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Sabres host, capture Novice hockey tourney

John Field and Andrew Pembleton scored inside the two-minute mark of the third period last Monday to lift the Acton Nellis Construction Novice I Sabres past the Haliburton Huskies 6-4.

In doing so, they captured the Acton Minor Hockey Association (AMHA) Novice rep tournament.

The two goals broke a 3-3 tie in the see-saw contest at the Community Centre. The teams then traded goals with Pembleton completing his hat-trick.

Acton, though, started the game at the Community Centre the same

way it began. Pembleton and Mike Dube scored in the opening five minutes. Shawn Prentice and Adam Brouillard notched assists on the goals.

Haliburton evened the game early in the second period before Jon Newby put Acton in the lead at 3-2 on a goal assisted by Nick Mastro.

However, the northern visitors knotted the game again heading to the final period.

Other assists went to Newby, Jason Strong and David Lyons.

The locals advanced to the final

after eliminating the King City entry, which had already won a tournament this year.

The Acton tourney also attracted teams from Milton, Arthur, Caledonia, King City, Tottenham and Georgetown, who was bumped in semi-final play by Haliburton.

Pembleton, Field, Dube, Brouillard, Chris Jowett and Mark Pawlak scored in Acton's 6-3 doubling of King City.

Single assists were credited to Pawlak, Dube, Field, Lyons and Sean Kirk.

Acton began the tournament

with a narrow 3-2 overtime victory over Tottenham.

Dube potted the winner, his second of the game, six minutes into the extra period. Pembleton counted the other.

Newby, Dube and Mastro recorded assists.

Meanwhile, a win and loss over the Christmas holidays in league play gave the local squad a 15-5-4 record heading to 1994.

Buoyed by their tournament success, Acton buried visiting Milton 7-1 last Tuesday at the Community Centre in Tri-County action.

The home side scored all their goals in the first and second periods and rode their shutout until the last minute when they coughed up a breakaway goal.

Pawlak scored two goals, while John Field scored once and set up three others.

Also scoring for the winning Nellis club were Kirk, Dube, Newby and Pembleton.

Other helpers were awarded to teammates Steve Atkinson and Matt Wolfer with two each, Mastro, Dube, Pembleton and Mike McDonald.



HE SHOOTS, HE SCORES! Acton Rotary Club Sabres Atom I rep player Steven Barens (9) scores here against Acton house league hockey Select goalie Dan Hasting during the fourth annual Acton rep tourney at the Community Centre last Tuesday. The reps won 7-2. (Tony Rouse photo)

Rotary Club wins battle for bronze

A win, tie and loss for the Acton Atom Rotary Club Atoms in their own tournament last Tuesday was good for a Bronze medal.

A good result unless you talk to coach Pete Cargill.

"I'm disappointed because I felt we could have beat Georgetown (in Game 1) and been in the championship against Guelph," says Cargill, whose team tied Georgetown 6-6 and routed them

earlier this season 14-1. "We didn't look out of place in any game."

Acton showed character as they came back in the third period in the fourth annual Acton Atom rep tourney game.

Joey Field bagged a hat-trick. Singles came from Greg Barens, Steven Barens and Derrick Inscoc.

Steven Barens set up two goals. Single assists went to Greg Barens, Inscoc, Ben Williams, Ryan

Weatherall and Mitch Moore.

Despite a 6-4 loss to Pelham in Game 2, the Rotary Club made the bronze game against the Acton house league Select team.

The Field-Steven Barens-Matt Hebdon line played exceptionally as the reps prevailed 7-2.

Hebdon led the attack with two goals and two assists.

Field and Steven Barens had four assists apiece against Pelham.

Sabres finalists at Dunnville tourney

Following a close-checking 2-2 draw against Dunnville earlier in the annual Fire 'n Ice hockey tournament in Dunnville, fans of the Acton Nellis Construction I Sabres anticipated a similar game in the final.

They weren't disappointed by the end of last week.

The teams were locked in a second goaltenders' showdown on Sunday as the Dunnville keeper thwarted Acton players in the first period and held the game scoreless.

However, with Acton possibly tiring from a semi-final match earlier in the day against Thorold, the third period belonged to Dunnville. They scored with under seven minutes left to claim the title.

Down 2-1, Acton's Nick Mastro tied the game five minutes into the third period. Mike Dube and Adam Brouillard drew helpers.

Dunnville outplayed Acton in the final 10 minutes of the period thanks to 12 shots on net. The winning goal came with 6:30 left.

Andrew Pembleton fed Steve Atkinson for the other goal.

In the semi-final, Acton was in tough against a previously unchallenged Thorold squad, which handled earlier opponents

4-1, 13-0 and 20-0.

Acton's Chris Jowett tied the game 1-1 with 10 seconds left in the second period after Max Schaeffer's heroics in the local net had held Thorold to one goal.

Mastro netted the game-winner three minutes into the final frame from Dube and Mark Pawlak. Pembleton made it 3-1 from John Field before the latter salted matters with an empty net goal assisted by Jon Newby.

Outfits from Ancaster, Beverly, Glanbrook, Flamborough and Oshawa, who opened against Acton, were the other entries.

Acton tied Oshawa 1-1 in Game 1 of round-robin play.

Field scored from Sean Kirk. Field scored both Acton goals in the earlier 2-2 battle with Dunnville. Jowett assisted.

Acton found the win column in Game 3, blasting Ancaster 9-0 to assure themselves a berth in the championship round.

Pembleton pocketed two goals and an assist, while Newby scored to go with two helpers.

Also scoring were Prentice with two, Mastro, Jowett, Steve Atkinson and Mark Pawlak.

Assists went to Matt Wolfer, David Lyons and Mike McDonald.

Jason Strong recorded the shutout.



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