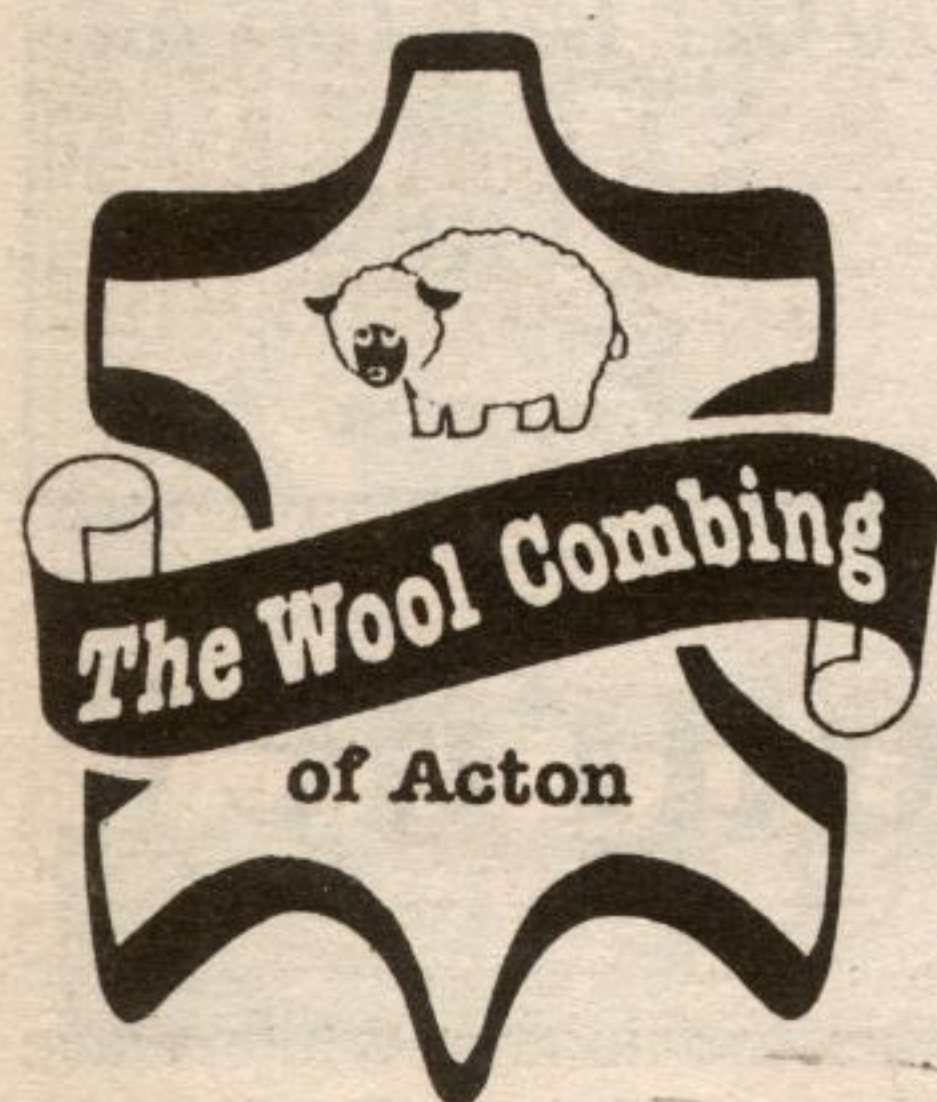


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Rotary beats Elora

The Acton Rotary Club Atom I hockey squad came up with a big win in Elora last Wednesday night in Tri-County action.

By the end of the initial frame the locals held a 4-2 lead and they went on to record a 5-2 win over their hosts.

Greg Barens put a pair of markers behind the Elora netminder to lead Rotary. Both goals were unassisted.

Barens assisted on the first goal of the encounter, off the stick of cousin Joe Field.

Acton's final two goals were pocketed by Chris Near (assisted by Andrew Forbes) and Derrick Inscoe (from Matt Hebden).

The Atoms suffered a third period collapse one night earlier, as visiting Milton overcame a 3-0 deficit to tie Rotary at 3.

Joe Field opened the Acton scoring this night, with Jason McGuire picking up the assist.

Derrick Inscoe then fired a second period marker with help from Field and McGuire.

Steve Barens then found twine with 7:49 left in the final frame. This final Acton goal was unassisted.

With less than three minutes remaining in the game, Milton came back to score three goals.

The Rotary club played last night (Tuesday) in Arthur.

Golf tourney raises \$715

Blue Springs Golf Club members raised \$715 for Acton FoodShare on Sunday at their third annual Jack Frost Golf Tournament.

Some 30 golfers bundled up to tackle the club's Trillium Par-3 course, with the threesome of Alice Grater, Ken Keates and Paul Westaway taking first place.

A final playoff hole was needed to determine the winning team in this year's event.

The 30 golfers represented the event's largest turnout yet.

"We certainly recognize the needs of the food bank," commented Ken Keates, president of the Blue Springs Founders Club.

"This being our third year, we've raised almost \$3,000 for FoodShare, and we hope this goes a long way toward helping some people have happier holidays."

Peewees tie

Acton's Monmar Homes Peewee II hockey squad came away with a single point from their back-to-back home matches last week.

On Saturday at the Community Centre the Peewees rebounded from a slow start to tie visiting Grand Valley 5-5.

Acton was down 4-2 at one point in this Tri-County contest, but the locals rebounded to gain the draw.

Ruben Rivers, Paul Withers, Kevin Dick, Derek Lockerbie and Ryan Young all scored single markers for the home side.

Coach Brian Bodin reported that goalie Craig Foster played well.

On Sunday at the Community Centre, the Monmar club dropped yet another close encounter, this time by a 2-1 margin to Fergus.

It's been common for the Peewees to outshoot their opposition in their losses, and Sunday's match was no exception.

Bob Brooks bulged the twine to register Acton's lone goal.

Monmar already has suffered seven one-goal losses this year.

Next game is in Acton on Saturday night at 6:30 against Milton.

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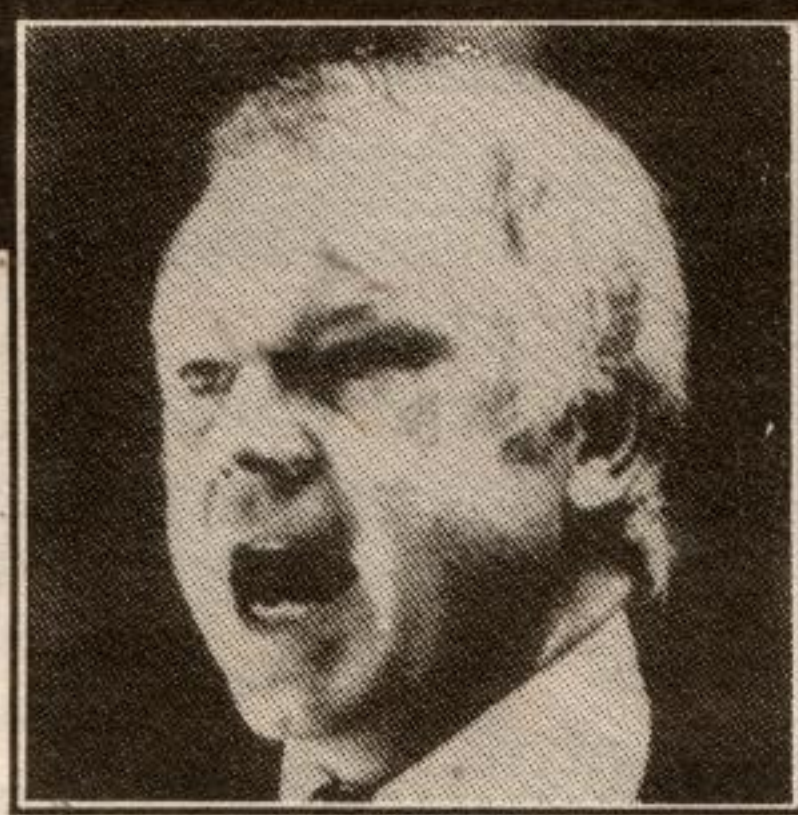


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Hockey not a Canadian game?

Last week I left you with my defense of Canadian bashing in the NHL, so it continues.

The Jets on the road at the start of last year, had to get cattle prods to prod them on the ice in places like Chicago. So what does Mike Smith do? He gets two Canadian boys to put some guts on the team. Kris King and Tie Domi come and they go on a tear and win two straight and the fans come out. A sellout because of these two guys. Kris and Tie will have their hands full this year and here's why. Look to their top prospects: Ivan Vologzhaninou, Nikolai Khabibulin, Yan Kaminsky, Boris Mironov, Yuka Ylonen.

In fact Mike Smith has only drafted seven Canadians in two years. I love his statement, "The fact is, it hasn't been a Canadian game since 1972." Well Mike, the Montreal Canadiens had 18 out of 20 guys playing who were Canadian boys and the other two were Americans. Besides I thought we won in 1972?

More next week!



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