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Rotary Club puts heat on Hensall

BY DOUG HARRISON

Scoring his fifth goal in the past two games, Acton Rotary Club Juvenile hockey forward Wayne Bousfield began what would be another potent offensive showing by his club, which has put an early stranglehold on their semi-final series with Hensall.

Bousfield scored the locals' first goal in a 4-1 road triumph over Hensall on Sunday. This followed an impressive two-way game at the Community Centre the previous night as Acton doubled the Hensall outfit, 6-3.

Acton forward Dave DeForest added to Bousfield's marker in the first as the Rotary Club played a smart road game and opened the second period with a 2-1 lead.

Jeff Koprowski assisted on both goals, while Paul Westaway took an assist on the DeForest effort.

Koprowski decided in the first intermission that he would like to offset his two helpers with a pair of goals. He was successful as he bulged the twine in each of the final two periods.

Mike Gair fed him a pass during the second, while Westaway had a hand with the third period tally.

In the opener on Saturday, Bousfield and DeForest teamed together in the opening period, trading goals as DeForest got things rolling.

Dave Patey also received an assist on Bousfield's marker.

Patey would get his second helper of the night in the second period as he fed a pass to Jamie Cook, who immediately handed the puck to Bousfield for the final blow and a 3-1 lead.

Bousfield fed Paul McLeod to increase the lead to 4-1 entering the last stanza.

Acton and Hensall traded a pair of goals in the third with Bousfield taking the honours for the local club. Mike Gair set up the first.

Game 3 of the series is slated for this Saturday at Hensall. Game time is 7:30 pm.

If a fourth game is deemed necessary, it will be played here on Sunday afternoon at 12:30.

Andy's grabs series lead

John Field scored the lone Acton Andy's goal, but it was enough as Chad Greenwood notched the shutout in a 1-0 clipping of Grand Valley in the first game of their semi-final Novice II Hub hockey series.

The two teams meet again tonight (Wednesday) in Grand Valley. Game 3 goes Saturday here at the Community Centre at 4:30 pm.

Meanwhile, the Acton Andy's squad have entered the Plattsville Tournament which is scheduled for the March Break.



Acton Proplastex Atom II rep player Reuben Rivers tangles with his Kincardine opponent in an attempt to pry away the puck during an OMHA playoff game on Saturday at the Community Centre. After dwindling the best-of-five series to 2-1 in Kincardine's favour, Acton couldn't carry the play in Game 4 and were promptly bumped from the series, losing 4-0 on Sunday in Kincardine. (Mike Albano photo)

Atoms bounced from playoffs

BY DOUG HARRISON

Following losses of 5-3 and 5-1 in the first two games of their OMHA Atom II playdown, the Acton Proplastex Atoms turned to their crystal ball in an effort to wrest away the series from Kincardine.

But even crystal balls have been known to douse people's hopes.

The home side genie was kind to Acton on Saturday as the series dwindled to 2-1 in favour of Kincardine, but it seems the locals stayed home on Sunday and were caught gazing into the lucky ball for a positive outlook in Game 5.

The only outlook may be the Acton players repeating to one another, "Oh, what could have been." The game will never materialize as Acton suffered a 4-0 loss in Kincardine, officially eliminating them from post season play.

Acton's offence, which could be described as anemic to open the series, got things together for the third game on home ice in order to prolong the series and save the embarrassment of getting swept.

Paul Withers, who was effectively kept off the scoresheet in Games 1 and 2, rid himself of a pesky dark shadow — namely Kincardine defenders — busting from a mini-slump to register a three-goal performance.

Linemate Matt Bodin, who also was held in check with only an assist to show for the series, was in on all of Withers' markers to ignite a previously burned-out Proplastex scoring machine.

Scott Featherstone scored the first Acton goal as he finished a passing play with Bud Fitzpatrick and Reuben Rivers.

Fitzpatrick, with help from Featherstone and Marc Forbes, got credit for the fourth goal following Withers' two third period goals scored 10 seconds apart.

Forbes then scored on a nice set up by Bodin and Matt Hebden before Withers completed his three-goal performance.

Joey Field grabbed an assist.

Captain Forbes showed great leadership during the game, while Rory Dick supplied some awe-inspiring play in the Acton net.

The goaltending, however, was suspect early in the series. Kincardine managed to fill the net five times in each of the first two games.

Forbes with two and Rivers netted goals in a 5-3 loss in Game 1.

Acton's Forbes, Rivers, Withers, Featherstone, Bodin and Brydon Perry registered assists.

In Game 2, the locals could only muster one goal by Field.

Acton can now focus on some Hub League games this week against Elora. The team played last night and have another contest slated for tonight (Wednesday).

Sabres shoot the lights out against Woolwich

The Acton Galvcast Sabres scored two first-period goals, added one in the second and fired four more in the third as they crushed Woolwich to take the first game of their Hub League minor hockey semi-final series on Friday.

As the 7-0 score indicates, the home side dominated all facets of the game and were aided by a fantastic effort from goalie Thomas Wolfer.

Marcel Dube, who was set up by Sandy Chapman and Ron McCaslin, opened the scoring.

Kyle Artem added a goal to make it 2-0 after one period.

Artem found the net two more times to give him the hat-trick.

Jason Christopher and Greg Barens had helpers.

After Artem's third goal in the final frame, Richard Raju, Daryn McIntyre and Ron McCaslin all pulled the trigger to culminate the tilted affair.

Sabre's McIntyre and Shawn Weatherall drew assists in the game. Weatherall earlier helped out on Artem's first goal.

M-S swim team improving

BY JAMIE BIRRELL
M-SREPORTER

The McKenzie-Smith Mustang swim team has been in the pool for the past two months every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning at 7:20.

The team of 47 members has had two swim meets to date.

The first competition was at the

Georgetown pool on Feb. 25, where the Mustangs were up against an improved Centennial team. Acton didn't win, but they set their own times in order to improve and contribute to the team.

The second meet was held here on March 2. The Stangs put forth a strong effort and were able to beat Sam Sherratt and E. C. Drury.

Third period collapse costly for Midgets

The Acton Travel Midgets were on the wrong end of a 6-2 score in a Midget Hub League hockey semi-final contest in Elora on Thursday.

Down 2-1 after the first period, Troy MacDougall potted his second of the game to offset an Elora marker to make it a

one-goal affair heading to the third period.

However, Acton couldn't pressure the Elora zone and allowed three goals in the final period, frittering away a comeback attempt by the visitors.

Josh Marcoux assisted on both MacDougall goals.