

# Dunbar's 4 goals paces Andy's over Milton

Joe Dunbar scored two goals on Monday to help the Andy's Res-

taurant Novice II rep hockey squad beat Milton 5-2 in Tri-County round-robin playoff action.

Darryl Wright with a pair and Mike Borg also scored.

Assists went to Stephen Boychuk with three, Chad Henry two, Dunbar and Wright.

On Saturday, Dunbar scored twice as Andy's shut down Milton at the Community Centre 2-0.

Peter Glatt and Chad Henry assisted on the goals, while Nathan Bowen recorded the shutout.

Stephano Citton scored the lone Andy's goal in a 2-1 loss in Fergus on Thursday.

# Snyder relishes change of scenery

BY DOUG HARRISON

The Acton Tanner

Wrestler Scott Snyder's mat strategy is simple: Go into a match strong and get it over with.

It appears to have worked for the Grade 10 Acton High student after compiling a spectacular 32-14 record in his first full-year on the Halton high school circuit.

In the span of a year, Snyder's wrestling world turned full circle.

He began wrestling as a Grade 9 in Iowa at Ottomwa High School. After posting a 15-5 record, Snyder suffered a back injury that "hurt just to walk."

But after a long recovery and move, Snyder raced onto the local scene this year. He adapted to free-style wrestling from collegiate south of the border and to competing as a rookie on the Georgetown Rebel squad from being the centre of attention at Ottomwa.

"The move was worth it as long as I got the chance to wrestle,"

says the personable 16-year-old. "There are a lot of tough guys here and they know a lot more. I've been used to three, one-minute periods to a match in the States with a break. Here, the matches are four minutes."

Snyder also faced a drastic change in conditioning methods. In Iowa, he would always be on the mat, but at Georgetown High he was running stairs for 10 to 12 minutes a practice and working with endurance weights.

"Mr. Hall and Mr. Daniels are the best coaches I've had. They're good motivators and know

what they're talking about," he acknowledges.

Perhaps the biggest move for Snyder, though, occurred off the mat. Being the lone representative from Acton High and not too familiar with the Halton mat wars, Hall thought it would be in Snyder's best interests to find a teammate from Acton.

He found a successful one in Carlos Scappin. Throughout the

year, the two frequently talked wrestling and traded stories between themselves and among their Rebel mates.

"I tend to get psyched out if a guy is known as a good wrestler," concedes the 127-pound grappler. "The guys give me tips on opponents' tendencies and tell me that I can beat them. They're all good friends, so it's like a big family."

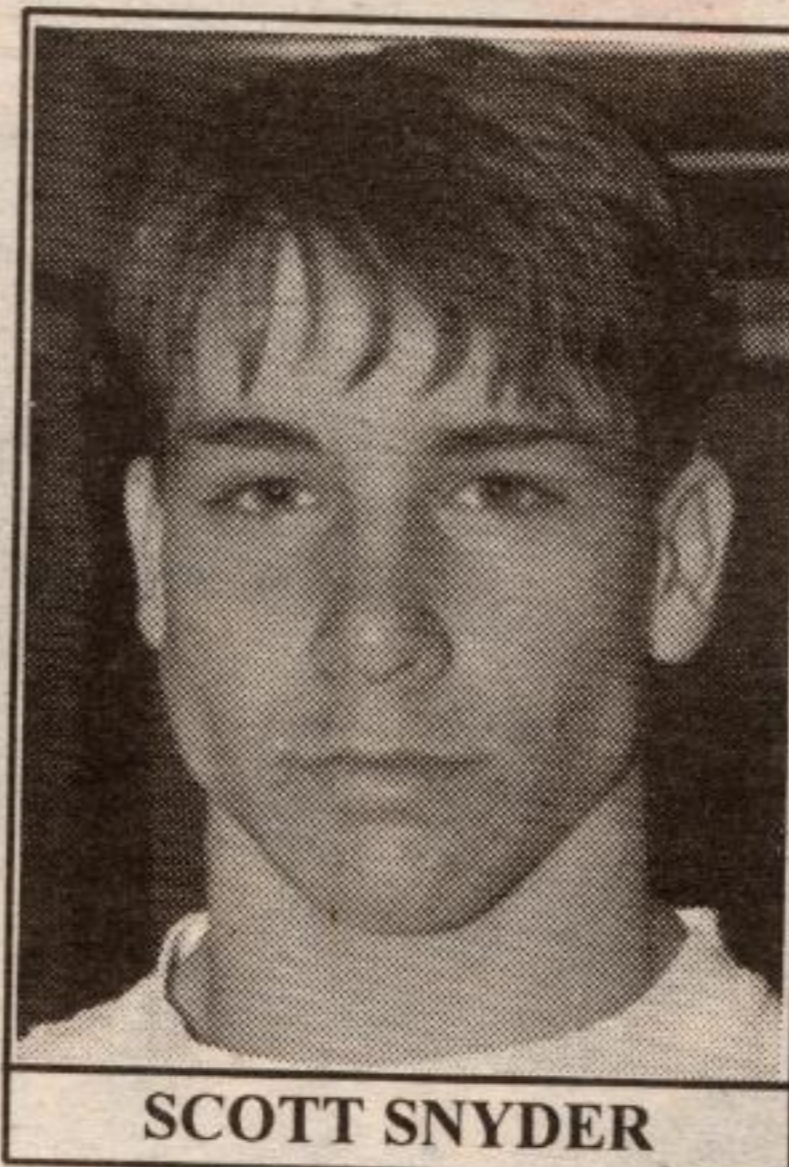
Snyder received support from them, too. His mother attended all his matches with a video recorder in hand and quietly became her son's second coach.

"They (the tapes) have helped," Snyder admits. "I've improved my throws. Before I wasn't going all out with them, but I realized I had to commit all the way to do them right. I think match-to-match."

Snyder prefers to leave the talking to his mat performance when answering critics of his small stature.

"The greatest satisfaction is right after pinning a guy you shouldn't have beat. It's such a high because it doesn't happen all the time," he explains.

Snyder plans to attend the Canadian championships in Edmonton in three weeks and hopes to move up a weight class next year.



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The battlers approached each other cautiously, each waiting for the first shot. Needless to say, Battleship did a number on Morrison, with Morrison draped over the boards at the end. Battleship skated around the rink with his hands in the air like Rocky. He was the champ of the American League for sure.

The New Haven fans went nuts, throwing stuff at Battleship Bob, and he loved it. We were hot stuff.

I loved Battleship like son and would have liked to have had him in Rochester as long as I coached. But I had an obligation to Bob. He belonged to the NHL and I made it my business to see that he got there. We sold Bob to St. Louis for \$50,000.

A week after the deal to St. Louis a huge box came to the house. It was a colour TV, with a note from Battleship thanking me for everything. Battleship Kelly was class all the way.

More hockey stories and trivia next week!

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**Bants battling for a championship berth**

The Acton Firefighter Bantam hockey team improved its chances at gaining a berth in the Tri-County championship with a pair of victories recently.

The locals scored six goals in the middle frame en route to an 11-5 dismantling of Fergus last Wednesday at home.

Jon Routledge and Steve White each potted hat-tricks.

Also scoring were Gary Genzler with two, Chris Williams, Dave Clark and Aaron Forrest.

White led with four assists, while Forrest, Marty McKinnon and David Lajeunesse set up three goals each. Other assists went to Matt Boycott with a pair, Routledge, Williams, Scott McIntyre, Adam DaPonte, and Trevor Malloy.

The Firefighters are involved in round-robin action against Fergus, Erin and Arthur. The top two teams will decide the Bantam championship in a best-of-five showdown.

DaPonte scored three goals as the Firefighters crushed Erin 7-2 recently.

Malloy with two, White and Forrest had the other goals.

McIntyre set up three goals, while Forrest and Jason Pemberton had two assists. Single helpers went to Malloy, White and Clark.

The Firefighters played at the Community Centre on Monday and last night (Tuesday).

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