimed a 4-3 win in the contest. This week is a busy one for area teams as the Ontario Minor Hockey Association playdowns get under way.

Photo by STEVE LeBlanc

Novice Raiders suffer pair of Tri-county losses

The Georgetown Major Novice Raiders traveled to Carlisle Arena to take on the evenly matched team from Flamboro as they finished up their Tri-county schedule this week.

The Raiders came out strong with great offense and defence. The entire squad gave it their all to keep the first two periods scoreless.

Billy McDonald nets the first goal of the game at 13:46 in the third period, assisted by Andrew McGourty. Flamboro was quick to come back at 13:25. Despite lots of hustle and strong rough plays, Flamboro manages to dump one in with 0:24 remaining on the clock. The Raiders pulled their goalie at 0:24 for the extra man but were unable to tie up the game. Donnie Lane manned the nets for the Raiders. (2-1)

The Major Novice Raiders suffer their second loss of the week 3-0. The Raiders were shut-out in

their final season game vs Hespeler. Goaltender Donnie Lane played a great game making some good saves. Hespeler notched their first goal at 8:14 in the first. They were able to nab two more in the second at 2:29 and 1:11. The Raiders came on strong in the third but couldn't manage any goals.

Acton meets Fergus

Acton Minor Hockey squads are set to begin OMHA playdowns, but most roads to most championships lead through Fergus.

Six of Acton's nine rep teams — Atom 1, Peewee 1, Bantam 1, Midget, Atom 2 and Peewee 2 — meet Fergus in opening round action.

The Acton Novice 2 and Bantam 2 teams will square off with Milton while the Novice 1 Sabres will tangle with Elora.

Nellis novices nipped in final

By CHRIS NEWBY
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The Acton Nellis Novice Sabres ended their regular season on a positive note with an 11-0 thumping of Elora on Wednesday pushing their record to 18-6-4.

Andrew Pembleton led the way with five goals, Nick Mastro and Steve Atkinson each recorded 4 assists. Other Acton point getters were Mike Dube (3 goals), Jon Newby (1 goal, 2 assists), John Field (1 goal, 1 assist), and Shawn Prentice (1 goal, 1 assist). Single assists went to Chris Jowett, Mark Pawlak, Matt Wolfer and Mike McDonald.

The Acton Nellis Construction Novices continued their successful tournament play in King City advancing to the championship game with victories over Bracebridge, Midland, Port Perry and a tie with Keswick.

With 14 of the 16 teams in the tournament eliminated, Acton lost the championship game to Uxbridge, 2-1.

Acton's first game with Keswick ended 2-2, with Andrew Pembleton notching a goal and an assist while John Field scored the other Acton goal. Jason Strong, one of Acton's two outstanding goalies, held the Sabres in the game as Keswick dominated play in the final period.

Acton's second opponent, Bracebridge, fell victim to a rested Sabres attack on Saturday, losing 5-0. Max Schaefer recorded the shutout and Mike McDonald, Adam Brouillard, Mike Dube, Shawn Prentice and Sean Kirk, all found the Bracebridge net. Assists went to David Lyons (2), Newby (2), Pawlak, Prentice and Field.

On Sunday morning, the Midland team went home after losing 5-0 to the Sabres. Mike Dube scored a hattrick and Andrew Pembleton and Steve Atkinson recorded singles. Jason Strong recorded the shutout and Mark Pawlak was credited with three assists. Single assists went to Steve Atkinson, Dube, Chris Jowett, Jon Newby and Matt Wolfer.

Port Perry lined up against Acton in the tournament semi-final on Sunday afternoon after eliminating the tournament host, King City. Acton rallied for three goals in the final period after falling behind 2-1 in the second period and beat Port Perry 4-2. Mark Pawlak, Chris Jowett, Adam Brouillard, and John Field tallied single markers with assists to Mike McDonald, Steve Atkinson and Pawlak.

Mark Pawlak was the lone Sabre to beat the Uxbridge goalie in the championship game as Acton came up short losing 2-1.

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