

I am a community newspaper.

While the high and the mighty strut and stamp across the world's stage, a handful of proud citizens tend the flowers in downtown planters. A young boy scores the winning goal in a hockey game. The high school theatre group produces a smash hit. Town council passes an important new law.

The real lives of real people. People who don't start wars, who don't build empires, who don't get into the history books. But those whose stories are exciting, interesting, vital and important. Stories that should be told.

I am community newspaper. I am welcomed into hundreds of homes every week. Not as an intruder, shrieking out the harshness, violence and complexity of the world. But as a friend. A mirror of my reader's lives. Their joys, sorrows, accomplishments.

I am a community newspaper. I am proud, tough, independent. I know when to smile, when to grumble, how to chide, how to help.

I am a community newspaper — in a great community. And I'm proud of it.



Robitaille fires 6 goals in A.T.W. loss

HOUSE LEAGUE HOCKEY

BANTAM

With only nine players, Acton Team I managed a 3-3 tie with Erin in house league action in Erin on Sunday.

Jeremy Rhynold, Brad Rhynold and Kevin Campbell scored for the locals.

Campbell assisted on the Jeremy Rhynold marker, while the latter set up Campbell's goal.

Dave Nicholl was stellar in the Acton net.

PEEWEE

M & M Pro Sports goalie Gerald Milion made a huge save on a Craigwood Farms breakaway with 25 seconds left to preserve a 4-4 draw at the Community Centre Saturday.

Josh Wilson, Brett Timakus, Bryan McAnsh and Ben Muggridge, who got player of the game honours, scored for M & M Pro Sports.

Mike Goldwick and Wilson with two, Muggridge and Timakus counted helpers.

Mike Smith, Robbie Laird, Jeff Gerrard and Chris Adema potted goals for Craigwood Farms.

Mike Hastings with a pair, Adema, Smith and Marc Chassion set them up.

In other Pee wee action, Rob Bonus and Nathan Irving had a goal and assist each as Acton Auto Tech doubled Washington 4-2.

Greg McMillan and Dan Stanhope had the other winning goals.

Peter Drexler and Rueben Rivers also assisted.

Derek Nolan and Blair Williamson replied for Washington.

Chad Edwards with two, Curtis Archibald and Nolan recorded helpers.

ATOM

Joey Thompson scored six goals and added an assist as Mike Luty Transport Sabres bombed Nellis Construction 8-4

in Atom play Saturday at the Community Centre.

Adam Lindsay and Jay Waples rounded out the scoring.

Sam Brunelle notched three Sabre assists, while singles went to Waples, Lindsay, Jonathan Hicks, Michael Lee and David McEnery.

Mike Rowsell fired the hat-trick for Nellis, while Robbie McMillian had the other.

Rowsell and Shane Kilgour registered Nellis assists.

In the other game, Chris Stanhope fired the hat-trick as Mike and Al's Transport defeated Mr. Mugs 6-4.

David White with two and Ryan Bowen scored the others.

Nathan French scored twice in a losing cause.

Single Mr. Mugs goals went to Jason Bonus and Jason Rumford.

NOVICE

Shawn Meilleur scored once and assisted on two others as Legion Branch 197 outgunned MacKenzie-Chapman 5-3 at the Community Centre Saturday.

Josh Bowen added two goals, while Dwayne Gregson and Adam Mills scored one each.

Mills, Neal Dawkins and Chris Brill had the other assists.

Mike Vandenhoek did all the MacKenzie-Chapman scoring.

Jacob Kentner and Brendan Dick set up goal Nos. 1 and 3.

In the other Novice game, Bruce Milligan scored four goals as Acton Galvcast blasted MacMillan's 11-2.

Derek Scott and Harry Schaffer each bagged three goals for the winners, while Shane Drexler hit mesh once.

Two-assist games went to Milligan, Keith Gilmore, Dylan Jacobs and Trevor Hall. Singles went to Scott and Charles Hicks.

Brad West and Bobby Perra scored for MacMillan's.

Mathew Schibley collected the lone assist.

TYKE

Mike Kuiper's five goals powered A & S Engraving past McIntyre Fuels 7-3 in Tyke hockey action at the Community Centre on Saturday.

Chad Artem and Jonathan Cimetta added singles.

Greg Henry and Dillon Medland assisted on Kuiper's fourth goal.

Matthew Locke replied with two McIntyre Fuels goals.

Reid Hendry, with Corey Grace-Wilson assisting, scored the other.

In other games, Tyler Holmes and Troy Ethier each notched hat-tricks as Al and Al's Red Brand Meats edged Acton Terminal Warehouse 8-6.

Blake Martin and Dalton Winston scored one each.

Holmes, Martin and Dennis Hunak had registered helpers.

Andrew Robitaille was a one-man show with all six A.T.W. goals.

Anthony Price and Chris Golden set up the first and second goals, respectively.

In the other Tyke battle, Tim Pembleton scored five times and added two assists in Best Transfer's 12-3 rout of Halton Hills Furniture.

Kyle McDonald and Joel Graydon added hat-tricks, while a single marker went to Patrick Glatt.

McDonald with two and Brett Manes supplied the other Best Transfer assists.

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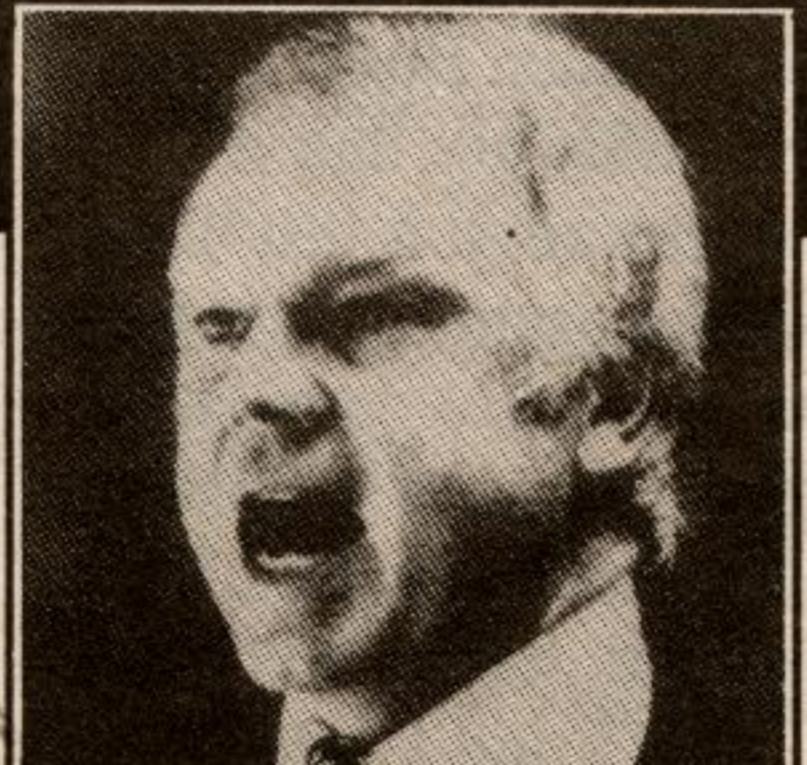
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Tales of the Broad Street Bullies

The Philadelphia Flyers: when one says the name, everybody has visions of the Broad Street Bullies.

There was Bobby Clarke, a feisty little gamer. I once saw Terry O'Reilly hit him behind the net in the Boston Garden in the playoffs one year and tear the muscles off the bone of his leg in the groin area. He taped up the leg and tried to come back.

Remember Bernie Parent, who for two years was the best goalie in the world? Remember how he almost single handedly beat the Boston Bruins?

Then there was Billy Barber, who taught the Russians how to dive, but at least he got up with a little smile on his face. Boy, did he have a nice pair of hands.

What about Reggie Leach with that slap shot? One year he must have got a hundred goals against us. (At least it seemed like a hundred.) I remember he let one go and caught Gerry Cheevers in the face. Down goes Cheevers. I figure he's dead and I'm heartbroken. There's my meal ticket laying there. I run out on the ice, there's blood coming from Cheevers everywhere. I say, "Gerry! Gerry! Speak to me, speak to me!! Are you alright?" Cheevers opens one eye and says, "I'm OK Grapes. How's the crowd taking it?"



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