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## Nellis Sabres eliminate Elora

The Acton Nellis Construction Novice II rep Sabres rolled over Elora in the opening round of their all-Ontario championship hockey quest.

They eliminated Elora in three games, 7-0, 9-0 and 3-1.

The sweep was completed last Wednesday as Mike Dube scored twice, while John Field had the other.

Assists went to Nick Mastro with two and Jon Newby.

In Game 2, Dube continued his torrid performance with four goals and three assists in the 9-0 rout. Shawn Prentice added a pair of goals, while Field and Chris Jowett each had a goal and an assist.

Matt Wolfer also scored, while Adam Brouillard with two and Andrew Pembleton added other helpers.

Dube bagged the hat-trick in Game 1. Mark Pawlak added a goal and three assists, while Steven Atkinson recorded three assists.

Mastro, Pembleton and Prentice potted single goals. Other assists went to Field, Sean Kirk and David Lyons.

Acton travels to Bracebridge this weekend in tournament action.



**TALENTED TROIKA:** From left, Acton bowlers Steve Turkosz, Angie Ahearn and Brad Hammond participated in the Youth Bowling Challenge Regional finals on Sunday in Owen Sound. (Submitted photo)

## Bowling troika hot

On Sunday, three Acton youth bowlers travelled to chilly Owen Sound, representing their home town and bowling region in the Youth Bowling Challenge Regional Finals.

Maple Hills, Gray Bruce, Bluewater and Grand River participated in the double round-robin tourney.

Steve Turkosz, a 189 bowler and Angie Ahearn, a 175 shooter, were members of the mixed squadron. They helped the Maple Hills

team to a second place finish with a total of 25 points.

After six long matches, Brad Hammond, a 209 bowler, and his teammates managed to cling to a first place finish with a total of 30.5 points in the Men's division. They narrowly defeated their rivals from Bluewater.

Hammond, along with his four teammates from Guelph, Fergus and Orangeville, advance to the Provincial finals in Orillia on March 26.

## Ockenden 'optimistic' of indoor pool's fate

BY DOUG HARRISON  
The Acton Tanner

Gerry Ockenden is optimistic about the possibility of the Acton Indoor Pool being locked with the opening of a \$3.375 million Georgetown leisure pool.

At a Department of Recreation and Parks public meeting in late November, Jim Morgenstern, a partner with IER Planning, Research and Management Services, said the Acton pool would get support if the level of its use after the Georgetown facility opens warrants it.

"Obviously the kids want to come here or they wouldn't be swimming with us," says Ockenden, the Acton Aqua Ducks swim coach since 1987.

The Aqua Ducks have grown from 14 to 30 swimmers since last year and are grabbing medal after medal, ribbon after ribbon at each competition.

"In five years we could have 10, 40, 50 or 60 kids on the team. It's frustrating because you go through the effort to build on this and ...," Ockenden says, referring to the proposed five to seven-year opening of the 25-metre Georgetown swimming pool.

"I'm optimistic, though. But if we have to move, it would be inconvenient. Why not put the pool in the middle of Halton Hills?"

While the 45-year-old Acton resident said the pool's lesson program seems healthy, Ockenden

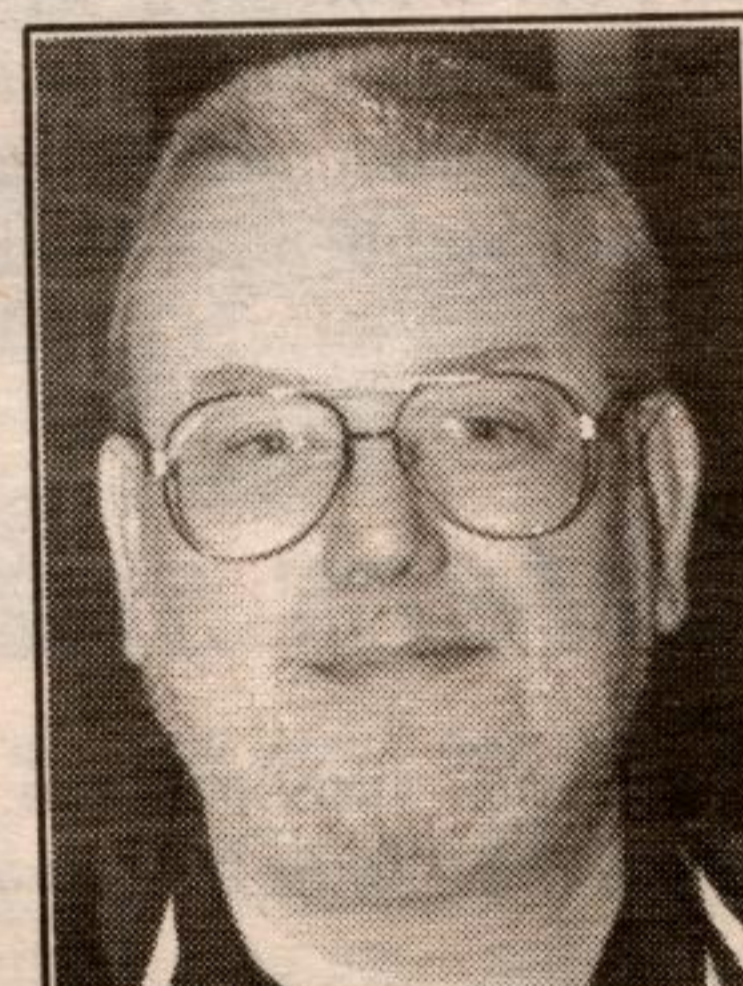
knows the bottom line is numbers, but feels a local club keeps the kids off the streets — and improves their school work.

"It's healthy for them, I've seen some kids' school work turn around and introverts come out of their shell," Ockenden reveals. "I try to teach them the best they can

be and life skills are a big part of that."

Ockenden, who has his National Coaching Certificate (NCC), level three theory and level three technical, just loves the kids. And he doesn't want the hard work of the kids and their parents, who have helped tremendously with bingos and other fundraisers, to become a faded memory.

"The kids come for the kids and the parents do bingos for the kids," states Ockenden. "Some of these kids start at age eight or nine and like what they're doing here, but how are they going to feel if someone says they can't do it anymore?"



GERRY OCKENDEN



Andy's Novice II hockey coach Steve Bronizewski chats with Kyle Strong. (Mike Albano photo)

## Andy's dusts Milton

Stellar defence and an explosive offence helped the Andy's Restaurant Novice II rep hockey team sweep their best-of-five OMHA series against Milton.

Andy's dusted off Milton at the Community Centre on Saturday with a 4-1 win after crushing their opponents to the south 7-2 Friday in Milton.

Darryl Wright scored two goals in the final game. Joe Dunbar and Brian Field also

scored for the locals.

Assisting were Field, Dunbar, Joe Brunelle and Stephen Boychuck.

Matt Bronizewski paced the attack on Friday with a hat-trick. Field, Mike Borg, Colin Sheehan and Greg Voisin also found the net.

Borg, Sheehan, Wright and Peter Glatt grabbed two helpers. Singles went to Field, Strong, Boychuck and Stephano Citton.

## Legion Peewee hockey tourney attracts 24 teams

The Community Centre ice will take a beating this weekend as 24 teams invade the area for the 24th annual Acton Legion Peewee House League tournament.

New entries from Cedarhill, Chingacousy, Dundas, Erin, Georgetown, Hagersville, Kincardine, King City, Orangeville, Oshawa, Riverside, Simcoe, Vaughan and Wexford will battle Hamilton, Oakville, Orillia, Peterborough and Brampton in quest

of three championships.

Close to 550 players, managers and coaches will occupy the arena throughout Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Teams will be slotted in either an A, B or C division and battle for three consolation or championship spots.

Acton will ice a "B" division select house league team that will be coached by Lori Dickinson, Doug Chadwick, Rick Scully and Ron Schmidt.

The locals will open the tournament on Friday, tangling with Brampton at 6:30 pm.

"The tournament seems to interest people. There aren't too many house league tournaments in Ontario," says Acton house league president John Toebes. "Acton is quite central for a lot of the teams, they get used to it and come back."

Games will continue Friday until midnight. Action starts on

Saturday at 7 am and runs until 2 pm when the first round will be complete. Round 2 will begin at 3 pm with the last game slated for 8 pm. On Sunday, regular games start at 8 am and finish at 1 pm, minutes before the first consolation game.

The three consolation games run from 1 pm to 4 pm, while the championship matches are set for 4 pm, 5:15 pm and 6:30 pm.

Acton soloist Beverley

Boisvenue will sing O'Canada at 6 pm Sunday and will be followed by the president and a ladies auxiliary president with the color part of Branch 197, who will be in attendance for the presentation of trophies to the winning teams.

Also, the traditional breakfast at the Legion is slated for Sunday morning from 7:30 to noon.

Two eggs, pancakes, bacon, toast, juice and coffee or tea will be available for \$3.