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Hudson is suspended indefinitely

Mike Hudson, a Rockwood native and centre with the National Hockey League's New York Rangers, has been suspended indefinitely by the NHL after a high-sticking incident on the weekend.

The 26-year-old Acton Minor Hockey product was assessed a match penalty for intent to injure and ejected from Saturday's 6-2 matinee loss to the Pittsburgh Penguins after high-sticking defenceman Kjell Samuelsson at the Pittsburgh Civic Centre.

The rulebook calls for an automatic suspension until the league has held a hearing and made a ruling. The hearing was scheduled for yesterday (Tuesday).

Hudson has scored four goals and added seven assists for 11 points in 48 games this season.

Andy's meets Fergus in Tri-County final

Three wins in the past week has propelled the Andy's Restaurant Novice II rep hockey team to the Tri-County championship against Fergus.

Andy's embarrassed Arthur 9-1 last Wednesday, clipped them 1-0 on Friday and defeated Fergus 5-2 on Saturday.

Kyle Strong, Jesse Hepburn, Peter Glatt, Matthew Bronizewski and Stephano Citton scored for the locals at the Community Centre on Saturday.

Contributing assists were Bronizewski and Chad Henry with a pair each, Glatt, Michael Borg, Brian Field and Joe Dunbar.

Chris Schiller was solid in the Andy's net.

Dunbar, from Strong and Citton, pocketed the lone goal of the game in Arthur on Friday.

Field scored the hat-trick last Wednesday at the Community Centre.

Also scoring were Citton, Dunbar, Hepburn, Bronizewski, Borg and Glatt.

Registering helpers were Steven Boychuck with two, Field and Strong.

NOTES: Andy's participated in the 25th annual "Little Brave" hockey tourney today (Wednesday) in Plattsville. The one-day event attracted teams from New Hamburg, Norwich, Wellesley, Dorchester, Cayuga, Lafroy, and Port Dover.



DEADLY DUO: Cara McGilloway, left, and Stasha Vancek have advanced to this weekend's Ontario Interclub skating championships in Sudbury after a second and third place finish, respectively, at the recent Central Ontario Section Interclub championships. (Doug Harrison photo)



I'VE GOT IT! Legion Branch 197 hockey player Michael Gerrow stretches to keep the puck away from Macmillan's opponent Shawn Meilleur in a Novice house league playoff match at the Community Centre on Saturday. Gerrow potted a goal in the 2-2 tie. (Mike Albano photo)

Skating troika excels at COSIC championship

BY DOUG HARRISON

The Acton Tanner

Acton Figure Skating Club coach Cindy Currie may still have a smile on her face from the recent Central Ontario Section Interclub (COSIC) competition in Norwood.

Her three students, Stasha Vancek, Cara McGilloway and Danny Pursoo excelled in their respective programs.

Vancek finished third in the Senior Ladies' Silver Freeskate, McGilloway captured second in Junior Ladies' Bronze Freeskate and Pursoo placed sixth in preliminary Mens' Freeskate.

Vancek and McGilloway have advanced to this weekend's Ontario Interclub championships in Sudbury. It will be Vancek's second trip to the all-Ontario event in the last three years, while McGilloway went last year.

"Everything went pretty good. There were only five (in my competition), so it wasn't that stressful," says Vancek, 16, of her COSIC performance. "My spins were really good. I'm glad I'm moving on."

"The marking was up and down. I didn't know how I was doing," McGilloway added.

"I'm pleased with all three of

them. They've worked hard," says Currie on Monday. "In the figures portion to be in the top half is a must, so you don't have to climb so high with the freeskate."

"Artistically, Cara and Stasha are both good and if they can both connect with their technical programs, they will have a good performance."

Currie was particularly impressed with Pursoo's ability to take to the ice and not hold back.

"Danny skated very well. He has skated aggressively this year," Currie praises. "In the past he's been timid, but he was really confident in himself and it showed in his program. I couldn't have asked any more of him."

"The main thing is they feel good about themselves."

While she didn't point to specifics, Currie hinted the judging was a little suspect.

"The audience's reaction is a good indication of how a skater is doing and sometimes I wonder what they (judges) see and what they don't," remarks Currie. "It's frustrating at times, but you take the good with the bad."

"All three met my expectations. From there, it's in the judges' hands."

Fire Bants advance to Tri-County final

A pair of victories last week for the Acton Firefighter Bantam hockey squad makes it four in a row and paved the way for a Tri-County championship.

The locals are involved in round-robin playoff action against Fergus, Erin and Arthur.

The Firefighters downed Arthur 11-5 last Monday and were 7-2 victors against Erin last Tuesday.

They suffered their first loss on Sunday, a 6-5 heart-breaker in Arthur, who they will meet in the Tri-County final regardless of Monday's outcome in Fergus.

Matt Boycott and Marty McKinnon each fired two goals at the Community Centre as the home side built a 3-0 lead and scored four third-period goals en route to a five-goal win against Erin.

Singles went to Steve White, Trevor Malloy and Derrick

McIntyre.

Chris Williams set up three goals. White, Boycott, and Scott McIntyre had two helpers apiece, while singles went to McKinnon, Dave Clark and Jon Routledge.

Jason Pembleton scored the lone home side goal in a quiet 1-0 first period lead against Arthur.

But the Firefighters broke open a 5-3 lead in the final frame with six unanswered goals by six different marksmen.

McIntyre and Pembleton led the attack with two goals each. Singles went to Routledge, White, Malloy, McKinnon, Adam DaPonte, Gary Genzler and Aaron Forrest.

Topping the helper parade was Forrest with four. Other assists were awarded to Genzler, Williams and Malloy with two, McIntyre, Boycott, McKinnon, Routledge, Pembleton and White.