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Juveniles scratch and claw to semis

BY DOUG HARRISON

All in one night, the Acton Rotary Club Juveniles won the battle and then the war.

In a wild shootout here on Saturday, Acton turned to gunman Wayne Bousfield, who fired three bullets, and three other troops to silence onlookers and make Sutton a ghost town on Sunday with a 6-3 quarter-final win.

After two Acton players scored goals to make it 3-2 for Sutton entering period two, the locals never looked back, scoring two goals in each of the final two periods and can now look ahead to the winner of the Walkerton-Hensall matchup.

Kelly Jupp got things started for Acton with help from Paul McLeod and Dave Patey. Jupp then hooked up with Brett Papillon to feed Bousfield with the team's second goal.

In the second period, Mike Gair potted the equalizer, converting a three-way passing play from Jeff Koprowski and Patey.

Bousfield then teamed with Jupp for a pair of goals to give him the hat-trick on the night.

Gair and Papillon assisted to make it 5-3 early in the third period.

To add insult to injury, Acton decided to light up the visiting netminder again. This time, Paul McLeod joined the scoring parade and ended the onslaught after a feed from Koprowski. Patey, with his third, recorded the other assist.

Last Friday in Sutton, Acton's Paul Westaway got the 8-6 free-for-all under way, taking a feed from Jeff Koprowski and flicking it past the Sutton netminder.

The home side got one of their own before Kelly Jupp and Mike Gair answered the bell to make it 3-1 after one period.

Wayne Bousfield assisted on the Jupp goal, while Eric Bodin helped set up the Gair marker.

The two clubs traded goals in the second period as Jupp, with his second of three, and Dave DeForest, responded for Acton. Koprowski, with his second of three assists, hooked up with Jupp, while DeForest's marker was an unassisted effort.

The teams again played even in the final frame, but that wasn't good enough if you happened to be a Sutton spectator.

After Jupp, Gair and Westaway goals, the final verdict read: Acton 8, Sutton 6 and a quick exit for the friendly hosts.



BANTAM BOWLERS: Acton's Bantam bowlers represented the town at the Four Steps to Stardom Tournament held in Bolton on Saturday. Unfortunately, Acton wasn't able to finish in the top three. Shown here are team members, back row, left to right, coach Brent Dance, Mike Perkins, Trevor Walker and David Albano. Front row, David Hatch and J.D. Hatch. (Mike Albano photo)

Selects win first game at home

In a Novice Select exhibition tilt Friday, Acton goals from three different players was enough to clip the Guelph Selects 3-2 here at the Community Centre.

With the win, Acton's record now stands at 1-2-2.

Mike Rowsell, Eric Sousa and Shane Haslam scored for the winning Acton squad.

Teammates Chris Stanhope, Steve Atkinson, David McEnery and Adam Lindsay had a hand in the home side's assists.

Sabre championship quest evaporates in shutout loss

The quest for a Hub League championship came to an abrupt halt for the Nellis Construction Sabres Novice I team on Sunday, as they dropped a 3-0 decision to Arthur in round two at the Acton arena.

The home side had trouble finding the scoring touch, much like Feb. 16 when the club produced a scant one goal in the best-of-three series opening match.

Up 1-0 in the third period, Arthur scored a shorthanded goal with two minutes remaining in regulation time. The stronger visiting squad would widen the margin to 3-0 with 33 seconds left after Acton lifted their goalie in favour of an extra attacker.

On Feb. 16, Arthur poured it on in the third period with three goals to set the tone for the series with a 5-1 victory on home ice.

Arthur scored one first period goal and one in the middle frame

before blowing it open in the last stanza.

The only bright spot for the anemic Acton offence was an end to end rush from rearguard David

Brooks, which resulted in the lone Sabres goal of the night and eventually, the series.

As a result, Arthur advances to the next round.

Soccer club kicks off indoor program

The Acton Soccer Club began its yearly indoor conditioning for all players aged 5 and up on Sunday at McKenzie-Smith gym.

The soccer club encourages participation in indoor conditioning as it helps get your body and mind in gear for the fast approaching outdoor season.

Indoor conditioning also provides an opportunity for potential all-star players to showcase their talents for coaches in attendance.

Volunteers are still needed at the gym to help supervise and/or aid with training. If you can assist, please contact Shelagh Bailey at 853-3866, or visit her in person at the McKenzie-Smith gym.

Indoor conditioning will continue every Sunday until April 4.

There is no fee or registration required, but please remember to wear proper shoes. All players from last season and all newcomers are invited to attend.



TOUGH TYKES: Acton Terminal Warehouse's Mike Boycott (right), challenges A & S Engraving's Alex Duche for the puck in a Tyke House League hockey game on Saturday at the Acton arena. The final score was 7-2 in favour of A & S Engraving. (Mike Albano photo)