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## Olde Crows of Acton tourney a success

BY DOUG HARRISON  
 The Acton Tanner

No fights, no injuries, no blow-outs and lots of suds.

No, this isn't an update on the labour negotiations between the NHL Players' Association and the owners, but a report on the successful fourth annual Oldtimers hockey tourney hosted by the Olde Crows of Acton at the Community Centre on the weekend.

"All three divisions were very equal. It wasn't as much a success financially from past years, but the games went well," says tourney chair Jim Cooney, who adds the Old Crows raised about \$1,600 for the Acton Minor Hockey Association. "Beer sales were up this year, so that helped out."

The Olde Crows have raised around \$7,600 in the four years. Cooney says ice time and insurance costs raised the fee some \$1,600 to run the event this year.

But thanks to numerous local merchants, 130 prizes — the most ever — were donated to the tournament's free prize table. As well, Sleeman's Phil Thatcher donated

50 T-shirts to each member of the runners-up in each division and beer glasses to the MVP of each team in the finals.

"Just about everybody we asked donated," says an appreciative Cooney, adding a special thanks goes to Clint Peacock and the Acton Refereeing Association for a great job. "When they're told the proceeds are going to minor hockey they are willing to give."

On the ice, Acton's lone representative, the *Neanderthals*, compiled a 1-1-1 record in their division, but failed to make the finals.

They opened the tourney — sponsored by Sleeman Breweries in Guelph — on Friday against the eventual division champion *Last Calls* from Kitchener, falling 3-1.

On Saturday, they were clipped 2-1 by *Islington* and 5-4 by Guelph's *Old Frames*.

Cooney says if there's a fifth tourney, he would prefer handing over the torch after four years.

"It's been tiring," he sighed, "but it's the same old story. A lot of people help out, but no one wants to take charge."



**HALTON'S BEST:** The Acton High Midget volleyball club captured the Halton championship with a 15-12, 15-8 win over Burlington's M.M. Robinson at Iroquois Ridge last Wednesday. Back row: coach Dave Boycott, Mark Faseruk, Terry Foster, André Savard, Phil McIntyre, Mike Sop, Fraser Hewitt Brian McIntyre and assistant coach Pam Olsen. Front row: Glenn Kilmer, Philip Wilson, Ben Muggridge, Matt West, Bob Brooks and Shaun Lockwood. (Doug Harrison photo)

## Midgets are Halton's best

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They may be Midgets, but they're standing tall over Halton high schools today.

Halfway through the Acton High Midget Boys' volleyball squad's tournament-style matchups with North-Halton schools this season, coach Dave Boycott knew the Redmen were contenders for the Halton crown.

His thoughts were felt by his players last Wednesday, when they rebounded from horrific outings in the morning of the one-day Halton championships at Iroquois Ridge to reel off four straight victories, ending with a riveting 15-12, 15-8 final victory over Burlington's M.M. Robinson.

Fraser Hewitt and Andre Savard led the winners at the net

"Whoever was in front pounding the ball their hitting and defence was incredible," beamed Boycott after the win. He also praised the work of middle players Brian and Phil McIntyre.

However, it was a semi-final upset of the defending champion Oakville-Trafalgar Red Devils that Boycott and assistant coach Pam Olsen considered the real championship game.

After splitting the opening two games (15-10, 2-15), the Redmen, who lost earlier in the day to the Red Devils, controlled the third game by maintaining possession, attacking and effective blocking.

"It was the semi-final but that was the championship game for us," recalled Boycott. "The kids relaxed and it was a treat to be that far and win. We knew the next game we played we would win."

Boycott said the feeder schools from Stewarttown, Brookville and McKenzie-Smith played a big factor in his team's victory.

"They're doing a tremendous job," he said of the schools. "We did a lot of skill development this year, but the guys were all ready to play. They already had the competitive nature."

For the round-robin portion of

the event 10 teams, including the Redmen and Georgetown, were slotted into two pools with the top three outfits in each advancing to the playoffs and the top team receiving a bye.

In morning play, the Redmen were dominated by Iroquois Ridge (9-15, 7-15), Oakville-Trafalgar (8-15, 7-15) and Nelson of Burlington (10-15, 7-15).

Knowing the other four teams in their division had picked up at least one win, the Redmen knew they needed at least three points for a tie and four to advance to a divisional playoff.

On the brink of elimination, the locals posted convincing victories of 15-7 and 15-8 over Bishop Reding of Milton. This put them third in their division and up against Georgetown in the quarter-final when they crossed over divisions.

After splitting, the Redmen successfully tracked down Rebel hits in Game 3 that appeared impossible to get to and upended their cross-town rivals 15-12.



**OLD HAT:** An Islington Villagers player, left, and a Last Call opponent race to the puck during the Oldtimers hockey tourney hosted by the Olde Crows of Acton on Saturday at the Community Centre. (Lori Frechette photo)



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