

Rams in need of Timbit players

BY DOUG HARRISON

The Acton Rams are in dire straits for assembling a Timbit (4-year-olds) entry this year in the Minor Lacrosse Association.

Novices and Peewees, however, are a different story. There seems to be an influx of players in these levels to play against outfits from Fergus, Elora, Arthur, Guelph, Kitchener and Brantford.

"We had 15 Timbits last year, but we're hurting this year," said Wayne Smith, club president. He attended the first stick practice at McKenzie-Smith Saturday.

Three of the four levels (Tyke,

Novice and Peewee) will try and add to last year's run of success.

The Tyke's will try to repeat and make it to the All-Ontario Finals in the "D" division.

The Novices won their zone division championship.

The Peewee II team was involved in some tournaments in 1992. The Peewee I team won a couple of tournaments and was classified as a "B" team.

Lacrosse teams are classified as A, B, C or D, based on ability.

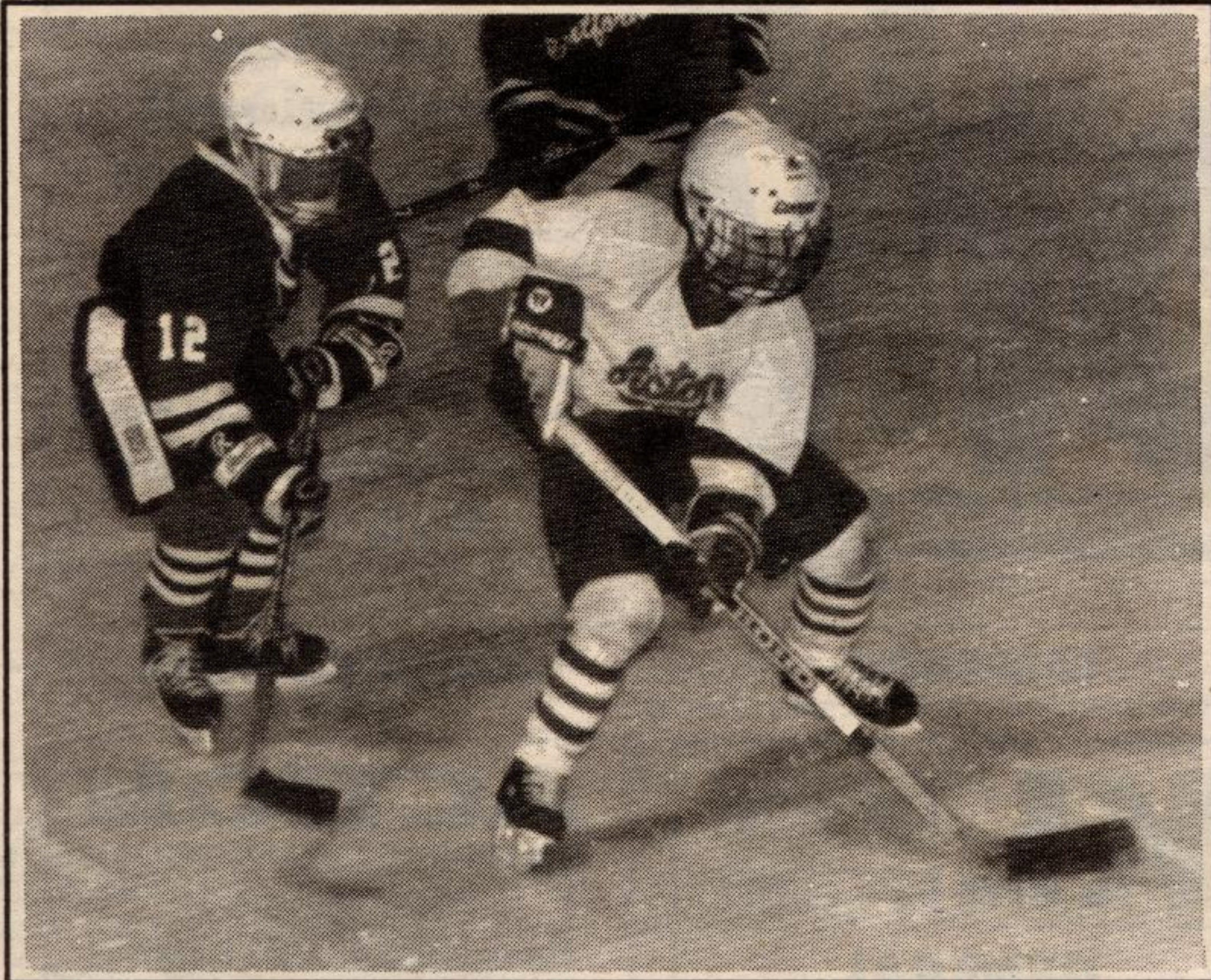
"It's quite an accomplishment (for the Peewee team) to be rated a B team," said Smith. "For a town

of 7,500 (people) and beating teams from Mississauga, where there's 350,000, it's great."

Smith said six players who have graduated from Peewee may play on a Bantam team that may be forming this year. If not, they can play in Fergus or Orangeville.

Anyone interested in one of the remaining stick practices can head to the McKenzie-Smith gym on Saturday Feb. 27 and March 6 with a helmet in hand.

Also, Smith is putting on a free clinic on April 10.



PUCK POWER: Acton's Ryan Weatherall scored two goals to help the Nellis Construction Sabres shut down visiting Brantford 3-0 in the second game of first round Novice Hub League playoff action on Saturday at Acton arena. The Sabres are now waiting the outcome of another series to determine their second round opponent. (Mike Albano photo)

Koprowski's five points lifts Juveniles to 9-2 win

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Led by the five point showing from Jeff Koprowski, the Acton Rotary Club Juveniles crushed visiting Sutton 9-2 on Saturday in OMHA quarter-final play at the Community Centre.

Koprowski's two goals and three assists led a balanced Acton attack with Wayne Bousfield close behind with two goals and a pair of assists. Kelly Jupp potted a pair of goals to go with two helpers.

Jamie Cook, Dave Deforest and Mike Gair had single goals.

The home side jumped out to a 3-0 first-period lead as Cook opened the scoring with help from Deforest and Koprowski.

Bousfield then took over with his two-goal output on the night to make it 3-1 entering the second period. Koprowski, Gair, Paul McLeod and Brett Papillon drew assists on the goals.

Deforest, Jupp and Koprowski found the net in the middle frame, while their opponents finally lit up the Acton netminder to make it somewhat of a game at 6-1 after two periods.

Paul Westaway and Cook had the helpers on the Deforest goal with McLeod counting the lone assist on the Jupp goal. Jupp later joined with Bousfield to set up the sixth Acton goal.

Koprowski all but ended the hopes of any comeback with his second of the game in the third period, again hooking up with Jupp to spread the lead to 7-1.

The visitors did add a goal in the last stanza, but were outdone by two more goals by Acton's Jupp and Gair duo. Bousfield and Paul Glass assisted on the Jupp

goal. Koprowski had the only assist on the Rotary Club's ninth goal from Gair.

The Rotary Club Juveniles' next home action is this Saturday. Game time at the Community Centre is 6:30pm.

Sabres swept

A three-goal outburst within the first four minutes of the opening faceoff propelled New Hamburg to a 5-0 pounding over the Nellis Construction Acton Sabres last Wednesday.

New Hamburg, who swept the OMHA Novice I series, would add two more in the second period to pad their lead to 5-0, sending the Acton players and arena crowd home disappointed.

Monmar gears up for playoffs, earns tie against Guelph

Brad Williams notched the equalizer and his second goal of the game with under a minute to play, to help the Acton Monmar Homes Peewees to a 3-3 draw in their 53rd game of the season on Feb. 9 against Guelph.

It was the first of two (the other was played Sunday) exhibition primers for the Hub League playoffs which start this week.

The see-saw affair against Guelph saw the aggressive Acton outfit take a 2-0 lead on goals by Matt Williams and Phil McIntyre. The latter buried his club-leading 28th of the season from Jon Routledge and Chris Yeatman.

Chris Seeds and Scott McDonald drew assists.

The surging Guelph team then rebounded with three unanswered goals to take a 3-2 lead with a minute left in regulation time.

With less than a minute to play and goalie Metcalfe relegated to the bench in favour of an extra

attacker, Williams responded with his second of the game on another wicked point shot. It was an unassisted effort.

The format for the series is a home and home, round-robin to determine who will face the league champions from Elora at Championship Day to be held on March 27.

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