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Acton wins hockey tourney 'B' consolation

BY DOUG HARRISON

The Acton Tanner

The 24th annual Acton Legion Peewee house league hockey tournament had it all: a power outage Saturday afternoon, a triple overtime in the "C" division championship and the host team as consolation champs.

Close to 550 players, coaches and managers from 24 teams, some as far north as Orillia and east as Peterborough, descended on the Community Centre through the weekend in quest of three consolation and championship titles.

It was a big success, according to Acton's house league president.

"It was one of the best in the 24 years, attendance-wise and financially," says John Toebes. He adds the figure won't be known until the arena has been paid its \$93 hourly rate for over 30 hours of ice service.

The Acton select house league team opened their "B" division play Friday night with a heart-breaking 5-4 loss in overtime to Brampton. They rebounded with a narrow 3-2 win over Oakville Saturday afternoon and captured the B-consolation with a 4-3 trimming of Orillia Sunday afternoon.

"They impressed me," says Toebes. "They had good

goaltending and were more disciplined than any other team. Some of the opposing coaches were worse than the kids."

Blair Williamson and Joey Zinke led the locals with a six and five point weekend, respectively.

One Acton line handled Orillia in the consolation. Zinke had two goals and one assist, while Williamson scored a goal and added two assists. Derek Nolan notched one goal and two helpers.

Other assists went to Drexler with two and Rob Bonus.

Zinke, Muggridge and Peter Drexler potted goals in the 3-2 victory on Saturday.

Williamson with a pair and Jimmy Dickinson had helpers.

"It was a close match all the way through," states Lori Dickinson, one of the four Acton coaches. "We didn't realize until the middle of the second period that it was full-body contact. We were getting killed."

Ben Muggridge with two, Zinke and Curtis Archibald scored for the home side on Friday.

Assisting were Williamson, Robbie Laird, Josh Wilson and Dan Stanhope.

"They all worked as a team. I thought the whole weekend was competitive," Dickinson offers.

Toebes says Acton will go all out for next year's 25th tournament, adding a reunion of volunteers may be in the works along with something for the kids.

NOTES: In the other consolation games, Cedarhill doubled Wexford 4-2 in the A-division, while Kincardine shut down Orangeville 3-0 in the C game. In championship action, Oshawa outlasted Flamborough 4-3 in triple overtime in the C game. Dofasco of Hamilton beat Chinguacousy 4-1 in the A-division final, while Peterborough shaded Chinguacousy 2-1 in the B-championship.



PRESIDENT'S CHOICE: Acton Legion Branch 197 president Joyce Buchanan is flanked by Flamborough captain Kenny Nixon, left, and Oshawa Christ Church captain David Pierce during the Acton Legion Peewee hockey tourney award ceremonies at the Community Centre on Sunday. Oshawa won the 'C' championship, 4-3 over Peterborough in triple overtime. (Mike Albano photo)

Acton Aqua Ducks — alive and well

BY DOUG HARRISON

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Bingo! The Acton Aqua Ducks are quacking with authority in 1994.

Since their first year in 1987, the local swim team has financially lurked in shallow waters. Every June, they seem to be hit with the question of survival: yea or nay?

But this year the water seems to be getting deeper. For starters, the team has depth — having grown to 30 members from 14 in 1993.

And running bingos — lots of them — through the summer has

brought the team out of debt and looking for better times.

"We're in better shape than last June, but we could be better. We just keep paying the bills and surviving," says Sandy Foley, Aqua Ducks secretary-treasurer. "We always seem to be running behind the eight-ball, trying to avoid paying for the previous year."

But lately, Foley has been sprinting for the cheque book and clearing outlying payments.

Outstanding rental fees for the Acton Indoor Pool (\$2,400 for three months) and \$1,200 for new Aqua Duck outfits this year have been erased following the arrival of \$4,000 from a recent Super Jackpot and successful weekend at Bingo Country on Highway 25.

The Aqua Ducks are fortunate this year in that the bingo hall has changed their former midnight to 3 am slot for a more attractive 9 pm to midnight schedule.

Foley said they were losing more money than they made and

found it tough explaining that to the seven dedicated parents who came out each night.

It's simply the 30 smiling faces that keep Foley and the parents going.

"The new kids are getting their feet wet in some meets and we're keeping the team and the kids in it

so they can have fun," says Foley, who adds a Tupperware fundraiser at Christmas raised about \$100.

"It's been a great year and it's all because of the driving force — the parent organization," says Aqua Duck swim coach Gerry Ockenden.

"If we didn't get the support from the group we wouldn't be able to do anything."

The Aqua Ducks pay anywhere from \$800 to \$1,200 a month for pool costs, depending on its use.

"We've had good sponsorship from Glenlea Drug Mart, Georgetown Kinsmen. Other businesses in town give us money here and there," explains Foley, who adds the executive must go after more Acton sponsorship.

"We don't do a whole lot of fund-raising because the parent support isn't there, since they are always doing the bingos," she says.

Foley says if nothing else, the bingos give the parents a sense of doing something, while their kids practice anywhere from three to six hours a week.

"We spent two years of making nothing and one day we may be ahead of the game," says Judy MacDonald, president of the parent executive. Sandra Lichty is vice-president. "Thank goodness for all the bingo players around."



SANDY FOLEY

Proplastex wins Round 1 playoff

From glory to gloom.

That's what the Acton Atom "D" Proplastex hockey squad felt after taking their first-round, best-of-five OMHA series with Fergus and then dropping Game 1 of round 2 three days later.

Hespeler thumped Acton 7-2 at the Hespeler Arena Friday for a 1-0 lead in the best-of-five series.

Jeff Payne and Ryan Turpin scored first and third period goals, respectively, in a losing cause.

Payne and goalie Chad Greenwood drew assists.

Last Tuesday in Fergus, the locals downed the hosts 5-2 for a 3-1 series win.

Thomas Payne with two, Darren Banks, David Iacocca and Graham Marsh scored for Acton.

Adam Bosch led with two assists. Singles went to Banks, Marsh, Thomas and Jeff Payne and Jeff Schouten.

Game 2 of the Hespeler series went last night (Tuesday) in Acton. Game 3 is also set for the Community Centre tonight.

Bants sweep Fergus

The Acton Firefighter Bantam hockey team got out the broom instead of hoses last Wednesday as they swept Fergus 3-0 in the best-of-five OMHA first-round series in Acton.

The locals now await the completion of the St. Mary's-Strathroy series.

Matt Boycott led the Firefighters at the Community Cen-

tre in the final game with a hat-trick. Also scoring were Trevor Malloy with two, Derrick McIntyre, Chris Williams and Scott McIntyre.

Registering helpers were Jason Pembleton with three, Williams, Derrick McIntyre, Philip McIntyre, Marty McKinnon, Aaron Forrest and Steve White.